

Jan. 1st

Tells hei-chan -

Thanks for your Xmas package. Received it a day before yesterday. I could really use the soap, they'll come in handy.

At present, we're at rest but don't know how long it'll last. But at least we had it swell for the holidays. We should go back to the old grind soon.

I already told you in my last letter how we're situated so won't go into that again. We have a swell fire in our room - a fairly good set-up.

Boy, it's damn cold out -

side! The ice is about 2 to three inches thick where the water collects. So you can imagine how cold it is there.

I received a heck of a lot of presents from the States. Mostly candy. Ma said she's going to send me some oka-shi but haven't received 'em yet. I'm waiting —

Misao sent me a lot of canned fruit, something we really go for. She knows my favorite food.

Also, Jun sent me a couple of cans of sardines. Boy, that went too fast! Sardines is better than gold here.

By the time you receive this letter, probably Tad will be

on his furlough, yes? Hope he
gets a good rest. Tell him to try
to get into the band. It's a good
place for him. I incidently, how
old is he? If he's 18 yrs old,
he won't be coming over, I don't
think. Hope not anyway.

Guess it's pretty cold in
Salt Lake, isn't it? According to
the papers, it must be darn
cold in Michigan. Hope Misao
is warm.

It's a good thing you sent
me soap. They're hard to get here
and Misao hasn't sent me my
woolen ones yet, altho Tomi gave
me three good ones.

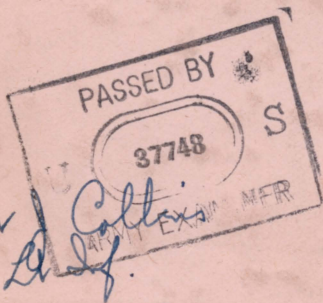
Miriam tells me there's big talk of returning to Calif. Is that true? What are your plans?

I understand that is planning to go for a visit. Miriam won't be going, not if I can help it. Calif. won't be going anywhere - it'll keep. So there's no use rushing things, right?

Enough for now, thanks again for your Christmas gift, hei-chan. My best regards to hei-san and to both of you, a Happy New Year. Don't worry about Tad - it isn't too bad. I'll try my best to help.

Bob.

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