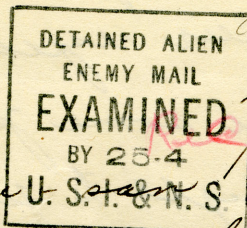


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Hello, Oji

It's rather late, but I ^{hope} ~~what~~ you ^{had} a nice Christmas. She, who spent our second Christmas in a camp as you have not felt that gay, happy feeling which is usually mingled in with the Christmas spirit, for over 2 years. Christmas just isn't like ^{what} Christmas should be, with so many members of the family scattered in different localities, and with this world war going on. Everyone feels that way, I believe, but we feel it more so. Did you have any entertainment on Christmas? Here, as Ayako may have written, we had a contest for decorating the Dining Halls, and the flock residents all turned out practic-

ally every night to help with the
decorations in their respective ^{Dining Halls.} ~~blocks.~~

So ambitious were some people as
to stay up all night to fix last minute
details, on the night before the judges
were to come around. Our theme
was "Keep the Home Fires Burning",
and a huge white star consisting
of crepe paper and silver stars
highlighted the center of our Dining
Hall, while at one end, we had a
hand-made modern fireplace with
photographs of the soldiers who
volunteered in the armed forces,
from our block. This end was
illuminated with green light while
the other end was darkened.
Last year, our block, 36, ^{took} ~~got~~ first
with another block, but this
Christmas, we came in fifth
place. Considering that there are
more than 38 Dining Halls, we

did quite well, don't you think?
 Of course, on Christmas night, dear
 old Santa came, and handed out
 presents to all the youngsters.
 Ka-shan was ready to cry, when
 she went up to Santa to get her
 present. I think his sack was a
 little too frightening.

Did you know, that Fume-shan
 is going to Philadelphia? She re-
 ceived a letter from her recently, say-
 ing she had to report for work at
 a Philadelphia Hospital on the
 27th, that's today, so she was
 not able to come home during
 the holiday. She had been looking
 forward, ^{so much} to the day that she would
 be coming home, that it was quite
 disappointing when we received her
 word. Perhaps she'll be coming

back in the Spring. I wish you
could be back by then too, Oji-san.
By the way, I have heard of several
men who have already had a re-
hearing, but have you had yours,
as yet? If not, do you know ^{about} when
you'll be having one?

In closing, I would like to
wish you a New Year of holding
better things for you and many of us,
and I hope and pray for the day
to come when all this is over, and
we could ^{all} be together again.

Lovingly,
Yoshiko