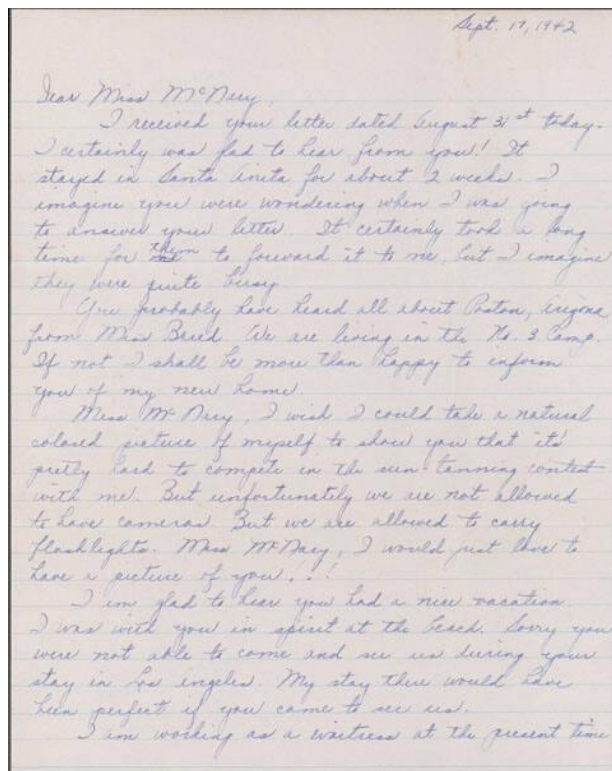


Basic Detail Report



[Letter to Helen McNary from Louise Ogawa, Poston, Arizona, September 17, 1942]

Date
1942

Primary Maker
Ogawa, Louise

Medium
paper, ink

Description

Transcription: Sept. 17, 1942/Dear Miss McNary,/I received your letter dated August 31st today. I certainly was glad to hear from you! It stayed in Santa Anita for about 2 weeks. I imagine you were wondering when I was going to answer your letter. It certainly took a long time for them to forward it to me, but I imagine they were quite busy./You probably have heard all about Poston, Arizona from Miss Breed. We are living in the No. 3 Camp. If not I shall be more than happy to inform you of my new home./Miss McNary, I wish I could take a natural colored picture of myself to show you that it's pretty hard to compete in the sun-tanning contest with me. But unfortunately we are not allowed to have cameras. But we are allowed to carry flashlights. Miss McNary, I would just love to have a picture of you! I am glad to hear you had a nice vacation. I was with you in spirit at the beach. Sorry you were not able to come and see us during your stay in Los Angeles. My stay there would have been perfect if you came to see us. I am working as a waitress at the present time.

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Dimensions

H: 10 in, W: 8 in (sheet); H: 3.5 in, W: 6.375 in (envelope)