

October 28, 1942

Wednesday night

Dear Tommie and Henri,

Wanted to hear from you before I wrote. Alex brought the cards addressed to Martha and one to me. (Vol. #4) I don't know what happened to #2 and #3. Martha came in now and showed me the #2 and #3. She said they came this morning. They were dated the 24th and we didn't get it till this morning. You wrote them on Wednesday and Friday of last week.

Your steam iron and green checked material and top of the stove oven, vice and the two tea-pots have arrived. The iron you ordered from Salt Lake didn't come. They sent your check back saying;

"We are very sorry, but we haven't any irons left. We just received a few and they were gone before we had a chance to unpack them. Thank you. Marian sent the 3 packages and I paid for it. It was five dollars and twenty eight cents.

We had our first snow today. Was it cold. Everyone is freezing because we do not have enough coal. In some blocks, coal is available but not in ours. They passed out ~~some~~ kindling wood but it was so much it didn't take us very long to get rid of it. They say the coal is coming, but when? Our shower room didn't have hot water for three or four days. It was like that all over the camp but the shower



rooms and the kitchen received some coal but the residents cannot have coal for awhile.

Saturday night Martha and I were asked to go to the movies with the newspaper gang. We saw the picture and after that we picked up some eats and they came over to my place. Later they picked Faro and Yuki up and brought them over. The gang was Mine, Toku, Jimmy, Robus, Alex, Sam, Margeret Lyeki, Martha and I. Toku took Margeret home early and saw Faro and Yuki and brought them over. They stayed until 1:30 A.M. Sam had his truck, so that was why we were able to pick things up here and there before they came over. What a noisy bunch bunch they were! I felt sorry for the neighbors.

The people in camp didn't believe me when I told them you had gone out. They said when they heard that the Takahashis' went out to the carrot fields they couldn't believe it. They said <sup>they just</sup> can't see Gommie doing such a thing. A lot of people were surprised about it.

The high school and grammar school is closed until further notice because it is too cold for the children. They had classes in the afternoon until yesterday but it is getting so cold. I hear it is about  $20^{\circ}$  in the mornings. Some say it's about  $10^{\circ}$  in the mornings. I don't bother to look at the thermometer. I caught a terrible cold so am taking things easy now.



Faro and Yuki have set the date for the 15th of next month. They say they don't want a big wedding. Faro came back last Thursday.

Henri, I would like to have some jelly of some kind. I want jellies because they go farther than preserves or jams. I would also like a coffee maker. ~~It~~ I would prefer a drip maker that holds about 6 cups. If you can't find one that isn't too expensive I would like a percolator. Also a <sup>pair of</sup> 11 inch #2 knitting needles.

Utaki has grown a lot since you left. She sleeps with me every night. She's a wild thing. Can she scratch! I have never seen a cat so wild. The other day I had lunch with Mrs. Takei and according to him there were two dogs

that came in by express. The owners were anxious to get the dogs because they hadn't had anything to eat for two days. I guess these people have their dogs by now. It is not official whether we can keep animals in camp or not. Since Sunday aliens were not permitted to enter this camp. That is the new order here in Tozay. The first pay-checks are being given out.

Did you get Hank Ebihara, Helen M. and Mrs. Stebbens letters? I am forwarding another card. There is a letter here from the bank for Yommie. The new Readers Digest is here. That is all. Martha may have some. I wouldn't know.

Love  
Helen



p/s. Lorraine —

Mr. Furuta was very happy and asked me to thank you for the papers. He asked me some questions but I couldn't answer them because you didn't tell me anything about it. But to give them to him.

Did you forget your brown gloves at the Ad. office? The office girl gave them to me after you left.

The Raabs sent some magazines last week.

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