

"THAT DAMNED FENCE"

They've sunk in posts, deep into the ground,
They've strung out wire, all the way around,
With machine gun nests, just over there,
And sentries and soldiers everywhere!

We're trapped like rats in a wire cage,
To fret and fume with impotent rage;
Yonder whispers the lure of the night,
But that DAMNED FENCE assails our sight.

We seek the softness of the midnight air,
But that DAMNED FENCE in the floodlight glare,
Awakens unrest in our nocturnal quest,
And mockingly laughs with vicious jest.

With nowhere to go and nothing to do,
We feel terrible, lonesome and blue;
That DAMNED FENCE is driving us crazy,
Destroying our youth and making us lazy.

Imprisoned in here for a long, long time,
We know we're punished tho we've committed no crime,
Our thoughts are gloomy and enthusiasm damp,
To be locked up in a concentration camp.

Loyalty we know and patriotism we feel,
To sacrifice our utmost was our ideal,
To fight for our country, and die, mayhap;
Yet we're here because we happen to be a Jap.

We all love life, and our country best,
Our misfortune to be here in the West;
To keep us penned behind that DAMNED FENCE,
Is someone's notion of NATIONAL DEFENSE!!!!

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