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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

A week gone by, and no letter from you. I'm hoping everything is all right - and you've only been too busy to write.

How have you all been Mrs. Whitney? How is Mr. Whitney - Braddox George? We've all been in good health, and with the days getting somewhat cooler, were all feeling quite lively again.

All of us have been sewing - and trying to learn to crochet. Louie & Dorothy have both started very lovely doilies - and to say the least - for beginners they are doing very splendid work. As yet, I haven't settled down to crochet seriously as I've been sewing. To date, I've made a tan sport blouse with dark brown saddle stitching, and a duffle suit set. (trouser & white striped skirt & knee blouse) Tomorrow, I expect a few more pieces of yardage to come from Miss Harnick and I'll be able to keep busy for another week.

It looks very much as if the day will soon come when the Nisei will be allowed to leave camp - if they have someone to vouch for them

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About 200 older men, & new boys have  
signed up to go to Idaho & Utah to work  
in the sugar beets. Last night, five  
men who were staying in the bachelor  
quarters in block #4 left for Utah.

My cousin from Camp #2 came over  
yesterday to say good bye too - he is  
leaving either Monday night or Tuesday  
morning for Idaho. I asked him what  
the set up was, and as far as I  
could gather - as soon as four or five  
boys sign a contract to work for six  
weeks in the sugar fields they are  
sent out of camp. Transportation & meals  
are to be provided to - & from camp -  
that is, as soon as the harvest season  
is over, they are to return to Boston  
unless you are able to find a good  
self supporting job while there. However,  
after you get there - you have to pay  
for your room & board from the  
wages you receive. All who go are to  
be housed at one certain camp (which  
will be army controlled) - & the different  
employers are supposed to call for  
their hired help. This I understand  
is to help the labor shortage problem  
and at the same time, relieve the  
camps of the terrible expense of running  
three centers here - I should say, cut  
down some of the expense it is costing  
the government. The more I think of

it the more I am convinced that some  
thing will have to happen soon as it's  
a known fact the government can't go  
on for too long a time doing as they  
have been. We've been getting fresh peas,  
apples, oranges, honey dew - (Vegetables) -  
tomatoes, cabbage - spinach, celery - &  
all kinds of delicious jams. From various  
people, I hear the vegetables are coming  
from assembly centers which have been  
evacuated in the past month - & some I  
knew are coming from our gardens in  
block # 4 - never the less, there's call off  
regardless of a lot of inconvenience too.

The other day, I was going down to  
the main office and ran across one  
of the boys I knew. We talked about  
coolers & etc, & then in a joking way,  
I said something about - "Well - if we  
have for five years, a good cooler  
will come in handy - to which he  
replied - "Well - I don't intend to stay  
that long -" I thought he was kidding  
but he was very serious - he said he  
thought the day would soon come  
when older Nisei boys would be  
"drafted" to go back & help harvest  
crops - and the day may soon come  
when all second generation girls & boys  
will be allowed to go back - however  
not to California. Listening to different  
people talk, that is the general  
opinion of people at Boston. We are  
either blind - or too optimistic, but

there is still hope.

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We all attended mass to-day. Father Clement said something turned up in Parker which made it impossible for him to stay at the Chapel there, & since he has been unsuccessful in finding a place to stay, he is returning to Los Angeles. It all seems so silly - I can't understand why the army won't permit him to live at Boston as I know the office staff doesn't disapprove of it. The Maryknoll Fathers are certainly sacrificing a great many things to help the Japanese. Father Davay hasn't been here for almost a month now, so I haven't the slightest idea where he is.

I haven't learned anything more as to whether Santa Anita will release the Catholics or not - but I think will hear from Alma to morrow. We are all hoping for the best - that's about all there is left to do now. As soon as I hear one way or the other, I shall let you know.

Louise, Dad & the rest send all of you their regards.

With love,

Therese

How is Mrs. Daugherty?