

Dues - Aug 18, 1942

Dear Tama

Reached this dust bowl after a 29 hours' ride on a dusty coach. This will be some place after a lawn is laid and after things are complete. Right now, we have to use outhouses. We can't get settled, either, because our freight has not yet come — and all my things are there.

I guess you've heard all about the living plans here at camp — so I won't ~~delve~~ delve into them. Rooms are still incomplete but habitable. Just to give you a rough idea, however — asbestos walls, one hall for 2 apartments, one U.S. heater (very good), 2 windows for a small apartment, iron cots and canvas cots for beds.

Right now the dust problem is ~~so~~ awful. It rises in thick clouds and settles on the inside of your nostrils. It covers the rooms and beds. It enters and mouth and leaves a grimy taste. Hope is that after the irrigation project gets going this will be remedied. Soil is good but dried out. After 6 months, Minidoka will become a beautiful place. Yes ma'am!



Can't write much today as stationery etc is limited — and I've got to write about 10 letters. And no typewriter.

Some useful hints on travelling which might be followed by you & your family.

(1) Get as much things on the 150# baggage limit you can. The freight might take ages to come.

(2) Wear dirty clothes on train.

(3) Pack some good lumber in your seabags, etc. there is no wood here.

(4) Bring along small change to tip the waiters in the trains.

(5) Mosquito ointment essential. The damned bugs got at me last night.

(6) Bring your high top boots along. I have to wear my oxfords until the freight comes —. Boy — the feet get dirty.

When are you starting out? My hunch is that evacuation of Pengallup will take longer than expected. ~~Things~~ Facilities are so far from finish.

Will you write from Aue B once before you leave?

Bill.