

Monday 6:30 PM

Feb 19, 1945

Dear Mom and Pop,

I received 3 of your letters today. It was the 10, 11, and 12's letters. You didn't get my new address then so I guess it took time. I also received the box of candy you sent me for Valentine. Thanks very much. It's nice because we can't go to the regular PX because of the messes. We have a small PX of our own.

I also received a letter from Ted. I'll send it too with the stamps for Jo-chan.

I guess Jo-chan left for California today. I hope he has a nice time. I sent a telegram to you today. I asked for \$25.00. I'm running kind of low and I don't know how long we'll be here so I thought I'd better get some money.

I hope you don't stay by yourself too much while Jo-chan is away. Ask some friends over or go see them.

That little diary you sent will be handy.

We didn't do much today. In the morning, we just loafed around and, in the afternoon, we went on a short hike.

I'm not doing anything right now. I think I'll read a bit.

I hope you're getting my letters. I try to send it regularly. I hope I get the rest of your letters soon.

I feel much better today. My throat is completely well and I got rid of my cold too.

We're trying to get passes to New York but I guess that's pretty hard right now. Well, nothing like wishing.

Well, that's about all for tonight so I'll write more tomorrow.

Paul

February 10 - 1945

Hello Dad -

This is to let you know that sure are a stinker not letting me know where you are anyway. Guess how I got your address - I had to write to your mother to get it!

Well Bub - how's tricks. Your mom tells me that Johnny Onizaki is with the other half of Co. D, though she says Shiro is with you. By the way, where is Jun. I wonder if he ever got the letter I sent to him.

I hear you guys are taking in the sights of New York visiting here and there. Cripes, wished I had something to see around here in Minnesota. It's the same old routine day after day and it's getting as monotonous as heck.

Today and yesterday, we had the finale for the first semester and you can imagine how I made out. Best butch job I ever did and sometimes I ask myself why I ever came here. Not much physical work but a heck of a lot of brain teasing. I dream, I can see Kanji's floating around in the air.



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I'm still in F Company though
last week E and F joined together to form
F. Company. We've got 5 platoons and about
300 yabs in the outfit. Damn near
big enough for a battalion I'd say. When
we're marching to school, the front end
is going around one corner while the
rear is turning around the last corner.
That's how big it is.

The only Co. D Blanding boys from
Florida in F are Claude, Shimaki,
Tomohiro, Kimoto, Ikemoto, Hara, Jack
Onurakami and I think that's all.
The rest of the outfit are from Shelby,
McClellan, and Hawaii. We've got
quite a few Islanders and man there's
never a dull moment around with
those boys.

I understand yo' all only got 5
days furlough but somebody told
me you got an airplane ride home.
How was the ride anyway?

I haven't been home yet though
were going to get a week break last
week and I'm going to try to go home
even if only for a couple of days. Nearly
all the fellows plan to go home
because most of them are anxious
to see their folks about relocating.
We're all looking forward to it, me
especially. Been saving my money for
a month now and haven't even been
to town for three weeks now.



Friend of mine ^{formerly} in Blanding
is in Maryland. I think I introduced
him to you once. His name is Bob
Shumaker and he's somewhere in the
first Br. or Depot at Meade.

Will Bub, don't have a hell of a
lot else to write about so, take it
easy and let me know how you're
getting along. Give my regards to Shiro
and all the rest and if you see any
cute ones, give them my regards too.
Will Ted, don't work too hard and be good.
— Ted

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