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 kexe 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 somebady. 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 weeling 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 reexamined. 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.

I sent Martha's letter to you which I opened with the sewing machine. I also attached a note with the machine. I hope you got it. I think that we had better forget about leaving camp for awhile, don't you think so, Tommie. After all, I think that money is not the all important thing. What's money without a family? Unless you want to leave for the east. That Kalamazoo job should be refused for I have no experience in spotting and working in a cleaning plant.

Tok Nitta came Tuesday and left for Poston on Wednesday where he will stay for a few days to finish some personal business before returning to Tanner's ranch. He contacted an old man (the firend of Kaz T., I believe) who accepted the job as cook for the boys. He will leave for the karan ranch Saturday and will arrive in Indianola Sunday morning at 5 a.m. I looked all over for a young cook or two girls or a young couple but it is so difficult to find someone to meet that requirement. I guess it is for the better that an older man was found. He might be more dependent and will probably stay for the season.

I was quite disappointed to hear that you intended to stay for another ten days or more. I expected to see you back this weekend or early the following week. I only wish and hope that you return to Topaz on or around May 1st. There are many jobs floating around in Topaz (outside work) but I don't want to accept any until I could take with you. Anyway, money isn't the important think in life, is it? Don't forget to be Back before May 1st or thereabouts.

I got my ration cards when I returned to Topaz. I took it out of Tanner's car when he was out. So did Ben. It was a good thing because Mr. Tænner didn't even think about it. I hope that YOU DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR RATION CARD BACK BEFORE YOU RETURN TO TOPAZ.

They inspect rather carefully at the gate now so be careful how you pack your things, if you want to be on the safe side. The photographic equipment, if you can get some, should be sent to Victor Goertzel, then I believe that it would be okey.

Anyway, I'm still mad because you are staying longer than you first stated. And the sewing machine incident does not make it any better. I wish I hadn't given it to you. There'll be so much trouble packing it around. It might even be broken while in transit. The whole darn thing is just plain insane.

Love

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