

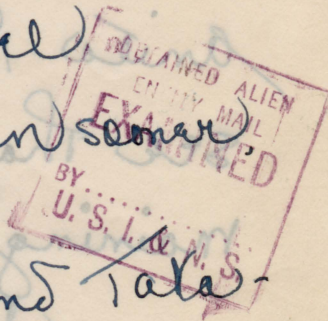
April 16, 1942

Dear Pop -

Just a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten you. I feel rather ashamed for not having written sooner but better late than never.

I am glad to know that you and Ichi-chan are getting along fine at the camp. Now that spring is well on its way and the climate is warmer, I presume a great deal of your free time is spent outdoors.

As for us here in Los Angeles, we have just about wound up our affairs and are just sitting around waiting for the Army's evacuation order. It has been announced that the evacuation of all Japanese aliens and Nisei will be completed by May 20th, but I am begin-



ning to wonder if that is possible. I understand there are about 4000 evacuees at Manzanar and close to 8000 at Santa Anita reception center. So you can readily see that there are more than 100,000 remaining Japanese yet to be evacuated.

I believe we all appreciate the fact that this evacuation is an enormous undertaking, and I can say without any hesitation that the majority of people are satisfied with the expedient way in which the Army has handled the evacuation problem.

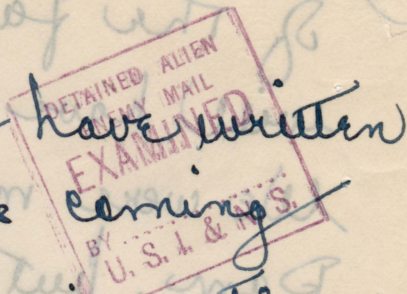
As Grace has wired you last night, the Parker Dam War Relocation Project has been called off by the Army yesterday. I had signed up to go as a draftsman with the first contingent on April 20th, and had planned to have the rest

2) Of the family join me later, but this plan will have to be dropped for the time being. We were more or less preparing to go to Parker Dam, but now we don't know where we are to be evacuated. Probably we all have to go thru Santa Anita, Pomanas, Tulare or one of the other "reception" centers before we'll be shipped inland. Whenever it is we hope it will be soon, because we are all ^{out} of work with the exception of Grace who is working only two or three days out of the week, and what little money we have left is gradually dwindling away.

The only bright thing in our daily life seems to be our baby, Todd. He is quite a boy now and is bubbling with personality and is keeping everybody about

The house happy and cheerful.

I presume mama and Emmy have written to you about Emmy's wedding this coming Saturday. As you already know, she is getting married to Ken Ito. The ceremony is to take place at the Christian Church with only family members and a few close friends of the bride and groom in attendance.



I hope this letter will find you and Takachan in the very best of health and spirit, and we want you to know that we are all hoping and praying that you will be able to join us again in the very near future.

My very best regards to Takachan.
Will write again.

Diji

P.S. Please tell Takachan that his income tax report has been taken care of — and so has yours.