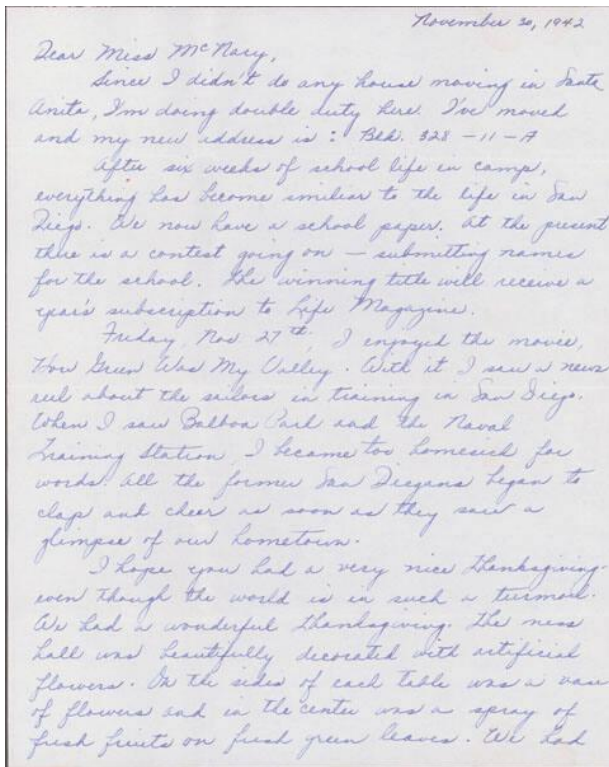


Basic Detail Report



[Letter to Helen McNary from Louise Ogawa, Poston, Arizona, November 30, 1942]

Date

1942

Primary Maker

Ogawa, Louise

Medium

paper, ink

Description

Transcription: November 30, 1942/Dear Miss McNary,/Since I didn't do any house moving in Santa Anita, I'm doing double duty here. I've moved and my new address is: Blk. 328-11-A/After six weeks of school life in camp, everything has become similar to the life in San Diego. We now have a school paper. At the present there is a contest going on--submitting names for the school. The winning title will receive a year's subscription to Life Magazine. /Friday, Nov. 27th, I enjoyed the movie, How Green Was My Valley. With it I saw a news reel about the sailors in training in San Diego. When I saw Balboa park and the Naval Training Station, I

became too homesick for words. All the former San Diegans began to clap and cheer as soon as they saw a glimpse of our hometown./I hope you had a very nice Thanksgiving, even though the world is in such a turmoil. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The mess hall was beautifully decorated with artificial flowers. On the sides of each table was a vase of flowers and in the center was a spray of fresh fruits on fresh green leaves. We had turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mince pie, peas, potatoes, fruit salad, and a choice of fresh fruits. The whole block consisting of 350 people sat before the beautiful decorated table, gave their thanks and ate together--recalling the happy moments of the past and hoping for a brighter future. It was a wonderful meal!!! I never expected to have such a nice Thanksgiving dinner this year. But I certainly have much more to be thankful for./The boys who went out to work on the sugar beets in Colorado came home just in time to enjoy the Thanksgiving dinner with their families. All the boys who went out to work--Idaho, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming--are all back home now in the best of health. But there is still a few boys out working in Oregon. They transferred from Idaho to Oregon./One discouraging thing which occurred here is the building of the fence. Now there is a fence all around this camp. I hope very soon this fence will be torn down./Is soap rationed in San Diego? I was just wondering if laundry soap was being rationed outside. It is being rationed here. For about 3 weeks the canteen sold no soap. When it did come in, they sold 1 box to a family./I always seem to rattle on and on about myself. Pretty soon I'll be writing an autobiography./I do hope you are just fine! I can just see you scurrying around the library without a moment of rest. Please don't overwork yourself and be doubly careful of your health for these wintery days are certainly cold./Most sincerely,/Louise Ogawa/Please do write during your leisure time.;1 letter and envelope from Louise Ogawa to Helen McNary.

Dimensions

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