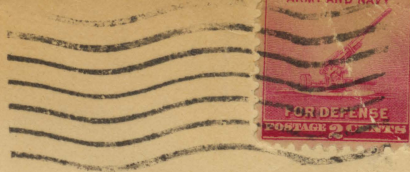


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December 26, 1942

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Dearest Molly,

Howdy! How ya be & the rest of the Wilson household these days? I hope all's okay, & I sure, we couldn't be better! Before I go any further I'd like to thank you for the delicious chocolates & the card! Boy, when I opened your package yesterday, I "shou" was happy about receiving chocolate & I will never know how it was appreciated by all of us! Boy, White attacked it ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ & boy, it's practically gone now! Chocolates are so rare here so anything just so it's chocolate, is openly received with joy! The canteen ~~place~~ here doesn't sell any chocolate bars, so ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ I guess you can imagine how it is,

hubn? Thanks again. <sup>I'm sorry that</sup>  
<sup>I can't send you</sup>  
<sup>anything in return!</sup>  
<sup>and sorry!</sup>

How's everything with you?  
Have you enjoyed your  
job at the post-office?  
What have you been doing  
there? Did you file w/ what?  
Oh, don't ask a lot of ques-  
tions? You bet. But excuse  
me, okay? Tell me every thing  
about your job! I "hope" would  
like to know so \_\_\_\_\_  
okay? Changing a little bit  
on the subject, but how  
was Christmas for you  
this year? Did the war  
affect your receiving less  
presents or just the opposite?  
I hope you received everything  
you wished for, no lies!  
Oh we had a Christmas  
dinner, but not "tokey".

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She had baked ham, yam,  
peas, rice, cupcake, banana,  
apple ~~pie~~ apple, orange &  
on-sue-shi. (You know what  
that is, don't you? Japanese  
ni-gi-ri)                      You're  
tasting it & I'll, it was  
good. And "kids" under  
12 years old received presents  
huh? That included Kaz,  
Sue & ~~Tom~~ Yoko  
"excluded" "me"                                           no?  
Boy, did Yoko & I get  
a lot of presents! Christmas  
night I went to a dance  
held in our block. It was  
fun, but I felt rather  
awkward because I don't  
dance very well. Boy, is  
my face red!! Oh, well,  
I had fun, that's the main

things right?

I guess you heard about  
the riot we had here  
né? Well, any way, another  
regiment of soldiers were  
sent in here, & guess what  
some of the soldiers were  
from Boyle Heights —

Russian Flat. Golly, it  
shows it's a small world,  
right? The soldiers saw  
some of the "kids" from  
Boyle Heights so they started  
to talk together — boy,  
it gave some of us a  
lift, not only mentally,  
but physically as well!!  
Of course I didn't know  
any of them, but I can  
just imagine how it feels  
to see someone <sup>you know</sup> from the

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outside world again! I  
"shou" would like to see you  
even for just a few days;  
under the sun! ~~But~~ ~~shou~~

group the de' neighbor-  
hood these days? Has it chang-  
ed much since last saw  
it? Saw everyone in  
the block? Self Sei-shan  
"hello" for me okay? And  
are the Luoyang Tibians  
still around? Do they still  
get into mischief as before?  
Do hasnt they side of the  
block changed as yet?

Well, anyway, tell them  
"hello" for me too.

Oh, Mally, I heard that  
soldiers & <sup>refugees</sup> ~~in~~ have  
moved into ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
Bakuen on Evergreen &

Folsom. Kind a figure up  
the neighborhood, keereet.  
I could just hear the gals  
hearts go — thump, thump,  
thump! I bet I'm right,  
I bet cha! I bet I'm missin'  
a fat huhn? Don't use  
"I bet" a lot? of course I  
don't gamble — but you  
know that's one I may  
get phrased so, I  
don't mind me!!! How  
does the crew of the uniform  
run in — looks they good-  
lookin' ones you've seen  
so far? Am — am!!  
Tell me all about it  
come come, now Mally!  
Don't hold out on me  
now! I like to keep up  
with ~~you~~ the news you

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know! So!!!

How's Kenny? Do you hear  
from him regularly? Bet the  
house is quiet since he  
left, huh? (Not that you  
don't make enough noise!)  
Aunt I mean? — — — — —  
How does he like "No Yawp"?  
It's such a big place you  
guess he's quite homesick for  
you all, heeey? Top guy!  
Well, I'll take a  
rest & continue this Monday  
so that I can write & tell  
you all about the little  
party our club is gonna'  
have tomorrow. So, adios!

December 28.

Well, here I am again! Well  
the party, yesterday was  
marvelous! Firstly because



we had been refreshments  
& secondly because it was  
just the club members present.  
We made it strictly a  
"gals" affair. No malts! We  
danced, played cards & games.  
Boy, it was fun! It ended  
at 9:30, which is quite late  
for Mangana, because  
it gets dark at around 6 o'clock  
so you can imagine  
what a night life we  
lead here. Well nothing  
more to report on about  
the party as I suspected,  
so I'll close ~~now~~ <sup>with</sup>  
my sincerest thanks again  
for the chocolates & best  
regards to you & the rest  
of the Wilcox household.  
(Don't mind the <sup>writing</sup>) I am, always,  
only then <sup>writing</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~best~~ <sup>best</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~see~~ <sup>see</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~?~~ <sup>?</sup> ~~Chippie~~