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Dear Joan:

Please forgive me for not writing any sooner. To tell you the truth this is the first chance I got to write after I got home from thrashing I'll promise you I'll write sooner the next time. Gee whiz. but come to think of it its almost two month ago I wrote to you isn't it. Well anyway how are you and the rest? All in the best road of health I hope. As for me I'm just swell, beside I've gained five pounds since we come out here.

We've had some nice cold weather out here for awhile. The first sight of Jack Frost was seen on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Aug. After that we had some cold days for about two wks. Once I went for the milk to our neighbors in the evening nearing 7:30 and the thermometer reading 30° Boy! but was I surprised to see this Gee whiz and the first snow flurry came



down on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Sept. It snowed a little for 3 days in succession On the last day we had a blizzard for just five minute It just came and went like a lightning. I was sure surprised how the cold weather comes around here, but now the hot weather seem to have come back again. I guess this is what they call Indian summer. How's the weather back there I suppose you haven't met up with Jack frost yet have you?

We have just started on our but harvest about a week ago Boy I find this job really miserable specially when your shaking the dirt off The only thing the owner does at harvest is come along with a tractor and loosen the but out of the heavy gums soil. Then we go up 2 rows a piece throwing 8 rows of butts into one row shaking the dirt off at the same time Then we go back up the row topping it this time soon as we make a pile of butts we throw the leaves over it in



case it ~~free~~ freezes before they come to collect. To topp this sugar but we use a heavy knife with a curved hook at the end to pick it up. This we could only do about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre a day or less. To every ton of butts topped we get \$1.25 to 8 tons of but tapped and to anything over 8 tons and over we get 1.00 per ton.

I suppose you've heard or read about the moon eclipse on the 25 of Aug. Bay! that was really clearly seen. The sky was clear and besides the moon was in full then.

Talking about radio. About a week ago my brother bought a brand new portable radio. It can be brought to any place and be played. We're using battery now. Its made for both battery and electric.

At last I've got one picture of my self that's not too bad. I had it taken on a Millionaire's farm while I was there. I'm gonna get coupla reprints of this one so in the next correspondent you can expect it. So please try and



get one of yourself for me will you  
By the way Joan I'd like to read some  
of your wonderful poems can you  
write one just for me? I'll be waiting  
for it

By the way you haven't heard about  
Oki's dad have you? He passed away on  
the 28 of Aug. Gosh that sure was a shock  
to all of us here.

Well I guess this is all I can write this  
time so I'll close here Blgt. for now

As Ever  
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Here is a drawing I have done this afternoon  
It took me an hour and a half to draw  
and paint this. This ain't nothing wonderful  
but since I drew it I thought I might as  
well send it to you.

P.S. Please write soon  
I'll be waiting