

Basic Detail Report

June 3, 1942

Hello John:

I'm sorry I didn't write sooner to thank you but I just couldn't sit down + write. write. Good, everything is so gloomy + dark that you feel as though it's better just to stay in camp and have a vacation. I mean just loaf - no work at all. There's close to 10,000 people here now and only about 5,000 or 6,000 are working. Why couldn't I be one of the fortunate unemployed? It doesn't cost them a cent to stay here - of course they'll receive no pay but still they won't have to buy anything. As it is now, I'll receive \$16.00 a month, \$192 a year. I'll really be a rich man when we get out - (wait) we still have to receive our first pay check or scripts. This will get you - they have a canteen here and everything is sold at city prices. I wonder how long \$16.00 will last at city prices? Funny isn't it, some folks only get \$8.00 and still they charge city prices.

By the way, why don't one of your selomen drop in and try to sell their merchandise to the canteen, if they're not doing so now? I hear that they allow selomen to come in and see the buyers - it's a \$1,000 to 2,000 a day business out here and they sell drugs + notions. I'll bet the drug + notions must average \$75.00 to \$100.00 a day. Anyway, it's just a suggestion and it may do some good and

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Description

A handwritten 2 page letter from David Miyamoto, Manzanar Relocation Center to John Bonomi of the Brunswig Drug Company, Los Angeles, dated June 3, 1942. David places orders for drugs for the camp hospital.