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Dear Mom and Pop,

I'm back again. In my letters I think you noticed I didn't put the return address down. If the Post Office ~~was~~ knew where this letter came from, they wouldn't take it.

I received three of your letters today. You must be worrying because you didn't get letters from me for such a long time.

We are allowed to go to the PX and movies but we can't write letters yet (or phone calls). All we do is stay around the company area. Because we have finished basic training we don't have to go out to the fields.

Boy, we could spot the new ~~rookies~~
"rookies" right away. They don't have
that Florida run-tan yet. We stick
our chests out and walk by them.

It looks like we'll be here for
quite awhile yet. We're sure to get
a furlough but we don't know
whether it's going to be a 5 day or
ten day furlough. This does not include
the traveling time so I don't have to
take a plane back home like you
said. When John and the rest went
home, they went on Army planes
because they got a delayed route
furlough. We'll probably get a
regular furlough.

Ask the girl that's working at
Weinstocks' if she knows
Carl Fujimoto. He's in our company
and he's going back to Salt Lake too.

I have plenty of money so I won't
have to worry about the train fare.
That is if we get a regular furlough.
If we get a delayed furlough (5 days),
the Army pays the fare.

It looks like I might be stationed
either here or in Texas as a cadre
(teacher). I hope so.

There's only around 25 or 30 men left
so we are kept busy doing detail.
We don't have squad leaders any more
so I get KP just like the rest. We
get it on the average ~~of~~ of

every third day. Tomorrow I
have latrine orderly (Sunday, too)
But it's OK. I don't have anything
on New Year's. I thought I'd
be home for New Year's but I was
wrong. Better luck the next year.

I received a letter from Tomi
today. I also got one from Fiji.
Boy, I wish I could send it to you
but I must have thrown it away or
something. The man is funny.

I got the package you sent a
couple of days ago. The hats were
swell and the sweater is just right.
Thanks very much.

You said something about Mrs Frank's
relative going over seas without
getting a furlough. The army must have
needed him pretty badly because the
government gives you a furlough even
if they have to charter a plane like
they did for John + the rest.

I sent my photograph to you
yesterday. I hope you'll like it.
Please send one to Grandpa. Anyone
will do.

I'll try to write to you everyday
but don't count on it because we
aren't supposed to send letters yet.
I got to the Post Office when I have
a letter and sneak it in.

Tom sent me a card from
Alfred Chu, a former schoolmate
in San Francisco. I'll have to
write to him. It was nice of him.

I have plenty of time this
afternoon because I'm not on detail.
I'm over in Shio's hut writing.
I'm sleeping in his hut because
every one in my hut and his hut
shipped out. We have a nice time
together every night talking about
this and that and reading and eating.
We're going to the show tonight.
I think it's "Guest in the House".
I hope it's good.

This year's New Year won't be much but I'll be home pretty soon so we'll make it up.

Please don't forget to thank Jomi for the socks she sent me. They are pretty good and it's just the right size.

Please write to Grandpa and tell him I can't write for a while but don't tell him why because even you're not supposed to know. I hope you don't go flapping to everyone, like most women do when they get news, why I can't write.

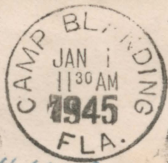
Boy, the weather sure has been good these days. It's beginning

To feel like summer again.
I actually sweat when I'm
walking outside. Boy don't
you envy the weather we're having
out here. I could imagine how
warm?? it is in Utah right now.

I sent a stamp for Pop in the
photograph and I'm sending another
one in this letter. I hope he likes
it.

I'll try to write more
tomorrow

Jack



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