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December 7, 1943

Mr. Ream,
Dingle,
Idaho.

Dear Mr. Ream:

I take pleasure in reporting that Fabian and his family are all well and at present interned at Camp Holmes, five miles outside of Baguio, Philippines. I last saw them on Sept. 26, 1943 and promised that I would pass this news on to you when I arrived in New York.

Fabian's sister, Dr. Allen, was transferred to Santo Tomas internment camp at Manila on Sept. 1, 1943 as that camp was short of doctors and needed her services badly.

Fabian is a very hard worker in camp and confined his duties to shop work where he did all kinds of repair and construction work. One of his major jobs was making wooden shoes for internees who were extremely short of footwear. Fabian has turned out about two or three hundred pairs of these shoes by now and has made many interesting items one of which was a complete set of aluminum teeth for himself. I am sure on his release he will have many interesting stories to relate. His wife was equally as active in camp work and had charge of the women's vegetable crew which was a man-sized job. Mrs. Fabian also served on the women's committee and was very active in many of the different phases of camp life. The children all attend the camp schools and were very popular with the younger set.

For the next two or three weeks you can get in touch with me at 301 North Tacoma Avenue, Tacoma, Washington, if there are any queries you care to have me answer.

Sincerely,

signed:

William Portrude
D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

The M.S. Gripsholm has recently arrived at New York from Mormugao, Portuguese India, where the second exchange of American and Japanese nationals took place. The Department's representatives aboard the Gripsholm made a special effort during the return voyage to obtain from the persons repatriated information concerning American nationals remaining in the Far East. The information received with respect to the person named below in whose welfare you have expressed an interest is furnished in the belief that you will wish to have it even though it has been received from unofficial sources:

"Dr. Beulah Ream Allen was interned in Bagbio December, 1941 to June, 1942, when she was released, for her second baby was born. She did magnificent work in caring for the needs and the troubles of women and children and was a strength to the whole camp. She was reinterned some time after the birth of her second child and transferred to Santa Tomas, Manila, it is believed, in August, 1943. She was in excellent health and spirits, when last seen in August, 1943, living in the annex with the women and children. And again a tower of strength in the camp. Her second boy, Henderson (Hendy) was running all over the place, strong and well."

"Lee Allen is a very manly lad and vigorous. Stood up in front and led physical exercises of group, by imitating instructor. Well and strong and having good care in Santa Tomas now."

(Santo Tomas University, Manila, Philippine Islands, is the site of an internment camp for civilians.)

Mr. Kenneth Ream,
Dingle,
Idaho.



Camp Holmes.....INTERMENT CAMP
Baguio,....., PHILIPPINES

DATE August 21, 1943

Mrs. N. E. Ream
929 Gaviota Ave.
Long Beach, California

Dear Mother:

We are all well here. Beulah has gone to Manila, left today with Hendie and Lee. All Well.

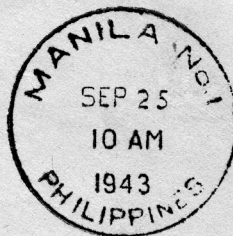
We have had two years of good health on a diet somewhat different from what we were used to, plus plenty of fresh air and mountain view. Nora is Junior in High School; Kate graduated from 8th grade; Sally, 6th grade; John, 4th.

Please let all the rest know about us, also any friends we might have left. Ruth has written to her brother Chris at Agnew, but will you also notify him in case her letter goes astray.

(Fabian Ream)

Fabian Ream

From Fabian Ream
Camp Holmes INTERMENT CAMP
Baguio, PHILIPPINES



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