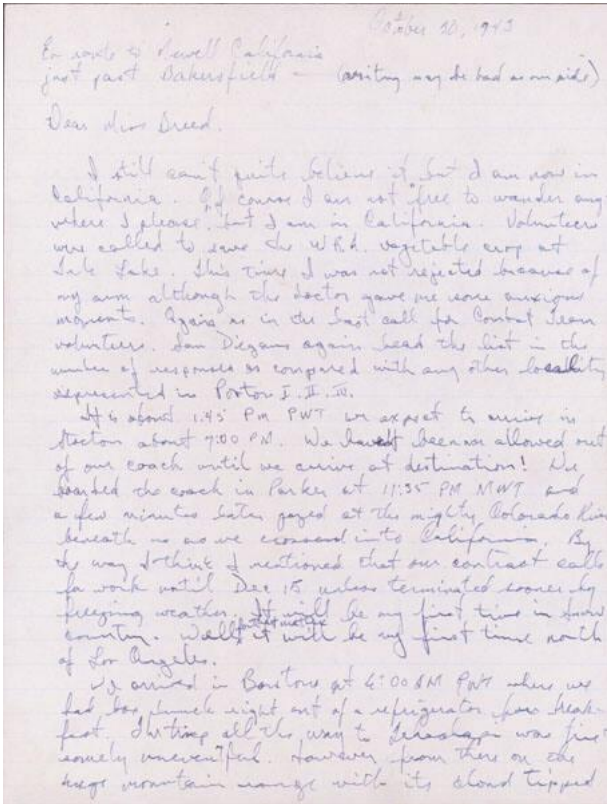


# Basic Detail Report



## [Letter to Clara Breed from Tetsuzo (Ted) Hirasaki, Stockton, California, October 30, 1943]

**Date**  
1943

**Primary Maker**  
Hirasaki, Tetsuzo

**Medium**  
paper, ink

### Description

Transcription: October 30, 1943/En route to Newell, California/just past Bakersfield -- (writing may be bad as our ride)/Dear Miss Breed,/I still can't quite believe it but I am now in California. Of course I am not "free to wander anywhere I please," but I am in California. Volunteers were called to save the W.R.A. vegetable crop at Tule Lake. This time I was not rejected because of my arm although the doctor gave me some anxious moments. Again as in the last call for Combat Team volunteers, San Diegans again head the list in the number of responses as compared with any other locality represented in Poston I, II, III./It is about 1:45 PM PWT we expect to arrive in Stockton about 7:00 PM. We haven't been nor

allowed out of our coach until we arrive at destination! We boarded the coach in Parker at 11:35 PM MWT and a few minutes later gazed at the mighty Colorado River beneath us as we crossed into California. By the way I think I mentioned that our contract calls for work until Dec 15 unless terminated sooner by freezing weather. It will be my first time in snow country. Well for that matter it will be my first time north of Los Angeles./We arrived in Barstow at 6:00 AM PWT where we had box lunch right out of a refrigerator for breakfast. The trip all the way to Tehachapi was tiresomely uneventful. However from there on the huge mountain range with its cloud tipped peaks was a breathtaking sight. (We just pulled into Corcoran 2:05 PM PWT) Went through a lot of tunnels, something I hadn't done in a long time. Around noon the oil derricks of Bakersfield came into sight. Reminds me of the coast oil fields. After getting used to the Poston heat I find it rather cool out here in Central California. The nights are downright cold./Yaeko is now in Preston, Idaho working as a dishwasher in a small restaurant. She is contemplating indefinite leave. /Dad should be arriving in Poston within the next two weeks. He will be disappointed in not having any members of the family to greet him home./Well there isn't much else. Address is unknown as yet. One thing certain is that we will not be allowed in the Tule Lake Center but will live 3 1/2 miles from it./Sincerely yours/Ted;1 letter and envelope from Tetsuzo (Ted) Hirasaki to Clara Breed while enroute from Poston to Tule Lake where volunteers were needed to harvest crops.

### Dimensions

H: 9.875 in, W: 8 in (sheet); H: 3.5 in, W: 5.5 in (envelope)