

April 23, 1943  
10:30 a.m.

Dear Tommie,

Mr. Reno Memott came yesterday morning and left with your sewing machine. He left about 10:30, I believe. He said that he couldn't stay very long! He did not find the men he wanted and said that he would write to me and give me more particulars about his job, etc. He came with his wife ~~and~~ his mother.

Your letter came in the afternoon saying that you could not ~~xxxx~~ come with him but that you needed the sewing machine badly to finish your work that much sooner. I gave the machine to him reluctantly because it is such a heavy machine and hard to carry around, especially between transfers, etc. How are you ever going to manage to take the machine back to Topaz? I really don't know how you will manage unless you get a ride from Tanner or somebody. Mr. Memott said that he did not plan to come after his men but that he would provide fare for the railroad tickets, meaning that if you came back alone on the train you would have a big problem on your hands with the machine. I wish you hadn't done it.

Since Mr. Memott left I went to the hospital to have my arm looked at. I was bitten by an insect the day before and it had swollen something awful by Thursday morning. There were red streaks sunning up my arm up to my armpit so around noon I went to the hospital and had it examined. They said it was blood poisoning due to an insect bite and gave me some gauze, alcohol and bandage and told me to soak the gauze every two hours and bandage my bite. All afternoon I lay in bed reading some books that I borrowed from the Goertzels that afternoon to fortify myself during the dull afternoon. Every two hours Helen bandaged me. She happened to be home because she was just recovering from an illness, flu or cold. She was feeling better yesterday. Today she has a sore throat.

I am now typing this letter to you at the historical office. I just returned from the clinic where I was re-examined. I got a permit to lay off work for the weekend. I'm not supposed to type like this, I guess, but I wanted to write to you before I returned to my room. The bite is not as swollen as yesterday and the red streaks are disappearing. I guess that I shall be well by Sunday or Monday. Don't worry too much. I did not have a fever, nor did my armpits hurt. It's just a severe bite, I guess.



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