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Dear Joan

Hello Joan - I think that's a better way than just saying dear Joan -
I hope except my apologies for not answering your letter sooner. To tell you the truth I started one before but didn't answer it. - It's just like me - plenty of time to do everything but to lazy to do anything. -

Well it sure has been a long time since I have corresponded with you. I'm still alive and living yet if you didn't know. I don't remember the last time I wrote, but things are much the same - I've kept myself very busy doing housework - working in a cannery and going to the bank in the winter -

I was there in the bank for only 2 months this winter - came home a month ago with a few dollars to spare - I'm living a life of ease at present but I find it sure is hard on my pocketbook. I had a job with a carpenter for 2 days but cold weather ended that. We had good weather after the bank & I had other business so never got to working - I stay here in the hotel & with my pal but since I can't get to work I guess I'll go home again. -

I've been here for four long years now and sort of worn knowing what our future will be. This winter a great many Japanese have been east hoping to find a better future. Last week I went to Brooks - (about 100 miles from here) to see a farm - We're now intending to go there try our luck in farming - I found the town of Brooks a fairly nice place. My dad's getting ~~on~~ on

age now and my mother being up mechanics so I have to take over the family and that I don't like. — My mother are still going to school yet. My twin brothers are just in 10 now. They should be in 11 but they had to one year back when we came for the school would not let them up for they never finished their term when we left. Henry is in 8 I think. — I'm enclosing a snap of me and my brothers — it's not a very clear picture though but I thought maybe you would like to see it sometime if I ever get a good one of myself I'll send it to you — Say Joan I sure would like to get one of you.

I sure hate to leave Maynard for the people here are sure treating us as citizens. This is the only town in Alaska they give us the right to vote in a town election. Some of us have joined into these clubs and they sure treat us well. — But the future here sure doesn't look very good here. I tried to rent a farm here too but with no success so we'll be going to Brooks as far as we know. We have negotiations upon us so we can't do everything we please. — though they have cancelled many of the negotiations. —

You ask me about the other fellows you know — well I don't know much about them either for you know how my correspondence is ~~???~~. I read about Tom Haskins a few weeks ago. Sure wish I could send you that article from the paper. — He got the highest score in a university in Montreal I think and now is attending one in Ohio now. He sure is getting places sure wish I was in his shoes — Other fellows I don't know

much about

Say I can ~~say~~ do ~~some~~ a little - Can't think of a right word - my vocabulary isn't very good - You said foul tempered but I would say that - any ways Cheer up chum - life isn't that bad is it - I guess everyone gets ~~some~~ some for home and other things But one has to ~~some~~ work to live so I've found out - I think when you get to have a place for a while you start to like it even if it is a dead place - Mayrall is just a small store on a road but now I hate to leave it - I've lived the place the first few years -

You say you are a terrible teacher - I would ~~sure~~ say that for I know your intelligent enough - I think - (don't take that serious - I like tickling people) - for I sure could ~~sure~~ keep up to your marks ever - good old school days -

Say you say you are nineteen and you hate getting old - I would ~~not~~ call that old - I myself am a few older but I don't mind and feel fine although a woman is suppose to be a few years older than a ~~man~~ man the same ~~year~~ age - I was fourteen when I came here and those five years here sure changed me a lot in way of life. I guess I grew a little too - I'm 5ft 6 now and have been for the last 4 years - my brothers that is the twins are getting bigger than me. ~~Can~~ I'll be the smallest. My older brother is about 5ft 7. -

Can't think of anything else to write about
at present so I take this sack to say good bye
dear teacher —

I wish you my best regards and say good bye
again.

Yours very sincerely
Jackie

P.S. Hoping this have found you fine and healthy.
+ Hoping you able to read my small & pardon any
mistakes for I never read or write my letters.
Good night Jack. —