Basic Detail Report

HQ Det DEML Camp Crowder Mo

Thanks for the letter Mas:

Fot a moment I thought you were foing to knit a sweater for me. Sure when I do the town next time I'll try to find out the prices but chose towns are no Frisco or LA and they might charge some extra". Gee wish Iwas in Kansae City. So far as I know they don't censor the mail unless those letters are from the Internment Camp. When Mr. 6SU wrote me it came through the cutting room. At least they are honest about it though. On the face of the envelope was a word 'Examined'.

June 14th 1942

Seems everywhere I go, the weather gets screwy. It was sizeling until a few days ago. Comes rain. And the thunderstorm raised hell last night. A feller told me our barrack actually shook. Well anyhow it was something I've never experienced. Some of the die hard sleepers just dozed through calmly.

What's this about a couple of guys being picked up in Calif? Were they soldiers? If so that's foing to make me plum mad. I'd see the Commander in Chief if it was me. Whatta heck. Those son of a bitch out there is nothing more than an Americanized Gestapo it seems. If we even get into Combat, those Democracy loving 'citizens out there will get no protection from us guys. Hell No. Didn't Know it was that bad out there. I'm beginning to hate California like a son of a bitch.

[Letter to Masaji Iwate from Tatsumi Iwate, June 14, 1942]

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Iwate, Tatsumi

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Description

(3) page letter to Mas Iwate from Tatsumi Iwate at HQ Detachment DEML, Camp Crowder, Missouri, on June 14, 1942. Tatsumi writes that he wises he was in Kansas City because they don't censor the mail unless letters are coming from a concentration camp, that everywhere he has been the weather gets screwy, that if American Japanese get into combat, those 'Democracy loving' citizens will get no protection from him and that he's beginning to hate California, he questions what they are fighting for like injustice and inequality, that Mari is going to move out to Tule Lake, shares Jack Wada's address at Manzanar.