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Dear Joan—

Many thanks for your most welcome letter. I received it with greatest pleasure on the 24th. Every letter we're getting now is censored and just to send a letter 30 miles it takes over a week, because every letter we write goes back to B.C. to be censored.

Thanks for the compliment of my letter I didn't know I write such a letter myself Gee but I sure adore your heavenly letter To-day we have just finished our thinning and at last I've found time to scribble few lines We have had one terrible weather for a spell One afternoon the thermometer climbed over 100° then that evening we had a painful rain and wind storm. But now the weather have seemed to have settled down.

The strawberries and cherries are very scarce out here. The price we pay for a lb. of cherry here is 25¢ I wonder how the farms are like now. I heard the government have

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sent mind-utes over to take our place on
the farm. The government is now planing on
sending more Japanese from the coast for the
harvest here. Even the farmers now are get-
ting called up. they are taking men to about
37 To tell you the truth the most I've earned
in a single day was \$10.00 for hoing 3½ acres.
There are five of us looking after 60 acres.

Boy I ~~had~~ but you raked up fat dough in
picking strawberries I heard it was 40¢ a crate
for picking and 40¢ for loose packing.

The mosquitos are quite bad yet- especially
just before and after rain. It must have been
a fair size mosquitos to bite right thru
your underthing. Yes it does get you sore
when it gets that far. doesn't it.

Oh yes we got a privilege to own a radio and
a camera here. We had both radio and two
cameras there but we had to leave it in
the hands of the P.C.M.P. I believe the custodian
is now looking after it. That radio radio
wouldn't be in any use here I don't think
because the dials, dials are different ^{different} here

iv We have sent for our camera about two weeks ago but it still hasn't arrived. There both swell cameras too. One takes a post-card size picture and the other takes $1\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ picture. They both had a nice leather case to it.

We have bought one lately to take souvenir pictures and we have already taken 5 rolls of it. This is a bullet-type camera that takes a picture size approx. $1\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. Soon as we get these rolls developed and if it turns out O.K. I'll send it. I wish I'm just waiting for your glamorous picture. Boy but I'll bet you had good laugh at my school-day pictures. We've got piles of those old school pictures too.

Dancing would be fun with you Joan, if I know how to dance. My brother took a lesson at Lallas More in Vancouver late last Autumn. He tried to teach me then but I wasn't crazy over it so I couldn't quite get to dance. Gee but I'd like to know how now. One trouble is we haven't any radios yet. You're more up to date in show than I am, the last time I saw one was almost

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three month ago when we were stationed at the Immigration Hall. We stayed at this place for about a week and we sure used it went to a show almost every day I think every picture Vancouver gets comes over a month or two later here in Winnipeg.

Do you like the Hawaiian Gt Guitar. This is one instrument I wanted to learn for a long time. Gu I'd like to start in on it this winter. Can you play any instrument? I'd like to have some kind of amuse around. Gu I bet you just love singing I like to have you here just to sing for me. I can play a mouth organ, this is what I learned when I was a small kid.

This song ("I like New York in June.
How about you?")


I think I could remember Judy Garland sing this in the show called ("Babes on Broadway")

You asked me what those the last two pages in your letter reminded reminded you of.

The closest I could get to it is the one you love.
No I can't think of anything else.

1. Gosh I sure do enjoy the Union steamship
I've been on one of these. This was on a B.C.
picnic to Bowen Island. It sure is nice
along the coast isn't it. Right here you
see nothing but a wide piece of land with
few houses here and there. When I think of
the B.C. I really don't feel like staying here
for the next minute. About that finally I
was going to send you. Gee I'm sorry I
promised you but it doesn't seem to be
flying around now. Gosh but I should have
saved one for you before. I just went out
to look for one but all I could see is the
stars and boy the moon is out nice and
bright.

Joan you write a swell letter. I'm just
wondering why I can't write any better than
this. Your letters getting more and more
interesting and I'm glad you like writing to
me too. Well I guess I better close here for its
past midnight. Bye.

Yours As Ever
Laf.


P.S. Hoping to hear
from you soon
I'll be expecting your
picture at the
same time

I hope you didn't mind my poor grammar
and cross-outs etc. About that drawing I aint
much of a drawer but if you can stand it
to have it around I'll try and do one for
you.

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