

Dear Kan -

B 16, U 11, A 6 writes to thank you for the hat. Boy, is it "corny". Call me uncle Ezra or Si, that corner philosopher, the sage of Potato Hill. Now all I need is a piece of straw to chew on.

I suppose you will be leaving soon. I don't know what county Livingston is in, but the recent orders covered quite a ground. I don't know what I wrote you in the last letter, but I guess I left out some things. It may be a good idea to bring either an electric stove or thermos bottle to warm your milk, I mean your baby's milk. For laundry, a wash tub & washing board are not supplied. The latter you can easily make with your tools, if you find it too bulky to bring. Here, some have brought such things or order it thru a watchman here who visits the city regularly & and you give him a reasonable tip. Milk is regularly supplied to babies. Others, including small kids in arms, eat at mess hall, the usual fare. I guess you will be bringing your tools, which is a good thing. But you will have people borrowing it. Probably you will go to nearby center, in which case you may be taking your car, & with it many articles we had to go without, though all the essentials can be carried in suitcases & bags.

Padlocks will come in handy. People steal here. And extension cord & plugs. And curtains, for some privacy. Many ordinary things you can buy at the center. including fly swatter, baby's articles I brought many vitamin pills but haven't used them. We are now getting fresh vegetables & meat. 800 lbs. of rice for one meal, & takes Thomas to cook. 1300 lbs. of barracuda. Many improvements are being made. We had our first movie last night. 150 bed hospital is almost completed.

I guess I told you Hi Nakamura is here. I had a call for bacteriology work from the office. But it turned out that they were looking for a fellow who asked for some such work previously. I think it was Hi, but I didn't tell them; they didn't know his name. I had no intention of having a fellow who failed to get in med sch. get a job which I might use. No Sir. It hurts my pride. They are still looking for him. I'm seeking a transfer to a nearby Sanatorium, expense paid, so I shall contact you from the new place. Hope this letter reaches you before you leave. Food & condition is not for such as I. I don't care to ruin my health. Lots of dumb-bells & -bells working here & it grates me.

Love y until next time
I Shiro

Dear Ken -

I am just about settled down to routine now, and a time for a longer letter. Why this — didn't you let me know you were in Livingston. Did you move the whole nursery there? Your sister phoned me from Oakland and I parcel posted the books just the day I ~~for~~ left Frisco. We left on short notice & just barely had time to put our affair in order. Photo finishing machines we left in the rear part of the store basement. Our residence is in the hands of a agent, to be furnished rented partly furnished. And the rest of the personal property, we dumped in the attic and locked up. Some things like beds, extra clothing, tools & utensils & even fishing articles & books, and Oh, yes, my radio phonograph combination, plus records we left with the Civil Control Office, after being properly crated. The government will store them free of charge, and it was our understanding that they may be freighted to us at their expense after we are permanently located. We brought only our hand baggage, what we could carry — clothing, bedding (no mattress) toilet articles. We might have brought more, except we thought we may have to lug them around. As it turned out, our baggage were trucked to the station and at Santa Anita, we did not have any distance to carry them. So if you are coming here, you can bring extra baggage, though what you can carry will include most of the necessary things. Just what to bring is difficult to decide, aside from what I have indicated above generally. Thread & needles, scissor, boots or rubbers for rainy weather, goggles, summer hat. By the way, you might bring an extra goggle if there is one lying around, but what I can use is a hat for sunny day. My felt hat is no good. I take 7½ I think. So if you are coming here, bring me one & I will pay you for it in good cash. I have a sun glass, though it is of medium tint & one glass is cracked in the center. But still it is serviceable so you need not go to extra trouble to obtain one. I haven't used it much as we have not had but two sunny days. What do you mean Southern weather. But later in the season the brightness might intensify. It is not chilly like Frisco and the sky tends to dry out. The city gals are worried about getting dark. You will get one army blanket here. There is a canteen where you can buy toilet articles & mostly candies & drinks. No dry goods as yet; though there is a larger canteen being built now, & much of the ordinary necessities may be stocked in the future. We eat in the large mess hall & we have not as yet used our plates we brought. We do not do our own cooking.

I must be off well on me!
but needn't be repetitive

as a luxury you may bring some teas & a little teapot. you can get hot water from the kitchen. Hammer & saw will come in handy, for fixing up some makeshift furniture for the two room "apartment". Some have brought an electric heater for cooking some food in the room. But this is not necessary. But heater may come in handy in winter, as the walls are just plywood partition. What I really miss is Japanese food especially use of shoyu & things cooked with it. So if ~~the~~ you can you may bring some of your uncle's canned stuff, such as his canned cooked rice, & other ready to eat stuff. Bring plenty if you like them. But then you may be able to stand American dishes every day. I can't. The food is decent, but I don't get enough. I counted about 1000 calories, & we should get at least 1500 to 2000. Soldiers in the field get about 3200. We have now fresh vegetables & some meats, & rice occasionally. But not the kind of meals I've been used to at home. Sanitation is good. Hot showers, flush toilets, hospital. Community laundry is being built. This is supposed to be an assembly center, but the set up seems more permanent than just a temporary stop over place. But some say we may be moved later to Manganar or other places, which makes it rather difficult to decide what to bring. Since L.A. is near, some of the things may be ordered from there, though, whether the authorities will allow it I don't know. Babies are well taken care of, with daily milk allowance. On the whole, we are being well treated here, & some wouldn't mind staying here for the duration. Some of the people are working now - gardening, garbage collecting, janitor work, office clerks, waiters, etc. There are about 6000 here already, full of young people, but they are mostly country folks from outlying districts, only about 200 from the City, so I don't know any of them. I do some sketching in the morning, sometimes read a bit, siesta after lunch, & rest of the time just loaf. It's not satisfying, but under the circumstances, one has to put up with it. But it gives me a chance to take things easy, & I'm getting lazy already. On the other hand I'm not hankering for work - if that's becoming tropical. Thanks for the seeds.

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