

saturday 9-15-45

Dear Family:

We're caught up! It is now 2:45 PM and there isn't anything left to do. We have been deluged with clerical help in the office and there have been 25 prisoners of war loading freight since Tuesday. The warehouses are clean, the filing system has been revised and brought up to date and things should run smoothly from now on. In fact there is talk of returning me to education. Mr. Kleinkopf came up yesterday to ask Fred to return me because they were being deluged with requests for transcripts in education.

This has turned out to be a very full week! We have turned out about 3 carloads of freight (in addition to express and motor freight) per day and it has kept me busy loading them on paper. My evenings have been full too. Monday night we had a get-together at Father Joe's so that Evelyn Rose could get up to date. Tuesday night we gathered in honor of Garry Oye's going to Philadelphia Wednesday morning. Wednesday night Evelyn was going to make a short visit at Father Joe's while I stayed home and did chores and went to ~~bed~~ bed early. A out 10 o'clock she dashed in to tell me to put on my clothes and come out and help establish the Hansons (community analyst and wife) from Heart Mountain who had just arrived and for whom arrangements had not been made. We put Marion in our dorm and Hans slept in Elmer's room at the hospital. I had visited the H's when I visited at Heart Mountain so I was delighted to be able to return the hospitality. They are a charming couple. Of course we had to go over to Father Joe's for a visit, so for the fourth evening in succession I was out till about 1 AM.

Thursday I entertained the Hansons at lunch and in the evening we had dinner at Father Joe's because Alice and Eugene were going to leave Friday morning. Elmer got back from Salt Lake City just in time to join us. He had had a wonderful vacation. We had one of the

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best sessions ever. Of course Elmer knew Hans from the Denver analysts' meeting. The H's had been on a 6 weeks trip around to the other camps and had fascinating reports to make on the comparison of their progress in closing. We tried to give him a history of Hunt. That night we got home about 2:30!

Friday Evelyn and Elmer and the H's and I had dinner at the mess hall. Then we went to Father Joe's again. The H's planned to leave for Heart Mt. at 4 AM so we thought it would break up early but one thing led to another

of and we got home at 12:30. Hans and Elmer sat
up talking till 4! They got off about 6.

Yesterday we had a farewell supper for Kimin
Jambara because Dr. Joe was away today and
tomorrow and she goes tomorrow. We
ate like pigs. I've learned to make sushi -
yaki so maybe I can show you why.
We sat around afterwards and relaxed and
laughed till we were tired. About 10 o'clock
Bob and Tak came in and so did Dr.
Sutor and Tiger. The latter is a scrubball.
We laughed and talked a lot more - till
about 12:30 again.

Today I skipped church and slept till 10.
Evelyn has taken the room across from mine
and I'm enjoying his company a lot - I
hadn't realized how much I missed a good my
age. We had breakfast and talked from
10 till about 12:30. Just as we were getting
ready for dinner at 1:30 Elmer came to take
us to Jerome for dinner. Johnny rode
over with us but wouldn't eat. We had a
very congenial time. About 3 we got home
and Evelyn and I washed our hair and
did chores and talked some more. We were
just getting supper when Elmer came to
take us to Eden for supper. When we got
back we rode around camp - it looks
deserted and desolate. The population is
down to 2300+.

Evelyn is from the Wash. Staff in statistics.
She started with WCCA which was the Army
organization which evacuated the Japanese

3/ and ran the assembly centers. Then she was at Tule Lake 6 months and has spent about half her time since in other centers. She is a Cal. grad. a little younger than I. She is forthright and charming. We got acquainted in June 1944 when she lived here a month and then she visited us in November.

Now there is some possibility that after the center closes she will go to Berkeley. I'll meet her there and will come East together.

Dick had a letter from Margaret Beeters saying she had left Kansas and would probably take several months off before taking another job - so I hope to visit with her.

I guess that I really have missed having a girl my own age for companionship.

I was very fond of Louise Kries but she left yesterday for Pittsburgh.

It's plain that this winter will be just one more after another!

Friday night Mary Jane and
Tom Watanabe were in for a
visit - I had known them in
church and she had been
in Elmer's office. Saturday Dick
Kanaya, Elmer's ^{last} assistant, was in.
He's going to take his family out in
about a month so I expect he'll
rejoin the gang at St. Joe's.
Dally Shumanaka will come
back for his family this week
and next week Jim Sakoda
will be back to stay till camp closes.

I think life will continue
interesting.

I guess that's all the news
for now.

Love,

Elmer

P.S. The Governing Men has
arrived - thank you.

Be sure to read Roston's article on
evacuation in Sept. Harper's.
Camp population 2300+.