

Jan 15, 1945

Dear Violet -

I don't see how you do it, in spite of your being so busy, you manage to make candies & sending it off to your friends. You don't know how surprised I was in getting the Christmas pkg from L.B. I don't know what to say to thank you. All I can say is the candy was very delicious & stretched the box 3 weeks eating time. I'd come home from work, take a shower & settle myself in the easy chair & read & limit myself to only one candy a nite. You don't know how much disciplining it took for me to keep from eating more. I broke down & ate 3 one nite but that was only once, when I was exceptionally hungry. Please pardon my not writing sooner, after the holidays, it was such a let down, I've been so lazy, no job, this is actually my 2nd letter since New Year. I haven't even written Amy or Martha, or even written

Mom + Pop yet.

Yes, ^{to} I'm still working suits + am
so used ^{to} it, I wouldn't feel right if I
had to work days now.

I think the load I've been very well
but have been unable to gain back my
~~weight~~ which I lost during evacuation. Only
weigh 131 ~~lbs~~ now - 14 lbs less than the
d.B. days. Maybe those days were not normal
for me.

How have you been. I trust you well
in spite of your "over load" in your work.
How do things look in L.B. since the ban
has been lifted for the Japanese?

As for my returning to Calif., I believe
I'll just stay here for the duration, that is
if I'm not in the army before this thing
blows over. At the present time I've been
reclassified into 1-A again + my boss is
trying to get another deferment for me,
but things don't look so rosy when
the discussion of drafting is such that
they are considering tightening up on

The draft board on 4-F's & deferred men.

Had a lovely card from Mrs. Dawson for Christmas & she tells me Art is in Honolulu on an inspection tour. He is certainly doing well isn't he.

Do you see the Burdchams? Wonder how they are. I don't hear from them, but they send me the "Today" every month which is very enlightening.

Mrs. Hanato called on me early in December. She's looking fine. She came out to Chicago to help Yuki who gave birth to a baby boy. Yuki is having a few blocks from me, altho I haven't seen her yet. It's so hard to get around when I work nights, just can't seem to get together.

I see the Kobayashis quite often. As a matter of fact, their place is like a home to me & most of my Sunday after church is spent there. Harry had another promotion recently & is doing field work among the public schools.

organizing Clubs for boys. Its quite
a job but he seems to like it.

Heard from Martha few days ago
& the "rent" spent New Years in Chicago
with Amy & Tommie & seemed to have had
a wonderful time.

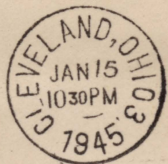
Oh yes, we've had snow here for
over a month now & they say that they
have never had snow in such quantities
for over 20 or 30 years. Its really a novelty
to me & I don't mind it a bit. As a matter
of fact I like it, its so clean & the
scenery is just beautiful. We had an
old fashioned White Christmas, just like
the pictures we see of Christmas. We had
snow on Christmas & made things so
pure, clean & quiet. A wonderful
experience it was.

Well for this time, I'm going to
sign off & get a few more letters off
while I'm in the mood, so until next
time take care of yourself.

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