

May 31, 1945

Manzanar, Calif.

Dear James (Capt.?),

Thanks for the letter, I've received yesterday James. The box of candy hasn't come yet but I guess, it'll come today or tomorrow. Before I leave Manzanar, I thought let you know where I'm going, address, and why because I didn't make myself clear in the last letter, I've sent to you. Well I'm leaving for Berlin, Maryland, on June 4th, 3:50 A.M. My family is already there and my sister and I stayed here till graduate my high school here. My families all working on a farm. potatoes I guess. Our graduation is on June 2nd and I guess you know it already because of the ~~Commencement~~ announcement

I've sent you. We had our "baccalaureate" service on May 27, Saturday. Yep it's really goodby for California for me huh James? I don't think I'll ever forget the jams we use to have in Elk Grove High School? We took General Science and Gym in the same periods huh?

James what kind of school are you going to know? Do you get a technical rating or something else? Ever since I received my deferment, I haven't heard from the draft board, not even once. I guess, I'll go in the Army from Maryland huh?

Oh yah, you told me to write about my graduation huh? Maybe I'll write it to you from Maryland, but if I have time from here.

after the graduation, a reception was held by the Parents' Teachers Association ~~was held~~ for us. We invited our friends and parents for refreshments and dances. The whole thing finished around 11:30 P.M. Well my sister and I left Manganaw War Relocation Center around 4:45 A.M. Monday morning (June 4). That same, we reached Reno around 2:30 P.M. We rode on a bus "Inland Stage" all the way to Reno. There we saw a show at "Reno" Theater at 7:15 P.M. we showed off for Ogden. We reached Ogden, the next day, June 5, around 11:30 A.M. There we've been waiting for about 2 hrs. before leaving Ogden. This morning, around 6: A.M. we reached Denver, Colo., rode on a taxi to my sister's place, where I'm now.

I guess Bill left with two other boys
this morning bound for Great
Ontario, Oregon.

Oh yes James, thank you very
much for the box of candy, you have
sent me. You shouldn't such things
James. If it's only one Ah, but you
have done enough for me you know.

Guess this is all I could write
for now, so so long and good
health to you James.

Your pal
Leo.