

Monday 8:30 PM

Oct 23, 1944

Dear Mom and Pop,

Before I forget to tell you, I won't be able to write to you tomorrow because we are going on a night problem. We are going tomorrow morning and are coming back Wednesday at 1:00 AM. That's why I can't write tomorrow.

Boy, am I happy today. I got my expert medal. It looks like this:



It's a little bigger than this drawing. Guess what! I'm an acting corporal now. The men call me corporal Ishida from now on. But my real rank is still private. You know I can't get a promotion until I finish my basic because our group is replacements. I wear a black band with corporal stripes on them.

I'm going to the PX now so I'll write more after I get back

We just came back from the PX. I bought a sandwich to eat in bed and a magazine to read. Since we're going out tomorrow, I'm cleaning my rifle and oiling my shoes. We might go through the swamps. I'll tell you all about it when I get home.

The weather has been pretty good these days. It was a little cold a week ago but it's warmer now. How's the weather in Salt Lake?

I'm glad to hear that Mrs. Fujii has a nice baby. Please give her my best wishes and the best of luck.

Well, I'm going to take a shower now and read a bit.

I'll write to you Wednesday

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