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Dear Mom and Pop,

Hello! Long time no hear
huh? Well, I hope you didn't
worry very much. I know you
must have worried.

First thing I'll tell you is
that I'm not supposed to be
writing this letter to you.

I'll start from the beginning
and explain (try) all.

We were on bivouac until
the 22. We had just one more day
to complete bivouac. Well, that
day when we came back to the
camping area, the news came that
we were to come back to camp
as soon as possible. We didn't
have to make that 25 mile hike
back. We rode on trucks.

We soon heard that all the companies were coming back so we knew something was up. We then decided we were needed for the emergency. You know how the Germans are pushing us back. Today the news was good - the push is slowed down to a pace. Well, anyhow, we were soon told that we were to pack and be ready to move out of camp any time. We couldn't make phone calls, or write letters or even go out of our huts. We packed up and waited. Nothing happened! I'm still waiting.

The next day (I think), half the company or so left on their furloughs.

John Miyasaki left for Lake
Lake to see his father and brothers
and sisters. I hope he sent you a
telegram saying I'm O.K.

The ones that were left (about
25) something was wrong. Most
of us needed glasses for our gas masks
so we weren't shipped. Others
were class D or not fit. We
have been in the company area
ever since. We still don't know
when we'll leave.

The boys that left ahead went
by plane. Nice, eh? They took them
to the nearest air field. John went
to Hamilton Field, Calif.

Before I forget, don't tell anyone
you got this letter or anything
that I wrote in it. Please, for
my sake and well as others don't
tell anyone about this letter.

I still don't know when we
are leaving for our furlough. It
might be tomorrow and then it
might be 2 weeks from now. I
think we are traveling by train.

I may not have the chance to
send a letter out again so don't
worry if you don't hear from me.
I know our furloughs are pretty
good, though.

As it stands, I don't think
I'm going anywhere. There is a
possibility that I may be stationed
either here or Shelby or some
camp in Texas.

I received your money order
yesterday, but I didn't get the
wire (telegram check). I think
they thought we'd be gone by the
time it came so they sent it back.
I hope you got it back. Boy, I got
about \$175 in my pocket now.

Since the time we came back
from bivouac we haven't been
out of our area. Tonight is the
first time we ~~can~~ can go to the
PX or the movies. We can't phone
or send letters yet though. I'm
making this letter out.

Please keep writing regularly
because I'll ~~best~~ get your letters.

I got a shoe shine kit
from Jimmy Yatake. Send

Time my thanks and explain
why I can't write. (not in detail)
I also got a box of
candies from Mr + Mrs Honda.
Thank them too with you. I
didn't even send a card to
them. I got the candy today. I
also received a note and
\$2 from Mrs Frank. What do
you know!

I'm going to the show tonight
with Shiro. It's the first in 3 weeks.

Well, until I see you at
the forelough —

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I think I'll be home around
Jan 10 but I'm not sure.
One way or the other I'm
coming home so it's OK, isn't
it?

Don't worry if you don't
hear from me.

I'll try to write again
but I can't promise anything.

Tad



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