



HELLO, MARY!

JUNE 23, 1944.

I KNOW I'M A LITTLE LATE IN THANKING YOU FOR THE LETTER YOU SENT ME LAST MONTH BUT THIS IS ARKANSAS AND I'VE BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH NOW TO ACQUIRE SOME OF ITS BAD HABITS — COME TO THINK OF IT I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER WRITTEN YOU A LETTER — TOOK A WAR TO DO IT — SO IF I BORE YOU TOO MUCH WITH MY TROUBLES AND WOES YOU CAN BLAME IT ALL ON THE WAR —

WELL, WE'RE ALL HERE IN THIS WONDERFUL ARKANSAS CENTER, ROTHWELL, WHERE SUMMER NEVER ENDS, SPRING NEVER COMES AND WINTER MAKES YOU LONG FOR THE GOOD OLD SOUTHERN CALIF. — TROUBLE IS I KEEP LONGING FOR THE G.O.S.C. ALL THE YEAR ROUND — ANYHOW, AS YOU WELL KNOW, WE'VE BEEN HERE 2 WEEKS AND 3 DAYS AND EACH DAY SEEMS TO BE HOTTER THAN THE

LAST - BUT ENOUGH FOR THE WEATHER - I IMAGINE
IT'S JUST AS HOT DOWN THERE IN THE DEEP SOUTH
AND ALL YOUR PERSPIRING ISN'T JUST FROM LEAN-
ING OVER A HOT STOVE - WHICH REMINDS ME, HOW
GOES THE COOKING?? - I HAVEN'T HEARD OR READ
OF ANY SERIOUS CASE OF INDIGESTION OUT CAMP
SHELBY WAY SO I TAKE IT YOU'VE PASSED WITH
FLYING COLORS - THEY TELL ME THERE'S A LOT MORE
TO COOKING THAN JUST KNOWING HOW TO USE THE
CAN OPENER - AND WITH CANNED GOODS ON THE
PREMIUM YOU MUST BE LEARNING THE HARD WAY -

HERE IN BLOCK 38 WERE PRETTY WELL
SETTLED DOWN - REALLY A NICE CLEAN BLK. - GOOD,
FRIENDLY PEOPLE AND THE FOOD WAS TOPS IN THE
BEGINNING BUT LATELY IT'S DROPPED DOWN TO
JEROME CLASS - THIS BLOCK IS SO MUCH CLEANER
THAN THE BLOCK 3 IN JEROME THAT I WAS VERY
MUCH SURPRISED, ESPECIALLY AFTER ALL THE PRE-
VIOUS RUMOR OF HOW DIRTY THIS CAMP WAS -

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WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING OVER MY
MAXIMUM LIMIT OF 4 PAGES SO I'D BETTER
SIGN OFF AND LET YOU GET ON WITH YOUR
KITCHEN WORK — SO LONG AND DON'T BURN
YOUR FINGERS —

YOUR COUSIN,
"TEEK"

ANYTHING SO WE BOKE
THEM CRACKER AND
ORANGES. POOR GUYS — THEY WERE SO
HUNGRY.

IS: HE'S BACK NOW. HE'S ADDRESS
PATIENT'S DETACHMENT
ENGLAND GEN. Hospital
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY.

HIS PAL, KEN SAITO, IS STILL OVER THERE.