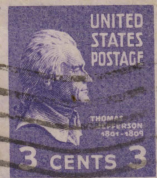
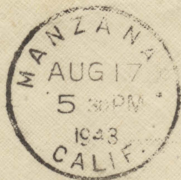


12-11-4  
Manzanar, N. M.



Miss Molly Aileen  
3039 Boulder Street  
Los Angeles,  
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Dearest Molly,

Well, here I finally be! So sorry that I haven't answered your letter sooner than this, but I'm a busy gal goin' to school (summer and all).

How ya be, kiddo? Hope looking like a luscious cake! Me — I'm still the healthy(?) good(?), on time(???) girl! Oh, say, heard that Kenny came home a few days. Look, how marvelous! Tell him we all said "hello"! Is he still around. He, "shure" would like to <sup>see</sup> him in his uniform! Pretty slick, right? (Don't tell him that because he might get a "gourd" head, if you catch what I mean!) Well, anyway, the only thing that counts is that he came home! How does he say the N. Y. girls compare with



L.A. girls? But all he talks  
about are the dizzy-blondes +  
red-heads, right? Just like him  
to.

How's your work? Enjoying it,  
I hope! What defense plant are  
you working at now? Bet L.A. is  
just buzzing with defense workers,  
right? Here — no chance of  
working for at least a year more  
for me! I graduate (I hope)  
next summer! Got ziggety!  
Our sweaters are to ~~be~~ be navy  
blue + powder blue. It's to be  
coat-style + I'm ordering mine  
for a 28" length. Really fingertip!  
Some gals want theirs so long  
that the teacher asks them do they  
want a bathrobe ~ a housecoat!  
Pachuloo, I guess! Our summer  
prom is next week + sad



case, I don't think I'll go!  
 All my girl friends aren't going  
 so I decided not to either. If I  
 do go, I'll tell you all that  
 happens. She voted for our  
 queen & I think I know who  
 got it, too! She's a real, good-  
 lookin' gal from L.A. plus  
 personality. Remember Unko  
 Kodama? I think she's one of  
 the six attendants & she's the  
 Hasegawa too! Man, really  
 knock-outs! Rosie Maruki ran  
 too, but I don't know whether she  
 got to be one of the attendants or  
 not! Man, really a stiff  
 competition!

How's the old neighborhood?  
 Has it changed any? Micky & Pattie  
 still around? Still rowdy  
 & hot, huh? Tell 'em "hello"!



Tell me the old and new news  
that's buzzin' in that direction!  
Say, saw John Payne here in  
camp & man, what a  
peach of a guy! He's tall & won-  
derful a physique! He has  
light, brown hair & greenish,  
blue eyes! Oh — boy! Got  
his autograph, too! Everytime I'm  
somewhere in the dump, I look  
at it — what a sensation!  
I swear he's the "it". I was  
so excited that I got a bloody nose —  
fragile, aint it? (No!) John Payne's  
supposed to be stationed at the  
Menzies airport across from  
our camp, & every time we see  
an airplane flyin' around we say  
there goes John Payne! Just like kids,  
& know!

Saw "It Aint' Hay" with Abbot



+ Costello + man and I tried  
 of their pictures! Costello acts too  
 stupid sometimes that it grips  
 me + last night really did it!  
 Aside from that, I enjoyed the  
 picture. Besides that picture they  
 showed a short with Ozzy Nelson  
 + Co. + Helen Parrish. It must  
 have been a U. S. O. picture  
 borrowed from the army camp here.  
 That "short" was cute, music  
 all the way! Gee, didn't know  
 that + Helen Parrish could sing!  
 She's good too! Next week  
 we see a Charlie Chan picture,  
 The Plainman + A Relectra,  
 Wife + Wives! Can't wait!  
 As moving picture is about the  
 only entertainment offered here,  
 everyone looks forward to  
 them, anyway I do.



Oh, our class is to have an annual next year when we graduate, so when it comes out I'll send you it to sign, okay?

Well, Mally, nottin' on the beam right now so I'll close here \_\_\_\_\_ until a later time \_\_\_\_\_

Love  
Chicks

P.S. Give my best regards to your parents - say "hello" to Doc.  
So long -

P.S. I'm going to use your name as a reference for leave clearance, okay? We're supposed to write names of 25 friends, so I'll use your name as one of my references.