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Oakley F. L. Camp
Oakley, Idaho

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Hello Oji-san,

Are you rather surprised at the above address? Well, I've turned to farming for 3 whole weeks. You see, school were closed for one month so that students might go outside and help harvest the crops.

We thought that was the least anyone could do to help the war effort, so Miyo-chan and I decided to come to Oakley with the girls and boys of our block. We reached Oakley on the 7th, and we're staying in an old country school house with only four rooms. It was disappointing to have to live for 3 wks. in an old place still incomplete of plumbing and other necessities, but within the 3 days we've been here, things have improved quite a bit. Our girl's room is still crowded, but I suppose that just can't be helped.

Just yesterday, I started doing farm work for the first time in my life, and I can assure you, it's nothing easy. We had to pick spuds all day, and by the time I got through I was so dirty and tired, that I couldn't do anything. There is no shower in this school either, so we've just got to get along without any.

My partner and I actually picked 180 half sacks of potatoes! We consider that as pretty good for the first day. My partner's picked before, but this was my first time. This morning, I could hardly move around 'cause my bones were cracking all over. I'm hoping that I'll get used to this sort of work.

I haven't written to you for so long, that I'm wondering as to what you are doing. Are you in good health, Oji-San? I heard that some men might come up into Idaho to do some sort of work, but you are you by any chance coming?

It would be so nice if you could come.

I wonder how everyone is at home? I haven't written to them yet, so I don't know.

What's going on in Hunt.

Oh yes, I haven't thanked you for the nice package you sent to us quite a long time ago. Those slippers were so ~~so~~ cleverly made, did you make it? And those cheese-tidbits, I like them so much. We don't have anything like that at Hunt. Thank you very much, though.

Oji-san, has anything happened about your rehearing?

Well, I think I'll have to close this letter now, but I'll be writing again soon. In the meantime I'll be waiting for any news from you.

Lovingly,
Yoshiko