

Thank you for your letter which I received today. I'm happy to hear that you've been working hard. We are doing fine, so set your mind at ease.

I hear that it is very hot where you live. It's also so hot here at Mazanar that we can't stay inside the house during the daytime. The other day, we received sweets, a stove and the wire. Misuko and Chizuyo were very happy. We appreciate both of your good conduct.

I heard that you also sent a package to Eddie and Tommy. They must be happy to have received a package from their uncles. If you find a nice iron, please send me one. You must be tired from working in the heat, but please bear it. How much are you making a month? Tighten your wallet, and save money at a bank or send it to me to hold it for you. It's very hot so take good care of yourself while working.

July 6  
To katsumi  
From Mom

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Hello,

We are happy to hear that you arrived safely and have been staying with Chikao. We are all doing fine here, so please don't worry. We are also happy to hear that it didn't take time for you to find a job.

Please send the things we asked for to Mom as soon as possible. We have been most troubled without the wire for the electric stove. Ask Chikao to buy the things you can't find. We are counting on you.

Both Misuko and Chizuyo are waiting for your letter every day, so write to them as often as you can. Also send letters to Kachiyo.

I think being where you are is better for you than being here at Manzanar. Do your best not only at work but at everything.

I received a letter today from the cannery saying we can catch tuna at San Pedro. It said that our ship caught four tuna. Your acquaintances are going out of camp to work.

Listen to what Chikao says. Find time to study and become a creditable man in the future. Without education people are worthless.

When we meet again after the war, show us how a great man you have become, and tell us the stories about what you have gone through.

At the physical for the military, tell them that you had a broken bone when you were a child.

To Katsumi  
From Mom and Dad

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Dear Katsumi,

It's good to hear that you've been fine and working hard. Thanks to you guys, Mom, Dad. Misuko and Chizuyo are going fine, so don't worry about us.

You must have gotten used to your work by now and may even find it interesting. Mom is very happy to receive the electric stove, wire, sweets, and so on. We gave some wire to Auntie Yamashita, Auntie Okuji, and some of our neighbors. They are happy too. They send their appreciation to you both.

Auntie Okuji has been inconvenienced because she doesn't have an alarm clock, so find one for her. When you have time, read books and study as much as you can. Without education, people in general can't be of much use. Pay attention to what you are doing and become an admirable man in the future. This is what your Mom and Dad are looking forward to. Chikao has finally decided to go to school. I know you are happy about it too. People are easily tempted to pleasure, but don't get lured into it just because we can't keep our eyes on you. This is very important. Here at Manzanar there are no young people. All of them are working out of camp. Kazuo Kawachi, three Takeda kids are also working out. So is Okamoto's. Mom is worried about you every day, so write to her.

Kachiyo said that she was happy to receive a letter from you. I think both Tommy and Eddie go to school now. Eddie cried at first, but now both of them enjoy going to school. Write to Michio as often as you can. We look forward to receiving letters when we are far apart.

Eddie's car has nicely. I'll send it soon, so don't worry.

Be good with Chikao.

Take care,

To Katsumi  
From Dad

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Thank you for your letter. I received it today. I'm happy that both of you are doing OK. We are fine, too. FumioTakahashi said that this week he would go to see Setsuko who lives in New Yourk and also to mee Katsumi. All the young people have gone to work out of camp.

We read in the paper about the street car strike. Since then, we have been very much concerned that you must have been inconvenienced. I feel at ease now to find from you letter today that the street cars are running.

It seems you are troubled because what I asked you to send me is hard to find. Write a letter to Chikao's friend to help to get them, and send them to me. Old keys will do. Please ask Chikao's acquaintances also. I can't find even one here. Ask hardware stores to order them for you. Please do your best.

Buy about 10 suitcase keys. They can be cheap. I listed the itmes we want in a separate sheet to make it easy for you to understand.

Listen to what Chikao says. Don't be a troublemaker. Save money and put it in the bank.

I'm worried about you every day, because I hear that not all but some of the young people who went to the East Coast to work spend all their earnings. But I believe you are not one of them because you have been good with money since you were small. Tell Chikao to do his best.

Also put three or four bottles of good whiskey in the package if you can. Nobody checks any packages anymore here so please send them.

Say "hi" to your friends. Warehouses 33, 34, and 35 burned to the ground. It was at 5:10 pm and was a great uproar. But all of us were relieved because the fire didn't come to the residential area. I'm writing to Chikao also, but say hello to him for me.

I'm replying to your letter.

August 13  
To Katsumi  
From Mom and Dad