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Dear Mother,

Well I will try and make my Sunday round of letters. I have written Al and grandma.

You wrote about not getting a letter from me for two weeks. There must be something wrong for I have written you every Sunday since I have been here. I try to write at least four letters between naps.

He and she are both working now. Father is picking up potatoes and I am pitching bundles. It is better than laying around camp.

A few men went out on a farm this morning. He wanted to go out on the same farm but found the conditions poor so decided to give it up.

There is quite a list of people waiting to go back to Portland. They are not being sent back as you mentioned. If the Sugar Co had their way you can bet they wouldn't let them go with a shortage of labor.

The whole trouble is that there is not enough work at present. So many only get enough to pay their board. and also they want to be in Portland when their folks leave.

Mother I wish that you wouldn't worry about me getting into the wrong crowd. I have always been able to keep away from them and there is no reason why I should weaken now.

Satoshi comes to our tent every day to work & get to know him the better I like him.

Father did the washing already but wants me to drop a few lines to Lomier's & Krozman's. He got a letter from Krozman's last night. They had been up to the place. They said that the grass was up two feet and there was no stock in.

I got another questionnaire from Goldendale. Guess they want to know what sort of work I can do. It isn't the same as the other I got. This one is an Occupational Questionnaire. They don't know it but all I know now is hoeing beets.

According to Al's letter he ~~to~~ must be criticized a good bit so it would be a good idea if you mentioned what he is doing in your letter. He know he is doing the best he can.

What would you do with our money? Should I send it to you or put it in the bank? Or should I send it to Al? I just can't make up my mind. I don't like to have it around. After our next pay day we will have quite a bit.

I have been eating quite ~~about~~ a bit

② of fruit. I think it helps one on the hot days.

Today we are to have chicken dinner but it sure isn't ~~it~~ like the chicken you cooked. Guess you spoilt me. But believe it or not I eat rice now.

I sent my trousers to the cleaners, and my dressed shirts to the laundry. I don't know what to do with my cords. I hate to wash them here.

It is too bad those Bingen boys didn't come up here they could have done quite well. You can notice that all the lazy fellows went back to Portland the first chance.

Well mother if you don't hear from me once a week let me know, for I do write every Sunday.

I should have known better than depend on that lad that I sent the letter with. But I felt that it would be so nice if he would explain how the conditions are here. Next time I will know better.

There is one good thing about us coming up here I have really learnt the value of the old penny. Out here you exchange sweat for them.

I have stood the work fine there has only been a few days that I have been really tired.

Mrs. Frogman said that she was planning on coming and seeing

you before long I guess it will be next week.

We were so glad you sent Mrs. Bidley's letter. I will drop her a few lines to day if I have time.

You would hardly believe it if I told you I don't drink so much pop any more. When we first come up here I drank as high as eight bottles a day. The water was so bad I couldn't drink it so I drank pop instead. But now I don't notice it so much. ~~so~~ The pop was ok. but hard on the stomach. and you are always thirsty

My mother takes good care of yourself and don't worry about us. ~~if~~ We are getting on fine. As soon as we hear from The Ontario Office I will write. If you feel you can stand it in the camp here we want you to come. Don't think of the board bill for it isn't much. only a drop in the ~~bucket~~ bucket. I want to stay here for the duration and it will be best for us to be together.

Love,

George.