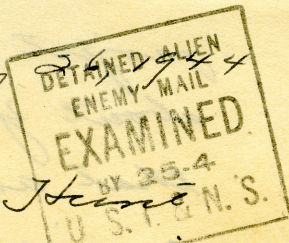


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Dear Oji-san,

Here I am back at Home seeing the folks for the first time in 1 1/2 years. It's so good to be home again, and camp, despite its inconveniences takes on a deeper meaning because of the family. I was hoping against hope that you might be here and we could all celebrate together. Tonight, Mother cooked a lovely Japanese dinner for us and we couldn't help but think of you & Mings and wish you were both with us.

How are you feeling these days, Oji-san? Are you any better? If there's anything I can send you, please don't hesitate to ask for I'll be glad to oblige.

Is there any news regarding your hearing? Since we hadn't heard anything, I went to the

project attorney here to inquire about your case and he stated that as soon as the Inspector arrives in this Center (which will be about the first of August) he would ask about you and let us know. I wish that there were something I could do to help.

My trip across the country was interesting. There was a Dixie soldier, his wife (whom I knew) and his baby and many soldiers. Even the long, monotonous plains proved bearable with the conversation of a mountain climber who was headed for the Canadian Rockies. She had already climbed ^{to} such points as Pike's Peak and a Maine summit.

Oh yes, I meant to tell you that while in Chicago, I dropped into Mr. Noyan's "Winter's Tea Room" and he sent his

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regards to you. Mrs. O'Keefe
is repairing this subiyaki house
and the place is ^{as} popular with
both Caucasian & Nisei folk.

Camp^{life} is still much the
same. The physical surroundings
are much improved since I
left. There are actually trees
around the entrance gate &
tall weeds cover the grounds
within, so dust storms are
not as bad as before. We have
a little victory garden which
Opa-san tends faithfully
& we have even harvested
a few carrots & rhubarb. Per-
haps more things will be ripe
& ready for you when you
return & do hope this event
will be soon.

Much as I wanted to
visit you, I refrained from
doing so after Mijoko wired
me. If only I had a few

more days, I could drop down
for a ~~few days~~ shore visit.

By August 5th, I shall be
leaving camp & returning to
school. Then after a week there,
I'll be heading for Philadelphia
and work again at the Penna.
Hospital. It'll be good to see
Doris again. Did you know
she will enter training in Sept.?

Take care of yourself, Oji-
san, and I do hope this
heat will be kind to you.
Hoping for your early return.

Love,

Jerricks

P.S. The family send their
best regards.