

Saturday, February 5

Dear Mom, Orey, Ceil & Al,

From now on, you'll all have to be satisfied with receiving one letter for the bunch of you.

We arrived at our destination yesterday, & this is the first chance I've had to write. Sorry, I couldn't call you before I left the states, but we weren't supposed to call, & even our mail was censored. I wanted to write you, but we couldn't do that either. I guess Pearl has given you all the information she knows by now, so you know all that she does.

Everything so far is all right, & I hope it continues that way. This camp is no different from any I've been in back home. We don't expect to be here very long, & will probably move on to a permanent base in a short time.

The weather all the way over was pretty bad, & this is the first day that the sun is shining. However, it will probably rain today also, as it has during the past two days on our trip over.

How are you & everyone else at home?

How is Grandpa & Grandma? Tell them this letter is for them too.

My return address on the envelope is only temporary, but mail sent to that address will reach me. When I get my permanent APO number I'll send it to you. Mail your letters airmail, because it takes from 7 to 10 days, while regular mail takes about 2 months.

That's about all I can tell you right now. I'll write you every couple of days, & let you know how things are. I'm all right, so don't worry about me. I'm just anxious to get through here, & get home as soon as possible.

I want to wish you a happy birthday, & I hope you enjoy many more. Remember me to everyone at home, & let me hear from you all.

Love,
Matty

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