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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

This is the beginning of our ninth week at Poston - weeks which have really felt like years and years. Now I do wish it were all over with!

We've just had dinner, and already a large crowd has gathered by the road side. An Indian man from someplace about 2 miles up stream came to see black around 5 o'clock (on horse back) so you can almost guess what is taking place. He'd be quite rich if he charged each rider 5¢ per ride. He certainly is an obliging sort of person, don't you think?

We are gradually getting the heat spells back again, but after the rain, the dust has ceased coming across the camp grounds like huge billows of smoke. It'd be grand if we had a weekly

rain fall.

147 I thank you again for sending  
the supplies to us. I am glad  
you noticed the Vitamin tablets  
had to be kept in a cool place  
as I had no inkling whatsoever  
about that. About the  
note books & etc. I suppose we'll  
get those to morrow. Knowing  
now just what was included,  
I am satisfied ~~at~~ <sup>with</sup> the amount  
of the bill. I took for granted  
"by large" - it would be the  
10¢ package, & not the 20¢ size,  
but it's all perfectly all right.  
I certainly appreciate your  
sending all the Children's Books  
as a gift too Mrs. Whitney, and  
I know the school will too.  
I really feel that all of us  
at Pre-school #4 have accomplished  
something as a great many of  
the mothers have said the  
manner of their children have  
improved 100%, and they  
have learned to play with  
other children, sharing toys  
& etc. alike.

Oh yes, after bills were deducted, the balance remains \$58.35 in our account, and everything in regard to that has been brought up to date.

I know all of this is a lot of bother for you Mrs Whitney, and when possible we do try to get what we can at the canteen.

I suppose Louise told you all about the pay off & etc. & since I wasn't, I shan't say anything about it until - when I do!

Dad complained about his legs swelling so last evening. He went to the hospital to see the doctor. It seems as if he has a kidney ailment of some sort, but he won't know for sure until he goes through all the various laboratory tests tomorrow. I hope nothing is seriously wrong, but it seems as if in the summer, even the Indians are afflicted with some sort of disease that affects the legs &

all but paralysis yet. There  
are a good many cases of  
leg stalling already, and  
were told it was because of  
the climatic condition.

54) I told you the Shaji girl's  
baby died - well, the next  
day or so, another new born  
baby died - the same trouble,  
lack of certain vitamins in the  
mother's diet. It's something  
I suppose <sup>that</sup> was not thought of  
two months ago, that is certain  
vitamins & foods in the final  
stages of pregnancy which were  
absolutely necessary in this part  
of the country, but it looks as if  
in desperation, the doctors are  
rushing orders through for  
Calcium, iron & vitamin tablets  
for the expectant mothers (there  
are some 200 pregnant women  
in this camp). I pray that the  
orders will be filled before it  
is too late.

Father Lavery was not at  
Mass today, but the other  
young priest, Father Clementes

was there. To-day, all of us  
attended mass, and it looks as if  
Dad & Dorothy will attend  
regularly too. It's all so true,  
"if you watch the rest, you  
soon learn" - I feel as if I  
know more about it now. 251

Since starting this letter  
I've gone to a soft ball game,  
to the canteen, and to the  
kitchen for sandwiches. It's  
a very cool evening, and I  
know we'll have another  
good night of rest.

It is growing quite late  
and I must close. Dad & the  
rest send their regards to  
you all.

I thank you in advance for  
the package which undoubtedly  
will be delivered to morrow.

With love,  
Fernando