

Tanforan  
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Topsy



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October 9, 1942.

Dear Dr. Inglis,

Well, here we are in this place called Topyax. I'm not good in putting anything in words but I'll do my best.

The trip was fine, at least I thought so. Many people got train sick but I, fortunately didn't get sick at all. We left Tanforan at 6:30. (At least I think so.) (or maybe my tin-ticker (my watch) let me down).

We didn't go through Oakland nor Brekeley as we expected but heard

② after-wards heard from some one that we went through Richmond.

The first night on the train was very warm.

In fact It Was HOT. Do you know why? Well, I'll tell you. Nobody knew how to shut the heating system on that car and most of the windows on that particular car was closed.

Well, by golly that next morning our car captain found out how to turn the heat down.

That morning we were still in the state of California.

We took the feather river

③ route which was very beautiful but that when everybody got sick.

We reached the summit about 1:00 in the afternoon. Then we started to go down hill.

Nevada was sure a boring place if I must say so.

The second night was perfect. I slept well.

Next morning when I opened my eyes the train was speeding away by the great salt plain which stretched for miles and miles.

I think we got in the Salt Lake City station at 10:00 in the morning. We were switching

④ tracks, switching cars in the Station while we on the cars were going hungry because we haven't had our breakfast.

We left Salt Lake City at 12:00 noon.

Finally at 3:00 in the afternoon we all got a combination of breakfast and lunch but while it lasted the food was excellent.

We reached the city--  
--- town----- village-----

I mean the station of Delta at 6:30. After getting off from the train we got on the country bus which took us to the Tapanz Relocation Center.



(5) I was surprised of all the dust. The dust was so fine that you just sank right in them.

That night we tried to get three mattresses but they only gave us one so Pop and I went without it.

Next morning it was very cold. The temperature was about  $33^{\circ}\text{F}$ . but after the sun came up the temperature jumped up all the way up to  $90^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

There are many scorpions here they are quite small. The biggest one I've seen here is about

⑥ two and three-fourth or three inches long. They are almost every where. I've heard that these scorpions aren't dangerous because they are quite small in size.

My mamma was frightend silly.

We caught some scorpions just the other day and made it fright with a lizard. As a result, lizard died.

After that we took some scorpions to the big ant hill and made it fright with the ants. Oh! the ants here are about this size ~~and~~, no this isn't a roamer

⑦ (I bet I didn't spell that right). I saw them with my own two eyes. Well the result was the scorpions died and were pulled into its hole.

The school is starting this 19th of October. They are using 80% of American teachers and 20% of Japanese teachers. By the way, the school building hasn't been even started or I mean they haven't started to build the building yet. I'll write to you again soon. Please say hallow to Mrs. Inglis and same to the boys. Good by -  
As your friend,  
Shim Tanaka