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Manzanar, Calif



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Dearest Mollie!

Hi. Boy, gal, you certainly do have my heartiest best wishes. Honestly, it certainly was a pleasant and happy surprise to find that one of my finest gal friends got herself engaged! Gee! Mollie - Mick says to tell ~~you~~ you're beatin' 'hel time'. Seriously though, she also wanted me to extend her best wishes to you, too. I'll probably drop you a line or two soon, so I'll prepare you for the great shock beforehand! Boy - anyone I know? If I don't - tell me all about him 'cuz I'm all ears! Only hopin' though, I'm not gettin' too personal. If I am, you kin tell me where to get off - or kick me, if you can!

I'm so glad that you liked the flower. It's really not half what I wanted to send you, but Manzanar is a place where you just can't go shopping on Broadway

and buy anything your heart
desires. I was quite worried
about the color 'cuz frankly -
everyone has her own sweet
color and as I didn't know
yours, I took a chance on
"that" color!

So, Miyeko was in L.A. huh?
Did she change any, or is she
still the same? Probably
changed, right? I know I've
changed - not for the better -
just a little more grown-up
that's all! Anyway, getting
back to Miyeko, how swell
it was for her to have gone
clear out to L.A. for a
visit. I certainly do want to
come for a visit, but I
don't know yet! Mrs. Sakaki
said she had a swell time!
When she told us all the
news around good ole
Boulder and Shout - you don't
know how much I envied
her! Said she ran into
you and you spoke to her
in Japanese, much to her
amazement! Anyway, we

had a good laugh over that one!

So, you saw "Frenchmen's
Creek" at the Paramount huh?
Well, I saw "Government 'Girl'"
at the Manzanar "Israumania"
Chinese last night. Seriously -
I gotta bring a blanket
everytime I go to show here
'cuz I gotta be kind to 'me'
seats you know. Nothin' like
lounge seats here - in fact -
haven't heard of such things
in three long years! and
no snack shop to fill out my
figure (??), and that's a fact!
They're supposed to open a
"Youth Center" soon, but due
to rationing, they can't get half
of the food they're planned on.
So - Manzanar's still the
dry, full of hot air, camp.
Heard from Salie lately?
I heard from her a few weeks
ago - answered and am now
waiting to hear a pin & drop
from her side of the Country.
Man, she's having a solid
time out there - going to all

the dances! Quite the social butterfly. Sharp!

Where are Kenny and Atoy? Have they gone overseas or what? I hope they're all in A-1 condition! How about Harold? Did he get to come back from overseas duty? Albert writes to my brother, so we're well informed about him. Hope this darn war will end soon!

Oh, say, I forgot to tell you — you know what? My brother "Dick" was given an honorable — medical discharge from the Army a few weeks ago. He ^{was} called a week before Christmas, and reported for duty at Ft. Douglas Utah. After his final check-up they found that he had a perforated ear drum and luckily was discharged. Man, that gily leads a charmed life, I swear! So his back with us again here in Inauganau.

Did you know that Sonny Sakuyama's in the Army too?

He left a few weeks before
my bud and I don't know
where he is right now.
Probably sweatin' it out in
Florida like the rest of 'em.

Maybe by the time I see
you - your man will be
able to speak alot more Japanese
and I'm sure under your
careful tutorage, he'll learn
to say things at the right time.
Say, is he a serviceman?
Don't forget - tell me all!

Well, I guess I've taken
alot of your time already so
so I'll be signing off!

My best regards to your
parents and to your man.
I'm hoping I'll be able
to see you soon!

Love,
Chiyoko