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626 MAC Ave
Each Haven, Wash.
October 27, 1942

Dear Mother & Father,

My correspondence is in a frightful
state - I have not written a letter to any
one for over a week, and can't see that I
have done anything very useful to make
up for it. And my incoming mail has
been very bare for that time - only one
letter and your package. Many thanks
indeed for such a fine tie-chain - something
I have often thought of getting, but never have.
Next spring when it gets warm again and
one can leave off his vest I shall find
it very useful. Just now one's vest is very
necessary. Such a fall we have not had
since this has been here - a beautiful day
now & then, but otherwise clouds, rain,

and cold. But I have not yet put on an overcoat, - I shrink from the ordeal of riding a bike in an overcoat, and cannot give up the bike. I am thinking of getting a leather coat for riding - both my overcoats are so good I'd hate to have them torn on the bike - and they are probably the last good coats I can get for some time.

I have spent part of the last week getting more or less finally settled in my room. I had stuff moved from storage here on Tuesday, and now I am packed in like sardines in a can. My room is only ten by twelve - along one wall I have a desk, a book case and a chest of drawers - then on the next wall another (writing) desk, the door and the closet being also on that wall, and in the back corner of the room the bed with a small table beside it - and in the hall outside another bookcase. I shall not move until Prof. Keolin wants me out, which I hope will be soon. The quiet is wonderful, and so is the power!

Haven't heard anything from Eva in two weeks - I suppose Larina is quite busy now and her activity probably makes Eva feel busier. I wrote Dr. Pelen a long time ago but have had no reply - I reckon he is too busy - or he may already have left Kalamogov. I know how hoping Eva would feel well enough to ask me to come over before the gas rationing goes into effect - although I might choose to go on the train anyhow now that driving is so slow - a hundred miles at 35 miles an hour is a rather long drive - chiefly because it is not easy to keep one's car down to that speed - I suppose, though, by a year from now we shall all have regained the habit of driving at such a speed.

I hope things are going well at home - don't worry about the housecleaning - skip it. How about Harold? Why doesn't Milburn move to Schenectady so he could get more rest - how can he bear driving so much every day. - Hope you are keeping track of all your jobs - I should think you'd

Have to have a coordinator to make sure
you don't skip any of them! — All aw,
with lots of love, George.

626 MAC Ave
East Lansing, Mich.
November 8, 1942.

Dear Mother & Father,

The mid-term exams descended on us just after I
lost work and live only this week-end get straightened
out again. It seems hardly possible the term is more
than half over - just five weeks from today we shall be
in the midst of finals - we do not have the Thanksgiving
week-end this year, and we shall accordingly be through
three days earlier than scheduled - exams end on the
15th and I shall be finished some time the next day. There
are a lot of things I'd like to do over the holiday, but cer-
tainly can't do them all. I want, of course, to be at home
as much as I can, certainly for Christmas, and I hope
to report for the week preceding. There are math meetings in
New York the beginning of the next week, at which I want at
least to put in an appearance, and I want to see Sarah
& Betty after that. If times were normal I'd try to catch
a day in Boston to see Raymond Tweedy - he has recovered
to some extent, but a friend of mine who saw him a week
ago said he looked sadly unwell. - By the way, quite! -
I would like to get Dr. Gardner to do some work on

my teeth while I'm at home. Could you make some ap-
pointments for me - or send me his name so that I
can make some? I think I'd better plan on three appointments,
- if you make them, say the 19th, 21st & 23rd. I probably
go down by bus or train - what time should they be
made for?

You are certainly keeping very busy. The truck re-
gistration seems to have been a major task - As
Lanna says you two are certainly doing your part
in the job. It would be wonderful for it to stop
but ^{practically} I wait very soon. However, the last week's
news has been very discouraging - and that last night
most exciting. There can be no doubt there is now a
serious front, and presumably one where the
chance of getting a real foothold seems very good -
Law would have to meet us, and Law would be necessary.
I am wondering what Harold has decided to do. If he
does go to the navy what will he be doing - studying for
an engineer's commission? I think I'd agree with him I'd
prefer to be in the navy.

How is your hand, Father - I hope you are taking
good care of it - is the doctor using very strong
this marvelous new sulphamide derivative solve
out - it is supposed to work wonders - no danger
of infection & very quick healing.

Glad to hear that the chickens are doing so well.
Wish you could send some of those broken eggs
out here - eggs are 12¢ a piece at the restaurant
and as a consequence I've had practically none
all fall.

Another of my former friends left yesterday for
the duration to take a position in the geodetic
survey. I took him down to the airport for he
was going by plane to Washington. It was the
first I had been so close to a big transport plane
and I got almost as excited as a child. It shatters
one's belief in his eyesight to see that huge craft
settle down on the runway almost as lightly as
a feather - and I was amazed to see that the
pilot can control the plane while on the ground
as accurately as one can control an automobile -
he turned it around almost in its own length.

It is getting late and I must think of getting to bed.
Went out for something to eat last night and then
out & studied until dawn - but after that I slept
eight hours, more soundly than any time this
fall! - Keep well & don't work too hard. Lots
of love, George.

Nov. 12/42

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George - How good it was to get your letter Tuesday - it came this quick than airmail does sometimes. It was good news to hear you are coming home for Christmas & come as soon as you can and stay as long as you can! I am going to Dr. Gardner's to-morrow for a cleaning and will arrange for you appointments if possible. I think 3 P.M. will be best time for general repairs. Pa says you can have the car to go down. If something turned up that you had to use bus, there is one leaves each at 2 P.M. If you took the city bus you would have to get around earlier than you usually do. Harold & Marge returned Sunday night, I have not seen them but talked on phone.

Harold had to go to New York Tuesday for another exam for Frank - he took a 6 am train from Hudson - Maye drove him over and returned on the 11 P.M. West Side. He hopes to get in Officer's Training Camp but is still at sea as to where or when he will be called but he thinks not till January. However all news we've heard & read states that married men will be called in Dec. We are wondering about you & if there is still a chance that you will have to go. Father's hand is healing - there has been no inflammation - the salve is quite but I don't know its name. There probably will be a scar on his hand. We still have truckmen coming here for help on their reports - 2 yesterday all afternoon, one is coming to night and there are frequent ones stopping in on calling up for information. I think he may try to get relieved if the Scrap job as his time is so taken up with other work so he cannot do justice to every thing. But the Scrap people has worked out fine this week of the towns in the County.

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Tuesday Pa had a meeting in Catehill
and this Delpt I went with him so
we could do some shopping and
go see some folks in the hospital.
Edith Dowses Coupling recently had an
operation but she is getting along O.K.
Mrs Delpt has another grand child
there scarcely a week old but a very
large fat baby. It was a rainy day
and frequently it poured very hard.
I find Christmas trees are very high
and I expect they'll be higher yet before
I do my shopping. My feet have not
been very dependable for some months
so I don't know just how I could get
around a great deal. As soon as I
have the time I'm going to have Delpt
shave my right foot to strengthen it.

Pa and I planning a trip to N.Y.
next week. I wanted to go in October
but several things prevented. We
will have to go on train and that is
not as pleasant as going in our own
car. I feel I ought to see my folks
as I have not been down since last
winter & we will probably not go
again this winter unless Pa must
go on business. I think, too, the change
will be good for Pa. He ought to at-
tend an all day meeting Tues. in Po-
keepsie, but he is not obligated. We
will stay at Hotel Albert Monday
night - will probably reach there at 4.
Have written to Bro. Frank & the others to
be there if possible. Tuesday we want to
attend a big meeting at Marble Collegiate
Church. Will go to Georgia for that night
& stay at Peoples - some help day. We have
fortunate to have some one here competent
to take care of the chickens. Hope you help will
will look for more letters or postals & coupons

you in Dec. Much love Mother & Sister.

626 MAC Ave
Each Lansing, Mich.
November 18, 1942

Dear Mother & Father,

I suppose you are home again tonight from your trip to New York. You are probably tired after it, but I am sure it did you a lot of good to get away & have a change - especially to be relieved for a few days from the details of all the drives & registrations you seem to be connected with. Hope you found everyone in New York getting along well - haven't heard anything about Aunt Caddie in a long time. How is Mrs. Pierce - is she working at all, now?

Our friend to be, Harold is hoping to get into officer's training - at his age he should come off with a fairly good commission - I understand a lot of lawyers are getting into army or navy intelligence. - As for myself, there is, of course, still plenty of chance that I'll be drafted. My deferment is up the middle of January and I don't know whether it will be renewed or not. I am pretty sure it will be if the college is not taken over by the army by that time and there is a large enough student body. If the college is taken over I reckon it will need all

the math instructors who are now here and perhaps more. I'm not very much concerned - I just wish I were younger so that if I were drafted I wouldn't mind the rather unpleasant aspects of regimental life so much.

What kind of a vacation card do you have? You seem to get about more than four gallons a week would seem to be enough for. And now I hear they are going to reduce it to three gallons a week. We are having our registration function books here this week - I must get over to the registration early tomorrow morning before the crowd gets there!

Am glad to hear your hand is getting along so well. Father - apparently that solar is one of the newer concoctions. Sorry you are having trouble with your feet again, Mother - are you sure you're not wearing your old shoes too long - don't do it.

Life here is more or less a regular round - I'm out very little - so many of the people I used to see are gone now. I am very comfortable here - only wish I had made the change long ago, and saved a lot of money, for this room has been available ever since I've been in town. - I have been invited out to Thanksgiving dinner at the Belmores - it will be a good dinner, but a strenuous day, for their young son Tommy will keep things happening every minute.

The book I sent, Father, is a very belated birthday present. That happened to see it the other day - I hope you'll like it as much as the other David Grayson books. - All news, with lots of love, Grace.

Sally - just heard from you
that H. was refused by
navy.

Capecharie, Ont.

Nov. 19, 1942

Dear George:

Have just completed a
letter to Eva & now a few lines to
you before pitching into the old routine
again. Saturday was a severe
wintry day but since then it has
been fair & milder. We reached
Hotel Albert at 4 P.M. Thursday
and had a chance to rest be-
fore going out to dinner with
Uncle Frank & Addie. Evelyn &
Frank Jr. were at Hotel Wherry
we returned. Addie has greatly
improved physically & practically
cares for herself. Evelyn sees
her twice a week to do odd jobs
for her & Br. Frank goes there
Saturdays & takes her out to dinner.
Her mind is not too good & her
conversations are tiresome - she
talks continually & it is very
tiring on me. I can stand
it a short time. We left there
Tuesday & met Eva at the
Cathedral Church. The meeting

was well attended, the addresses
very fine. Reached Lewis at
six P.M. Had nice visit there
till after dinner Wed. Aunt
Hall is laid up with a bad foot
& it was quite not to see her,
working around but she still
kept track of everything & kept
reminding the girls what to
do this & that. We left at 1 P.M. &
called in Neeshawben in Sadie
Newbury & her sister. The latter is
the oldest girl married ~~30~~ or there
& is recovering from a broken
leg. Edith Doyle has been there some
time & was so pleased to see us.
We reached home 8.30 & found
everything OK now we must
get caught up - we are glad we
went tho' it did cost something -
R.R fares are higher & taxes too. Pa
has gone up street with crate of eggs.
If it were advisable I'd send you
some but it would not pay for such
a distance. Nothing definite yet about
Harold. About 75 friends. Hope you on
train at Colwell going to Camp on I. J.
Hope all is OK. Write me - now I must
get busy. Love, Mother

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELM SHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Nov. 22, 1942

Dear George:

It's nearly bed time but I'll write a few lines. This has been a pleasant day with a touch of winter in the air. We have had quite a rainy fall; I felt sure it would get to raining some day. We all went to church today and we listened to a student who was only ordinary. We have had several that have been very good indeed. Mr. Bosch's two little boys were at Sunday School today. Mr. Bosch's mother is dead in Iowa, and I suppose they have gone out there. I have been reading some in "Under My Elm" tonight and find it very interesting as all of David Grayson's books are. I laid it aside for fear of

getting through too quickly. Thank you
for it. Myrtleby mother went to the
doctor to have her foot strapped for it
had been bothering her some lately.
She had an examination and he found
her O. K. Friday evening we went out
to Jewett and mother installed the
new office of the juvenile league.
Yes, I have a B. book as well as a A
one and was told if I needed more
I could have it. I have averaged about
450 miles per month this past year.
Just now I have a great many jobs
but there is a possibility that I may not
be elected again. I would not care very much
for there is some of the work that is very
distasteful particularly the Machinery
rationing which would be very difficult and
annoying. The last time the C. P. Peerson
was there he said he didn't dare tell us of all
the things there was still to come. We are certainly
in a mess, but there's a lot to be done.
Love Father

Have
myself
apart
minutes
for
you
in
Dec. 19, 1903
I am
writing
to
you
with
love
&
affection
I hope
to
hear
from
you
soon.

Monday eve
Nov. 23/42

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George -

Just a few lines to supplement Pa's letter. It is a beautiful day here but quite cold. I have just finished hanging out the clothes which I have done each week day since last spring. It gives me an opportunity to be out in the air but when weather gets really severe, I'll have to quit that job. Saturday, Mrs. D. & I went down on several errands & stopped in to see H. and M. The latter is having a sinus attack but is carrying on just the same. Harold has been definitely refused by Navy - they intimate now they

Grant mechanics. I expect some
 definite words from Army this
 week. I hope if he goes anywhere
 M. can go with him for neither
 one will be cauterized otherwise.
 We will have Thanksgiving at
 home & have asked Mr. M. & W.
 & family. I wish you & Eva could
 be here too but that is impossible.
 I was in hopes you were going to
 Halland, but I guess Eva did not
 dare ask you as she has not
 been quite so good lately accord-
 ing to Laura. I hope you will have
 a pleasant time at your friend's
 home. It is a relief that we have no
 other definite engagements to this week
 so I hope to go to Albany Friday, tho' I
 fear I will not be able to run around
 all day. Next week will be a long one for us any-
 way.

The following week we go to Syracuse. Love, W. H. H.

626 MAC Ave
East Lansing, Mich
December 5, 1942

Dear Mother + Father,

Well, I guess the Van Schaests have been busy in both New York + Michigan since before Thanksgiving. I trust you have not been sick. I had a very annoying stomach upset the beginning of this week (from something I ate I think), but although I lost two days of work, I did manage to meet all my classes. Have felt ok. since Wednesday, but have been scurrying to catch up. To make matters more exciting, winter ahead here rather heavily last Sunday, and since then we have been having early snow and quite bitter cold, but today is fair.

I have finally got my tickets for the trip east after ordering them two weeks ago. I am leaving here on Wednesday, the 16th, stopping over night in Detroit and then taking the

Empire State the next morning (Thursday). The train is due in Albany at 6:42 P.M., too late to catch a train down to Catskill. I trust the bus is still running on such a schedule that I can get an evening bus. Will you send me the schedule of buses, and also where I can find the bus in Albany?

There is very little to report from this end. The end of the term is coming along so fast that I am spending all my time either with teaching details or in trying to get what work done I can - perhaps next term we shall have so much teaching to do there'll be no time for anything else. Nobody knows yet what the army or navy is going to do with the colleges, but it seems to be expected that we'll have some two thousand soldier students, although the college itself will not be under the army - at any rate there will be plenty of work to do.

Have heard nothing from Hallows in some time - guess they're pretty busy over there too. Hope this will reach you before you start for Syracuse, and trust you will have your usual good time there. Will you there - week later I could meet you there! - Love, George

HOTEL WEBSTER FORTY WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET

New York
[27 Dec. 1942]

Sunday noon

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a line to say that I arrived
safely & without trouble at just
Amelia. The train became more & more
crowded on the way, until finally a
number of people were standing.

Found a note here from Dan and to say
that he & Betty said feel they can
afford the trip down as they had
planned, and that they will expect
me in Danbury Tuesday evening. I
think they are being sensible, but I
shall be sorry not to have them here.

Since I shall leave Danbury early
Saturday morning, you better wish

forward any mail, ^{there} after Tuesday. The
one thing I have chiefly in mind is a
notice from my draft board - probably
a card - it will probably reach home
Wednesday or Thursday - will you put
it in an envelope and send it to
the college - if noth else, so I'll have
it Monday morning?

Now I must get some lunch and
then get organized - try and get in
touch with Morris, whom I wrote long
ago to meet me tomorrow night &
from whom I've had no answer. - So
all now - lots of love,

George.

P.S. I saw you waving from the
house, Washin, and waved back, but
couldn't tell whether you saw me. -
Saw Mrs. Nelson on the train - on her
way here to meet Norton, who's staying
on Cape Cod.

Catsackie N. Y.

Dec. 30/42

My dear George -

You shall have the first of my
new Botany. It has been raining
ever since Sunday night and still to
rain - the cisterns are about to overflow.
Have had plenty of my roods - pa has
just started for Catskill to spend the
day working on truck certificates - he was
down there Monday afternoon also. We
were very glad to get your letter yester-
day and will look for another one. I
will mail this to Danbury (air mail) and
hope you will get it before you leave.
If not it will be forwarded to you & you
will know I tried to get it to you. I did
not feel very good all day Sunday and
did not go out at all - I was knocked
out, I guess, by your departure which you
may think was very foolish. I'm glad
you saw my raining at the kitchen
door - I was wiping dishes when I heard
the train & rushed out to wave the dish towel.

pages have gone up so high and she has been so
discontented. I had little of plans for her help
there coming weeks and might have got some
of the things done if I only had known sooner.
Her prognosis is not very long for she is not
from being able to be regimented and even now says
to go for a treatment to Antioch. However, it may
prove slow to me but we will get along the best
we can and Pa will have to do and some of his
work this Spring, especially chickens.
Yesterday Pa went downtown & 9 miles met
Marge - Howard was in Albany. Pa had not
found so much the previous night but his hands
are now hot almost like the burning as usual
self. So he went to see Dr. Whitbread & he
him all the good doctors in Albany have said & was.

I could see there was quite a number
of folks on train but you were too far
away for me to recognize you. I felt
better Thursday until Mrs Delp came
home driving Deane's car at 5 o'clock.
She had not been in house only a few
minutes before she announced her
departure for good either Thursday or Fri-
day. She has accepted the job of cook
at an Episcopal School in Delaware
County. She gets \$60 per mo. which
is the drawing card as it is more than
double what we pay her. I am sorry
she did not tell us sooner as she
was supposed to give us a month's
notice - In fact she had told no one
about it, not even her own folks - Deane
does not approve of it and from what
I know of past experience, her other
relations do not either. However, we
are not sorry in some ways for she
has been here since

He advised him to go to the Clinic
in Boston & pa will go, I think but
cannot now as Mrs D is leaving.
He had a good night last night &
was quite cheerful this morning. He
will have to take at least 4 days, out
each way on trip and 2 days for
examination. I do not think the
Dr. thinks there is any chance of a cure.

Mary is quite concerned about her
faith as he does not seem to be very well
tho' she does not know what the trouble is.
Have not heard a word from Eva
since you left. I forwarded 4 letters and
cards for you to Daubeny & no doubt
you received them.

We were very glad to have your letter
and it was so welcome after you left.
It looks as if I will have Mary a day or
two & say her alone. I will keep busy &
I can do without getting too tired. It is hard to
find the right kind of help. Certainly we have new
problems ahead. Now I must get busy. Lots of love. Regards to



January 14, 1943
Dear Mother & Father - glad to get
your letter yesterday and to hear
that you seem to be getting along
without Mrs. Deaf - but you
must plan to do less of other
things. I wish she could come

POST CARD

for a few days so that you
Father, could go to Boston.
Couldn't Harold do the house
for a few days and Harold &
Marge stay with Mother night

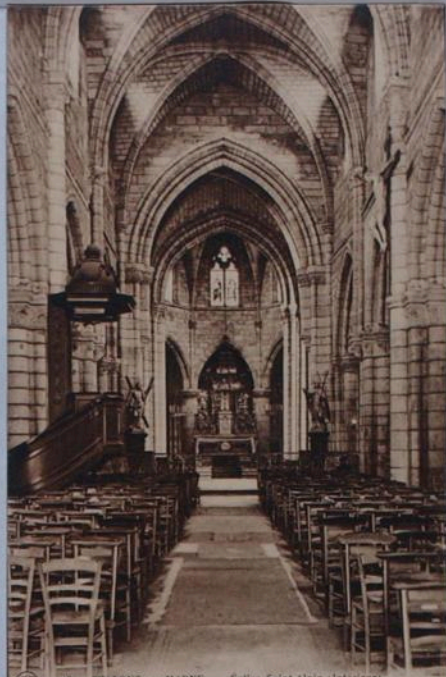
- you must not get off this
examination indefinitely.

Am glad to hear your head-
aches have not been so bad
just lately, but I don't
want you lulled into a
false sense of security.

There is little to report from
here - more snow nearly
every day - I have been
suffering with a cold ever since
I got back - without my exercise

The Cedar Grove
Wakefield, Virginia
Birthplace of George Washington

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49 - CHALONS-sur-MARNE. — Église Saint-Alpin (intérieur).
Inner view of St. Alpin Church.

but it seems to come & go,
a sore throat now and then
again a stuffed head. So
although the skating is good
I have not dared do any.

you don't say that Harold
has heard from the army
either way. - My draft board
had not sent any notice to
Cassackie - they said by
phone I was again in it a
- but ~~the report that~~
was a mistake & that it
should be 4 h. However
if the taxes keep going up
I removed it will be
cheaper to be in the
army!

you had quite a lot of
letters to a part. I wonder
how Uncle George is getting
along - it hardly seems
he can get well - but at

CARTE POSTALE

COMBES CONDANCE



Котор — Kotor

Next he is now being taken
care of.

The letter from Eva which I
spoke of finally arrived - a week
late - wonder where it could
have been. She has asked me
when I can visit her. I
hope she is being well in
Lanark, we go over - but I
must leave it up to her.

All now - I must get to
bed - thank heaven tomorrow
is Friday - no classes Satur-
day - maybe I can get something
done this week-end. - Lots
of love. George.

January 24, 1943.

Dear Mother & Father,

What a winter we are having - I often think of how you must be struggling with it and hoping your weather is not as severe as ours. We have had so much snow since I last wrote - to date (for the winter) over four feet, more than twice as much as usual - I have not seen snow piled so high in years. But this week-end has been warm and the banks have settled a great deal. I have little use for my car, fortunately, for to get out I must go through an alley, and that has been impassable for a week.

Had a letter from Miss Bayl yesterday saying Eva wants me to ^{come} go to Holland next week-end - which, of course, I shall do. Lame said that Eva has lately been very much less nervous than a year ago - perhaps her recovery is accelerating - it certainly seems that way.

I was not surprised to hear of Uncle George's death. I wonder what Henry will do now - it seems too bad there is no Van Schoek to take the place over.

No, I don't think you had told me that Harold was accepted by the army - does that mean accepted for officer training - and ^{that he} will not be included as a private even if his orders are a long time in coming?

Well, I don't seem to notice yet any decrease in your activities - in fact every letter seems to report more. What is your recipe for energy - I in case I don't have as much as you two, you get as much done. Though I may have to get more done presently if we don't get some new instructions. We are losing three more shortly - to meteorological schools, where they are being paid quite large salaries. I didn't seem to have a chance to apply, but I doubt I'd have leave here for a temporary job even at a high salary - men over forty after the war may not find it too easy to get teaching positions. So I'll stay here and pay my somewhat smaller though large income tax! - I seem finally to have thrown off my cold - it never got very severe - just kept coming & going.

Yes, the war does get on one's nerves now & then, but we are not really badly off - and on the whole things seem to be going very well for us & badly for Hitler - this may well be the best year. - Now for some sleep! Not to love - and to keep well!

Catskill, N.Y.

Jan. 20, 1943

Dear George.

It is most 11 a.m. and he
left at 9.30 for Catskill - he will be
gone probably all day. He was
in Albany all day Friday & Sat-
urday. The War Board has a
hard program now to put across
before March 1st. Every farmer
must be contacted on "Food for
Freedom" the same as in Nov.
1941 - The questionnaires are
long & complicated & with them-
day the War Board must have
a school at Catskill to instruct
the men who are to do this work &
that means pay, as Chairman has
this responsibility. The main thing
this week is to secure the men to
do the work as most farmers
have no help & cannot give time.
The O.P.A. must first promise to
allow the gas necessary. I am
so tired of the war business I'd
like to crawl in a hole & forget it
for awhile. Pa will have to be sure

a great deal for next 5 or 6 weeks
so I will lead a lonesome life. I
am getting used to being alone
but it is much nicer to have a
home as he was yesterday. We
have had everything covered with
ice even trees & shrubs for 2 days
& tho' it was fairly loud to look at
it was dangerous walking & driving.
He started for Catskill Monday
but had to give it up as something
was wrong with car - Melvin came
yesterday & fixed it in A. M. We
went up street at 3 - it rained
part of day & had a terrific wind
that broke many branches. I went
to have a "fit" at Mrs. Thomas - the
dress is almost finished & is going
to be swell & very useful - thanks
again. We stopped to call on
H & M before coming home. H
has had no further instructions
so they are still on the fence.
Owing to various conditions about
gas etc. Mayr has lost some
of the children & has only 10 on roll
now.

Will George died in hospital, last
Wed. Jan. 13 sometime before 5 a.m.
Pa was called at 5.30 to 5.45 & left Henry
as he did not answer phone call.
The funeral was on Friday at the
Gardner's funeral home. Wilbur
came for me as Pa was not home -
it was very important for him to be
at the War Board Meeting in Albany.
There was not a very large number
present - Rev. Van Es conducted the
service. He did not look natural,
as his beard was shaved off on his
request but I never thought before
that he had some of Pa's features,
especially around his mouth -
Marge was struck with this, too.
We thought it best to send one
piece of flowers for the family -
Harold & Wilbur agreed to this -
I did not see the card but we
had all the names put on, Jours
and Eva's, too.

The community yesterday was
again shocked by a sudden death
of Dayton Smith - he was in the
bank & had a stroke there - I think
he died before they got him home.

Have not heard from Mrs Deep in a
week but she has so many folks to
write to, I'm not surprised. Had a
nice letter from Eva last week on
same paper Miss Boyd wrote. I
very much wish she were in
Shapel to come home, if only for a
visit, but of course I would not
mention it for I fear a relapse.
I did not go out at all Sunday
as I was too tired - we got up so
late it makes a rush for me when
I have to get dinner, too. Mary has
invited us there to dinner next Sunday.
You know we are even barred from
going calling - Pa says he's going to take
me over to see the new baby at Jansie's
perhaps that won't be very unchristian.
H / Lays leave for Camp Saturday
from Greene County. - To-day is Sunday
but very windy - ice gone from trees but
the landscape glistens all over but ice
is so broken the roads are not too bad.
Hope you are getting over that cold - better
sit down on J N continues - pneumonia is
so often a result of neglected cold. I'm sure
I had you Harold was accepted by Army but
not told when to go. Now I'll go to mail, but
I must get his eggs filled the shelves &
after that let a little Disappear. Love
much love from Mother & Father.

George Van Schaack Was One of Oldest Citizens in Township

**Fractured Hip Led To Death
of West Coxsackie Farmer
At 90; Services Today**

George Van Schaack, one of the oldest residents of Coxsackie, died at the Greene County Memorial Hospital early Wednesday, January 13th. He had just passed his ninetieth birthday, enjoying fairly good health for a man of his years.

On Saturday afternoon he fell and sustained a broken hip which was the immediate cause of his death.

He was born and lived his entire life on the Van Schaack homestead on Coxsackie Flats. This homestead is one of the few places whose ownership has been handed down from father to son since it was settled in 1690. His parents were Aaron G. Van Schaack of Coxsackie and Mary Ann Spoor of Athens.

He was highly successful in farming and was one who loved the soil. Although of a retiring nature he was interested in community welfare and was elected trustee of School District No. 5 for many terms.

A member of the First Reformed Church in West Coxsackie, he served as Elder for many years.

Surviving are a son, Henry Van Schaack and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Jansen; two grandsons, Earl and Ralph Jansen and three great grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at Gardner's Funeral Home in Coxsackie on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Jacob Van Ess, former pastor of the Catskill Reformed Church will officiate. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Lapsackie, N.Y.

Jan. 27, 1943

Dear George:

Your letter came to-day and was very welcome. We have had some bad icy roads but the last few days have been milder and the ice is almost gone - a little more snow last night made everything look clean again.

Pa was in Catskill two whole days last week and again on Thursday - next trip Friday. If he did not have days in between when he can get his odds & ends done here at home and then rest and read, I don't know what would happen. I just hate being here alone but I find myself to do this I do just do much of hard work. You know we are supposed not to use the car at all except on business & church & Orange, so we find some reason to go out when we do. Saturday I went to Miss Moore's and got my dress - it is very nice - I've

Went to Sunday & will visit a good
deal thro' the cold weather. Sunday
we went to church & then to Harold's
to dinner & home by 4.15. They
have heard nothing more so all
still on the fence. Marge had her
plans washed & has loaned it to
the Hurlbree (Mr. H is Mayor of Cal.) - to
take care of for her. The rest of the
things are to be stored in Dr. W. G. Gader's
office. Harold expects to go to officin'
training camp but I don't believe if
that will be his first move or not.
Marge has been very nervous over the
whole affair but is keeping up etc.
Her number of children has reduced
to ten on account of the gas situation.
Harold's business too is about shot
so no one wants a lawyer who may
be gone any day. They must move
from their home by Mar. 1st any -
May as the new owners want to
move in.

I am feeling better than a few days
ago. Harold & I had

attack of nervous indigestion - don't know how
brought it on. Was about the 1st or 2nd of Jan
or 5.30 - I had tried all my remedies but
the fact that I have a doctor before I was to
in fact I was in bed. Myself he came at 9 P.M.
It was in evening & I had five spasmic
the 2 first kept at blood pressure etc. the
left 2 next tables & I slept fine - phase in
that till 10 o'clock & have gradually become
normal again. The headache & day but
it was a small lot & did not take long. I do
not mind small, making her mainly when
I am really very tired for I have some
long to rest often. No body comes to see us
or help - could see our business & the house
time a most effect me worse than the work.
We talk over the situation very often but can

to no conclusions. Good help is
scarce & very expensive & we
know of no one who could fill
Mrs Delp's place. We had a
long letter from her to - say, there
is a great deal of sickness over there
now & shortage of nurses & doctors.
She seems to have plenty of leisure
but sometimes the work is hard. I
really do not think she will ever
come back here to stay tho' she
may, but we would not ask her
to - In fact, it will be hard for
a long time to get any one for the
wages we could pay.

Glad to hear your cold is better. We
have both been fortunate in not
getting colds all this the weeks of zero
weather. It was quite a surprise hear-
ing about Roosevelt's visit to Africa.
It does look as if the War might set up
in our favor before many more months.
Hope you have a nice visit at Mrs' & tell her
all about it. Much love to Mother & Father.

February 6, 1943

Dear Mother & Father,

I am sorry that you didn't have this letter this week - somehow or other it slipped my mind the early part of the week that I should send you news of my visit to Eva - and then I suddenly realized Thursday night that I had not done so.

In several respects I thought Eva showed that she had made progress. She had had a rather bad insulin reaction the night before I reached there and was awfully rather more nervous at first than she would have been. But she very soon got herself under control and stuck so all the time I was there. After the first hour she seemed to talk with us definitely. She apparently is now able to get more done in a given time than a year ago or even six months ago. Her interest in things seems definitely less forced, more natural and varied. And when I left, it was at her suggestion that she & Lema

mother a call before returning home, as she could not have felt so tired out. She spoke some on the time of the time when she would be able to take at least a part-time job - as if that were not very near at hand, but still not very remote. I think we may feel encouraged - although I am sure it will still be a long time before she can resume a normal life. - We had a very good time together - Saturday afternoon we drove down to the lake (Nashington) and walked out on the ice, which is piled in huge masses several hundred feet out from the shore, - watched the birds which come to her feeding station, talked over the trip to Colorado, etc, etc.

I am sorry to hear that Father had such a bad attack of headache last week-end, but am glad that it has convinced him he must do something about it. So get busy with your plans and hope if you get over to Boston as soon as possible - and don't leave until you find out what is the matter. Be sure to go see Miss Hayes - she is still alive for I had a card from her. If she doesn't answer her phone call Miss Shackford (I think that's the spelling) at 20 Shepard St. and ask where Miss Hayes is living. Why don't you plan to stay with her, mother?

February 18, 1943.

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to get your letter today, although it brought me up short with the realization that it is nearly two weeks since I have written you - the time does go so fast, although the winter doesn't. We have certainly made up for lost time this year - and I guess you have bettered the record we have had here - it was down to zero over the week-end but not much below. I am glad you have the fireplace - it must be very cheery these coldest days.

I am sorry to hear about the accident Mary & Harold had - apparently they came out lucky, with no permanent injuries and with good insurance. But it is too bad Mary will not be able to take a job for a long time - I & when Harold sees it round

be much better for her if she could be washing.
I wonder why they are so slow about taking
Harold - it is very wearing to have to wait so
long, now that he has been accepted and
knows he must give up his business. Does
he know at all what kind of training he will
be having - probably not.

It has finally been announced what kind of
program the army will have here at the college
- we shall have a couple of thousand soldiers
at the lowest level, to whom we shall teach
high school math, and a thousand junior
& senior engineers to whom we shall teach
no math. Not a very exciting prospect. I am
beginning to wish I were in the army or navy
if all I am to do for the rest of the war is to
teach high school math.

I hope you have heard by now when you are
expected in Boston. What clinic are you going
to - the Leahy (?) - it is on Bay State Road - there
is quite a number of hotels near it - I should think
you ought to find something fairly reasonable if
you inquire - at least after the first night. I don't
think the Turners (Raymond) are still in Boston, but
you might try their phone number - 239 Commonwealth
Ave - they'd be glad to see you. - All news - let me
know when you go to Boston. Much love, George.

Dr. told pa he had
nothing to worry
about & could live
many years yet.

Calverton, NY
Feb. 25, 1943

Dear George:

We are home again
and I'll try to write you & Ed
a few lines for I know you are
anxious to hear the all-time.

As the examinations were
over 1.30 on Tuesday & Wed.
morning a 30 min. interview
we found we could leave
home Wed. afternoon. If pa
had not waited I think for
the bill (& then did not get it)
we would have caught the
noon train - just missed
it by 5 minutes - had to
wait till the 2:10 then we
just missed the last West
Shore train down & had to
wait two hours for the 9:30 bus.
Our car was at Millers & we
stopped & got home after 10:30
P.M.

Bob had to go to a meeting in
Menands, Albany with two
of his helpers from Catskill.
So I am alone again and
that is when I feel the worst.
I am not afraid but I al-
most panic every time - do
not let you know this as I
know the situation cannot
be changed. Jessie & Bruce
were home last night in our
car. I found everything
here just as I had left it. Any-
thing unpacking & really too
much to do any hard work to-
day. The Boston subway
is very confusing and I went
up & down these long flights
of stairs so many times be-
cause some one did not direct
us right. Jane Mrs. Hayes
& came quite surprise tho'
I telephoned first we were go-
ing there Tuesday afternoon.

She seems so much better ² and
more like herself than at our
last visit some years ago.
Had a nice visit & took her
to the College (free shop for
supper (it was jammed full)
but she would not let us pay
for her. Received four
letters on our return. Last
night - too bad we did not
think of the Tweedys - we
were at 500 Commonwealth Ave
& could have gone to see them.
We were too tired Monday night
to hunt up a reasonable hotel
& Chace & H. told us the future
was so but we had to pay 6.60
a night - all hotels have gone
up 10% - We stand 2 nights &
must just forget it - our whole
trip cost us \$46.14 and we
still have the Clune bill to
pay - they will send bill later.
Visited the Morphing Mrs night.
Of course, had did not get

full account of his name
by 5 doctors. But he did
hear from the head one who
talked to him yesterday that
the trouble is not Sinus nor
migrain - probably some
blood trouble - they took
quite a quantity from his
arm. Dr. W. G. Spade will
have the report & then we
will know more. Dr. Belle
gave him a box of very small
pills to take for a month &
if they do not help, he has
another scheme he said.
So all we can do is wait. The
weather was spring like but
streets very muddy. Maye's
able to be up now part of time.
We saw hundreds of soldiers home
on train yesterday were very solemn
as first one near us was very sad.
I felt like hugging him - for I did
talk to him - he was young & handsome.
I am glad you do rest here & go
better than T. S. Wash. Done, Mother

March 2, 1943

Dear Mother & Father,

Here it is March, and we seem still to be in winter -
gees here again last night, and very cold now. But
the back of winter must be beaten, and we know
it can't go on severely for long. How useless the
last three months would have seemed had we
known when the first snow fell what we
were in for.

I was glad to have your letter reporting on your
trip to Boston, and am eagerly awaiting a complete
account of the results of the examination. I am
relieved to know that the doctor said you
have nothing to worry about. I hope the pills he
gave you have had some effect.

How nice that you were able to see Miss Hager
- for sure she was very much tickled. What a
constitution she must have - I wish I could see
her. - Even had ^{you} had my letter before you went
you would not have been able to find the Treasury

for they have been back in Nevada for two
months, according to a letter I just had from
Raymond. I had written him that you were going
to be in Boston - and that he was there Monday
and tried to reach you at the device, but of
course you had not yet arrived.

Had a nice note from Eva yesterday. In ^{spite}
she has been nervous again since my visit. ^{But}
good - if only it helped her to have me go - pro-
bably in a way it really does, but it is a shame
she has to suffer afterward. She said Louis's
nephew is stationed in Chicago now and that
they are looking forward to having him come up.

Am wondering if Harold expects to go to camp this
month - I trust so far he must be tired of working
around. So you don't want me to go, too! Better
watch out - all my childless friends of my age &
some older have gone, most of them to some service
and I may get the bug. Mill was the last - he
left a month ago, with a commission - lieutenant
junior grade - in the Navy and is having his
basic training at Annapolis - after that his
due for a year's training at Columbia - for what
he doesn't know. - All now - keep well, don't
work hard and don't worry. Lots of love,
Gwen.

Copsackie N. J.,
March 10th 1943

My dear George:

Have just written Eva and
It is now bed time - I am writing
to-night as I expect to be in Harold's
all day to-morrow to help packing -
they must get out by Monday.
Pa is going to Catskill for the day;
he will conduct an ACP meeting
in the Saulpaugh Hotel at which
the head man (Manchester) from
Washington will be the ^{speaker} ~~lecturer~~.
We were in Catskill this A. M.
as I had a dental appointment
and Myron wanted to go to
the office. This afternoon I had
a meeting of Street and he
went to the Doctor's. The report
has come from Clinic and

I don't think either pa or Dr.
Thanks much of it. I read it
over but so many medical
terms are beyond our translation
The main thing seem to be
arteries, blood pressure & kidney
but pa had headaches about
15 years & not there other ail-
ments. However he is going to
follow directions take the
pills they advised & maybe
he will get some help. The
headaches have not been
so severe since our trip to B.

Had quite a snow storm
Saturday and it is still here
as weather has been very cold
again. Had just enough
rain & hail to make plenty of
ice but it did thaw just a little

^{some I repeated}
this part
Two afternoon: 7-
Morrow I am going to
help packing at Harold's - they must get
out on Monday. They have hired a furnace
worker, Lane on the way. St. Louis has already
to a doctor in the evening of course, St. Louis
called every day & from Chicago letters to Boston
He is up & around now mostly same but
cannot rise for night now. Noel Grandin
nursed his case yesterday & the outlook
about same fine but still to know did so
he think St. Louis is coming soon.
Now little worried very much & no
big fear, no one going. I would not fear
anything in your way if you think it is
the best course - I don't know. Every thing

is so mixed up all over that
one hardly knows what to do from
one day to next. I have spent
three evenings & part of one after-
noon on one nuisance but spent
what a complicated thing it is - I
think I could make it much
simpler and just as effective. I
was shocked at the hat we have
to pay but it can't be helped.

A few minutes ago Mrs Self
called on phone from Hudson
she is coming here to-morrow
late afternoon & stay one night.

It is sad time & I guess we'll
begin to-morrow is another
busy day. We can't be spring but
it will bring many more
things to do - we will have to try
soon to get some help but it is
almost impossible. Good night
My dear - I look for a letter from - ^{Love} ^{Walter}

March 11, 1943.

Dear Mother & Father,

This is the dull time of year in these parts - nothing of local interest, except the weather - which I suppose you have plenty of also. Snow goes again this week - I'm sure I can't remember anything like that in March before - but now it is warm again & rather springlike.

We are getting very close to the end of term - exams will be over a week from Saturday. It has not been a very satisfactory term - interest has been very lacking among the boys - most of them expect to be in the army next month and have accordingly let their work slide to a lower level than I have ever seen. My classes have grown quite a bit smaller since January - I had about 55 students to begin with and have scarcely 30 left. So all told I shall be glad to have the term end. We shall have a week's vacation - I am not sure

whether I shall go away at all - travelling
is something of a chore now-a-days - I may
go to Chicago for a couple of days - it would
be nice to see the Roberts again, and probably
worthwhile to get away from here even for
a brief spell.

Had a nice letter from Eva on Monday. She said
her indigestion had largely disappeared since she
had stopped taking one of her medicines. They had
had some company on Saturday, without her
having been unduly upset over it - something
that would not have been possible a year
ago.

Am wondering how the pills are keeping for
headaches - if they don't keep soon make a kick
you must keep at this! And do you have the
full report yet? - I was surprised to hear
you were preparing for more chicks - I thought
I told you to plan not to work so hard.

Now I must go to class - wonder if you'll
get this Saturday - mail seems to be very
slow these days - five days sometimes from
Detroit here! - Mrs. Wheeler got her name in
the local paper again this week! - Keep well
and don't work so hard - Lots of love. George.

Coxsackie, N.Y.

March 16/43

Dear George:

After several spring days
we are having a very rainy day.
We had planned to go to Albany
to see Dr. Dodge about my feet
but not only the weather pre-
vented but also pa is not feeling
at all well. For two nights he has
had the terrific headaches such
as he has not had since we were
in Boston. Also he had quite a
bad attack of vertigo yesterday
night & so neither one of us had
much rest. He has been trying
to throw it all off to-day but
he ate very little dinner & then
decided he'd go to bed. So he has
been on couch singing & talking
so you know what that means.
I have called the doctor & depend
him any minute. I think per-
haps it is a grippe attack and
he has been very busy lately. I
will write what doctor says
after he gets here. You will be
glad to hear he cancelled his

order for chickens last week -
he realized with two more new
responsibilities thrust on him
he must cut out something.
Of course about three of the
things will soon be over as
season advances. We are all
relieved he has decided not
to have little chickens. Wilbur
is to take 300 of the 500 pa
expected to have & he & Red
will care for them - pa has
let them have his electric
brooder. Wilbur is coming
down soon to bring me a loaf
of bread get in some fire wood
& tend to the chickens - we
still have a little over a
hundred that are laying
about 50% which is very good.
We all had a hard week
last week - I helped patch
dikes one day for Mr & Mrs
pa was in Calhoun all day.
That is all I could do to help
them out. They moved yester-
day - stored most of the things

in Dr. Wm. Gradle's attic. They
had rented an apartment in
house west of the Odd Fellows
Hall (the old Hotel) downtown.
On Saturday they moved some
things there (it is partly furnished)
& just after that Harold got his
mail & a letter from Buffalo;
this was a copy of a letter the
draft board and there sent to
our General C. D. Board stating
that H. must go on 23rd if
Hood test he must have in
Cottrell at once is ok. But
to date he has not heard from
our County Board. So it has
been an awful time up and
Marge unable to work but
she has but Sunday & will
for some time, probably till she
goes to Boston to stay. Poor Harold
has had some hard knocks
but he does take them very calmly
tho' he is not as cheerful & happy
as he was before all this trouble.

Pa is quite restless w/ his go-
ing to go sit by him^t with
me later.

5:30^{PM} Well, Doctor has been here and
says pa has the Grip though
he has no cold. I have him
all tucked in bed & he must
stay there all day to-morrow
and may be Thursday, too. Be-
fore mailing this I will write
how he feels to-morrow. I
was extremely nervous all last
week but seem to be b.c. again.
Mrs. Wolf walked in on us Friday
night to stay over till Sat. eve.
She seems to like her job & there
are no signs of her coming back
any soon if at all. Margarita
is coming to work to-morrow
& I'll probably have her come
to clean up the last of week as
she used to do. Help is scarce
& high priced so we must do
the best we can. Hope you will
have a restful & pleasant week off.
Much love, Mother.

10 a. M. Wednesday

P. S.

Pa had a fairly good night and feels much better but his very weak and temperature is still 101 - I just called the doctor and he said to keep on with pills every 2 hrs. and feed only liquids. I think the worry about so many things lately added to all his duties has helped to make him col- lapse - a good rest in bed for several days will do wonders for him & he has learned probably to go slower. I am feeling fairly good - so much better than last week when I cried often for nothing at all - pure nervousness. It is still raining very hard & Margareta did not come for which I was very glad.

Wilbur came yesterday at 6 &
attended to the furnace &
the chickens - He is coming
again before noon & probably
this evening too. He has had a
bad sore throat & cold but
is better now.

I just talked to Harold on phone
and he says he has had no word
yet from the Draft Board - He
will call on them tomorrow &
find out how things stand. He
cannot come out to see us
as he has no car - He has used
Wilbur's car occasionally of
late in day time, especially to
cut some things here & there. We
were going to the Waage with us to
see Dr Dodge as he wants to see how
he must back me. Maybe, we
will all be able to go some time
next week. Guess this is enough
for one letter & remember "no
news is good news."

Again much love,
Mother.

March 18, 1943.

Dear Mother & Father,

Glad to have your letter come late this afternoon, but I am very sorry to hear of your illness, Father. I hope it is nothing but grippe and general fatigue, and that you are already well along on the mend. You must learn to take things easier - you can't do so much. I am glad to hear that you have decided against having chicks - that is a good move - now make another one and decide to have only a small garden - enough only for the house - and also decide to keep landscaping at a minimum this year.

I suppose Harold must have had his arses straightened out by this time. It must have been a strain to have to wait so long, and I reckon that when he finally reaches camp he will feel a relief at having it all settled. I feel sure he will rather enjoy the training, for he will be in a bunch of educated fellows, and will find much to drink

him in getting acquainted with them - which I believe he takes to. Where is he going - or doesn't he know his training place? I hope you are not worrying over his going - of course you will miss him, but I am sure that at least for a long time he will be in no danger - and you'd better wait to worry about that until and if it comes.

It may be something of a shock to you, but I think it is best for you to have everything at once and get it over with! You have taken the hints in two of my recent letters. It is very probable that I shall shortly be going myself. A month ago I started negotiations for applying for a commission in the Navy - my complete papers were in one less week ago, and this week I heard that they had been sent to Washington with recommendation for approval. If a commission is to be granted I shall know in from three to eight weeks - probably earlier than later. I think it is probable the commission will be granted, for I believe the district offices make few recommendations unless they expect them to be taken - and, just at present, there is such a large expansion going on in the Navy program that trained people of all sorts are in demand. I do not know for what kind of work I am applying

but I shall probably eventually be teaching
somewhere. It is likely I shall first, however,
have a period of two months or more, of training.

How all this came about I can't really say
- about the first of February, I suddenly ^{seemed to} feel that
I wanted to join some service - as I was
before, such a large percentage of my friends
are already in - choosing the Navy seemed
natural to me - I have never felt any attraction
to the army, but I have (since Pearl Harbor)
thought occasionally of the possibility of
joining the Navy.

This is being kept a dark secret here - I am
sure the administration will be angry with
me, and will not consider giving me a leave - so
far they have given leaves only to certain people
- namely those in demand or those whom they
thought they couldn't use anyhow. So if I go
I shall probably be leaving here permanently.
What I may get after the war I don't know,
but this place shows every sign of getting worse
and worse, and I doubt ^{even} were times normal I
could stomach it much longer.

I shall probably spend part of next week packing
up some of my stuff, for I might not have

much time taken - if I don't go to the Navy after
all, I shall leave it packed, for I intend to
get out of here anyhow. I am planning tentatively
to spend the latter part of the week in Chicago,
staying with the Bolinds, but I have yet to
hear whether they can have me. I don't think I
shall try to see Eva again so soon, but if I
leave I shall of course try to get over to
see her before I go.

I hope I shall have word from you soon that
Father is better. But if his illness should persist
and you need me at home let me know and I'll
try to come.

All news - I'll take this down to the main post-
office and send it air-mail, so maybe you'll
have it on Saturday. - Don't worry! Lots of
love,
George.

P.S. I have written Eva about my application -
Lama wrote that she thought it was best
she knew of it.

(I would be nice to have
you home but not necessary
for you to come as I will
write now - ~~March 21~~)

Cassadaga N. Y.
March 22/43

Dear George -

Your letter arrived to-
day - I don't think air mail
letters more any faster than
3¢ stamps - mind they did.

First I will tell you about
Father. You will be glad to hear
he is evidently on the road to
recovery - he has been in bed a
week and lived entirely on liquids
until to-day when he had a slight
change. The trouble is intestinal
grip - there has been an epidemic
in town & vicinity and Pa's case
has been worse because he was
just tired out. His temperature
ran between 101 & 104 but since
Saturday it has been normal & he
feels very good except for those
awful headaches which pop up
now & then. Thursday night he
was delirious & at 2 A.M. I called Dr.
He came right out bringing my shoes

with him - H. said till he got
sounded asleep after the hypo-
dermic. He was milder on
Friday but was not normal till
3 o'clock that afternoon. He has
not been here today but may
come later - He thinks the work
is over - but it may be some
days yet before he can get about.
He has been reading the head
lines in Times but is now asleep.
I am feeling quite well in spite
of the work's worry, if only
my felt were normal. We
had planned to go to Dr Dodge
last Tuesday but could not.
Margaretta was here Thursday
to Wash & iron & 1/2 da Saturday
to clean. Melvin comes every
morning & evening bring me
necessary groceries & calls for
the 100 chickens & the furnace.
Still worry for Jim one evening
though along this line is going to
be O.K. Mrs Pa will be alone ^{now.}

Now in regard to Harold - he has
been in an awful mischief & has
been kept on edge so long. He
went to Cateharts via an Draft Board
Thursday - they had filed the letter
from Buffalo & then forgot it. So
H had to go to Dr Branch & have
blood taken - the Board needed
it to Albany with directions to
send to Buffalo at once. H ex-
pected a call this AM from Buffalo
but none came so he telephoned
there. They said they expected him
to-morrow but his blood test
had not yet arrived. So Harold
leaves for Buffalo to-morrow on
11 P.M. train - will probably re-
turn for 1 week before final trip.
They went to see Dr Dodge Saturday
& he was not very cheerful about
Mayer's back - she had had a
jit filed her in town but he
told her she must not take any
work for at least 6 weeks - Her
arm & wrist are still painful at times.

They plan to go to Boston Saturday
& H. will go to Buffalo from there.
We do not know when he goes from
Buffalo. Both H & W are quite
nervous after all their trouble.

Now about my George. We are
not surprised as we "smelled a
rat" long ago. You know better
than we do about your situation
and of course we have nothing
to say. I hope you will get
nicely located and will never
have to cross the Ocean. I
shall think of you ^{both} continually
and will expect to hear from you
sooner, possibly. When you have
a fullough here is home.

Miss Bay's letter lately said she
wa wanted you to visit them this
week - she said wa's much less
nervous. - This is a longer letter
than I expected to write to discuss
shop now. Hope whatever your
efforts will be for the best and your
will return safe & sound. Be good
by & God Bless you. Love Mother.

626 MAC Ave
East Lansing, Mich.
March 24, 1943

Dear Mother & Father,

Your letter has just come to relieve my mind - I am leaving town before the next mail and was afraid I wouldn't hear from you before I went.

I am glad to hear you are getting better, Father - you have not had a very pleasant time, I'm sure, but I think the long rest in bed, even though you were sick, will have done you much good. And when you do get around again, take it easy and don't try to make up for lost time. I wish I could have been here to keep the two of you - I hope you have not worn yourselves out, Mother - better than regular rest for a couple of weeks now.

I did not understand that Eva and Lorna were expecting me this week - Eva did mention my coming sometime before I checked over for the hay, but made no specific invitation for this week - and with no word from Lorna I assumed they thought it best to postpone my visit. So I planned to go to Chicago today to stay with the Balents until Sunday. I called Eva last night and thought she sounded disappoointed I was not coming. So now I am writing Lorna to suggest getting there Saturday evening if I can and if she thinks it wise - I hope she will, and that the Balents will not have tied me up for Saturday evening. - My address in Chicago will be E. A. T. Balent, 114 North Parkside.

I finally got my grading etc done on Monday morning. Since then I've kept busy with minor but pressing details - cleaning my room (we've had no cleaning done for nearly two months) - washing some

things and straightening out a lot of papers etc with a view to getting out of here in a hurry if I must. It has been beautiful weather now for several days and I have been enjoying going back forth on my bike again.

Harold has certainly had a hard row lately. He must have spent a small fortune trying to get into the army - he's practically earned a service stripe already with all his trips to Buffalo & New York.

All news - I have a lot to do before leaving - hope I shall find a seat on the train and not have to stand to Chicago. Shall reach there about eight tonight. - Shall look for word from you early next week and to hear that Father is all well again. Lots of love - and take it easy.
George.

Sat. Mar. 27/43

Dear George:

I'm sorry I must give you a shock but you might as well know now as ever. Pa was suddenly stricken with appendicitis Friday morning & operated on at 10 o'clock - Harold & I spent an anxious 2 hours & was so relieved when he was brought down safe & doctor said everything ok. I staid with him till after 8 & had a special nurse for him for night. Harold took me home & brought Gerrie's for the night & Wilbur brought me down this morning at 10. Doctor was here & said everything fine - Pa sleeps most of time and I am right at his bed side. I think there is no need for worry but it will take about 10 days at least for recovery. I might have to stay at Brougham's & probably to-morrow night too. In fact I will be here every day & way. Stay every night - I brought my suit case to-day - our home is closed for present. Margaretha was here yesterday & did washing & ironing. We had such hopes on Thursday - Pa felt so good & laid on couch by fire place all day. We had dinner & supper in there. What brought the appendicitis in no one knows but he suffered intense pain for several hours.

Your letter also one from Eva & one
from Laura was in yesterday's mail.
Was glad to hear from you all - Hope
you will have a nice visit with her.
I am holding up fine tho I am quite
tired - not so much from work as
anxiety & loss of sleep. Harold &
Wage were to leave for Boston today
but were sensible in changing plans.
Harold will remain till Monday
night (also sleep to Buffalo) & will
see pa several times. He is coming this
evening. Wage will either have the
folks come after her or go alone to Boston
next week. She is quite a nervous wreck
and needs a good rest & care. She is
so anxious to get a job but cannot at-
tempt any work for some weeks. Harold
must report at Fort Niagara & from
there to some camp Le Bois knows of.
At a meeting of our congregation on
Thurs night we heard pa was elected an
Elder - pretty late with this honor.
It would be nice if you were near
enough to come to see a few days but
you are so far - I will keep you informed
as much as possible. Don't worry for
I'm not happy & believe pa will recover
so many others have. Will you come home
before you go to camp? I hope so.
Much love, Mother.

April 9, 1943.

Dear Mother,

As you probably suspect from the writing I am still on the train. Have just had breakfast - it is middle morning and we are still two hours out of Detroit. In short, we are very late, there having been a freight wreck between Rochester & Buffalo, which held us up for nearly four hours. But I didn't know about it until this morning for I was asleep by eleven and didn't really wake up until seven - for once a good sleep on the train.

I hope you and Eva slept as well - and Jim pretty sure you did, for I think both of you have kept yourselves in such good control these last ten days that you have acquired the habit. I am so very glad that the two of you were able to bear up so well - you will find

it a great help to look back upon, realizing that that is the way Father would have liked it - and it was a great help to me, and is such, for I did have to leave, and while I hated to go I could go without fear of leaving you to yourselves.

Please take it easy these next ten days - don't feel that there is anything which must be done before you go to Holland, and remember the 'see-saw rule' - lots of rest will do more for you than anything else.

I wonder if you've been able to read to her - this train jiggles so I shall stop. Lots of love and carriage to you both, & send me frequent word.
George.

P.S. Please don't stay at Margie's party too long.

P.S. #2. I am hoping you will have
word from Mrs. Delp today - and that
it will be good word. But if it isn't
quite what you expected or hoped,
please don't be upset by it at all -
we shall get it worked out in time.
You must not worry about money.
Promise?

We are going through the very flat
country in southern Ontario now -
not a ripple in the land as far as one can
see. It is a beautiful sunny day -
apparently warm - everything is flowing
horracing or some such thing - it all
looks so peaceful - and then along
comes a trainload of tanks.



500 FIREPROOF ROOMS

HOTEL OLDS
LANSING, MICHIGAN

April 10, 1943

Dear Mother,

No, I am not staying at the 'Olds' - merely writing on some paper that I fell here to.

There was no word from you & Eva today - which I suppose was to be expected - but I am not worrying about you for as I look back on how you were when I left you I feel sure you are getting along splendidly. Still, I do look hopefully for at least a word on Monday.

I am wondering when you are planning to leave. I am hoping you have planned for Friday evening, for I shall be in Detroit on Friday and would like to stay over to meet you there Saturday morning and drive you to ~~Grand Rapids~~ Halland, staying over there until Sunday, if convenient with Laura. This is the only way I see of making sure that I see you again before



500 FIREPROOF ROOMS

HOTEL OLDS
LANSING, MICHIGAN

I go East. If you can get ready, & leave
Friday evening, make reservation now
for any one of the three trains from Albany
& Detroit, namely:

# 33	leave Albany	8:55 P.M.	arrive Detroit	8:00 A.M.
# 17	" "	9:05 " "	" "	7:35 A.M.
# 47	" "	9:59 " "	" "	8:25 A.M.

By one one-way Albany-Detroit, and one
round trip Albany-Detroit.

Should you be unable to do this, but could
come on Saturday night, arriving G. P.
Sunday morning at 11:45 I would try to
meet you there and drive you to Holland
to stay only for the afternoon. Hence
you can see I much prefer the Friday night
arrangement if you can make it.

Let me know your plan by wire not later
than Thursday morning, for I may leave
& see R.S.



500 FIREPROOF ROOMS

HOTEL OLDS
LANSING, MICHIGAN

Here Thursday afternoon. However, I
can be reached if necessary on Friday by
wire to Detroit-Leland Hotel.
(Leland.)

Expect to leave E. Lansing for Boston on
Tuesday the 20th.

Am writing in great haste so you
may get this on Monday.

Lots of love to you both and I
hope I may see you next week.

Grays.

P.S. I would meet you at the station, of course.

P.S. There is no train from G. R. to Holland
on Sunday - you would have to use
bus. If I couldn't meet you.

My present phone # is Lansing 8-1600.

Apr. 10/43

1130 O'ly.

Dear George -

My A. are in kitchen - I
have been so busy with the
necessary odds & ends. Letter
from Virginia yesterday to me
I did not sound as if she had
yet received your letter. She
wants to come May! It & asked
me to order 500 checks - I
called up Finzer today & he
cannot furnish them till
May 20th. Slept fine last
night from soon after ten to
6 a.m. but little rest the
night before. Eva went to
Cattell yesterday with Harold
& Wayne & ordered wreath.
Weather more spring like
but I expect rains soon.
Hope you arrived O.K. and

Will not have too hard,
a time packing and
try not to be nervous.

Milton has been packing
an egg case.

Sorry I cannot write
more but I've given you
the gist of situation at
home. I am quite ok,
was very tired yesterday be-
cause of a little sleep the
previous night.

am getting the acknow-
ledgements off & have only
a few more to do in next few
days - taking quite a pack to
Adland to answer at leisure.
Will try to write and every day
till I leave.
Love from
- S.W. -
Mum & Dad

Catsackie N. Y.

April 13, 1943

Dear George-

It is after ten a.m. and this is the first thing I am doing as I just got dressed. Eva insisted on my having breakfast in bed. We were to Harold's last night for a farewell and I took the opportunity to see Doctor. He said I must take plenty of rest and I intend to do so. Have been hustling ever since you left but the work is over and I am going to get ready to leave Tuesday night. We were glad to get your two letters yesterday and have told Mrs. Hems to get reservations for the train No 17 leaving Albany 9.05 & reaching Detroit 7.35 a.m. If we cannot get reservations for that one we'll try the other 2 you mentioned & if we can't get any we will go just the same and sit up & meet you at Detroit Saturday a.m. somewhere between 7.35 & 8.25 a.m. Will send telegram to day or to morning

as soon as we get reservations.

This is the first real spring day since the one after the funeral.

Community was shocked yesterday when we heard Mrs. Warren died at 11 A.M. in Hospital. She had blood poisoning - I feel so sorry for her - of course this doll up my settle - ment - Harold could not contact anyone at office yesterday.

Ira is O.K. most of time - Imbue sees us most every day & is very helpful. If I do not hear anything definite from Mrs. Delp by Friday, I'll call her up. Be sure to tell Laurie how and when we will arrive at her home. Now I must get started on other things. I finished the telephone work yesterday and now I feel free to take it easy and just get packed. It will be wonderful to see you Saturday morning.

April 13, 1943

Dear Mother,

I was so glad to get your letter yesterday and card today - first to reassure me that everything is going well with you and Eva, and secondly to hear that Mrs. Delf is planning to come to you - and to come as soon. I think it would be fine if she could get there a few days before you return from Holland.

I am wondering what you & Eva have decided about coming. I am hoping that you are not feeling too rushed to get away Friday night or Saturday night. I don't know why I didn't write you and suggest that you stay overnight in Detroit - you could then go straight to Holland on the morning train - or stay until afternoon and get to Grand Rapids in the evening. I hope you'll be able to stay over if I am and when I see if you (if I do!) I'll urge you to.

I am getting along with my packing fairly well and by another twenty-four hours should be pretty well cleaned up.

That will leave me nearly a day for all
the things that will crop up at the end.

It is very late and I am quite tired so
I'll not write more. I hope I'll be able
to stay the week-end in Detroit - I can
get quite rested in those few days.

Remember what I told you about travelling
easy - spend a little extra instead of
spending yourself. Lots of love to you
both and high hopes of seeing you.

George.

P.S. If you haven't decided to leave until
Monday, but think you could get away
Sunday night I shall probably be in
Detroit yet on Monday morning and
would be very glad to have you stop
there.

Catawbie Wf.
Aug. 16/43

My dear George:

Another cool spell after
some very warm days. I wish
I could see some of that won-
derful scenery out West - I am
glad you can see it and hope
you may have opportunity to
have some good times. Life
here is so different for me
and some times I don't know
what to do to pass the time. I
read & sew and wash things
and clean out drawers etc.
We have heard the pleasure
van is off & again we hear it
will not be off till Sept 1st.
The piano was tuned this AM.
by the man from Albany -
thanks to you very much. He
charged only \$3 because he
got him 2 other customers,
Fanny Russell & Dorothy Pawan.

Yesterday Ella Moore came
& is leaving to-day, she is
making the rounds of her
folks for her vacation. Patie
is here also for a few days -
she is no trouble at all & good
company. Mrs D. is not feel-
ing very well & we are going to
Albany this afternoon so she can
have a treatment - she should have
gone before but always puts it
off too long. After getting so good
for two weeks, I had to see
Dr W. G. again & he found the
blood pressure was up to 160 -
not alarming but too high for
me. So I am again taking the
3 kinds of medicine. - Am feeling
very good now but will continue
medicine for some time. I guess
not much news to tell so I go but so
little. Don't worry about me & I hope
you keep well & will not get too tired. ^{much}

(Apr 19, 1943)
Sunday evening

Dear Mother & Eva,

I am aboard the train, so you may not be able to read this scrawl - but I didn't get around to dropping you a line from Detroit to let you know I was getting off alright. I'll mail this in Boston tomorrow so you'll know I have arrived etc.

I was so relieved last night to hear you had reached Holland, without trouble - the crowd in the station was so terrible I hated to leave the thought of you standing there so I just sent you on the train.

I had just had dinner when I called you, having had a couple of hours sleep before I called you. Then I checked over all my things to see that every thing was in order - and fell asleep that by nice good hours of sleep. Had a leisurely breakfast late this morning and then spent the afternoon packing - the final act being to get dressed in my uniform. I wish you could see

it, for I must care for it looks well -
and it does do something for me - the
first five minutes outside I felt as con-
spicuous as if I were naked, but soon
began to feel quite natural in it.

I left two bags with Mr. Maunheimer to
be sent by express to you - and a bunch
of keys, which contains keys for these bags
& for the trunk which is being sent you
The clothes in the bags should be cleaned
but not pressed. - I think somewhere
in the trunk or bag you will find a
mechanical alarm clock - just re-
member where you put it for I may
sometimes need to get one & they are
not easy to find.

It was so good to see you both yesterday
and I was so sorry I couldn't spend the
whole day with you. I only hope the
train trip didn't prove too bad a day
to the day. Mr. Maunheimer was very
regretful that I had not arranged to
have you & him meet - I would have
liked to, but felt I didn't want to put
you under any more strain than necessary
- and when you are tired meeting and
people is a strain. - All now - shall
send you an address as soon as I get one
and please look forward soon. Lots of love
George.

[Apr. 31, 1943]

Tuesday Even.

Dear Mother & Eva,

I wrote you a letter last night & then left it in the hotel room - perhaps it was found & mailed. I hope so, for I must take time tonight to write over again.

Have survived the first hard day at the school without feeling too badly now late in the evening - but I can see it isn't going to be any picnic.

Have half a room at 185 Beacon St., Boston, which address will do for the immediate future - in fact till just before I leave here. The phone number is Commonwealth 9418.

The most urgent item I wrote last night regarded the mechanical alarm clock - if you can find it among the packages sent you by express please send it at once - be sure to let it run down and mark the package

'alarm clock' & worse - so it wait
be compensated as an internal machine!

Am really feeling fine & would
write more if I didn't have to get to
bed for rising at 6:15. Have spent
the evening unpacking & getting settled.
Best to Laura & love of love to you
both.

George.



Lt (jg) G. B. Van Schaeck
U. S. N. R.

185 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

P.O. Holland Mich.

April 22/43

My dear George:

We were so glad to get your letter yesterday and another one to-day. It is fine you have met a nice companion and that your preliminaries are over. Had a letter from Maye but it was far from cheerful - at least her husband is alive but she is very unhappy. We also have had a letter from Harold written Friday at Ft. Tappan and another one yesterday mailed in Wash. D.C. on way to ^{Fort} Curtis, Va. He said the group of 50 he was with was a very fine class of men. Eva got the key in mail this a.m. and has found the alarm clock & will mail it soon. I am still staying in bed till 9 A.M. but wake at 5 or 6. The 2 or 3 hours until Eva comes in are very lonely ones - that was the time lately, that part I did some visiting.

I am still feeling very tired but I know it is a reaction. I wash the dishes and sometimes help Eva get meals - read the news and do some mending for Eva. She keeps busy and has been very normal since we arrived. Laura was at Grand Rapids & we had supper rather late - Eva had secured some thick & a sand-mitch for me on train - I also had in my bag some cookies & an orange. I thought I was to call for Eva en route but the table turned & she took care of me like a trained maid.

Sunday we drove to beach on Lake Mich. - it was cold & windy. I had not seen the lake since 1893. Tuesday we had quite a snow storm till noon. Yesterday afternoon drove around town and on return Eva & Laura started to dig up the garden spot. To-day is a real spring day - I have been reading the U.S. times on ~~back~~^{front} porch in the sun. Eva is fixing a lunch & we are going somewhere by the water to get. I enjoy the Lake here and all the birds - have written some letters and together the problems of work at home. I hope work will continue to feel good & will not get in any dangerous place. Love from us both. Mother

Dear George,

Bless you for the letter which
came this morning. I am doing
up the alarm clock and perhaps
the hand. & today. (However, I doubt
that you could get it before then day.
I'll take your care of the insurance
papers. Thank you. My dear big
brother for thinking of me. Mamma
is quite upset at the key west prospect
for you for she considers that a very
dangerous spot. She is hoping you'll
have a partner and will be able to
return to Crossack before you go that
far away. She is keeping up
very well and has been near to

happened about the house. From now
on we'll have more to do for I must
start the garden. This is our first &
really spring. Ah day. When I came
the seeds ordered March 26 had not
come but I see the air near tells
unmistakably and thus warning
the seeds come. Want to get the
first things in to-day or to-morrow.
I haven't been able to call to mind
the place for the garden. Do you know?
I had not written it down. However I
shall go ahead and not worry about
that which I cannot recall. I
am very happy to have Mauna
with me. I could hardly have left
her. It is hard to see her bear up
so well under her grief. The great
ache which we all ^{have in} ~~have~~ ^{our} hearts
must be borne as best
each one of us is able. In a

Mamma Weber has the most
difficult burden of the children for
her life must go on without the
help of change and the steadiness
of new surroundings. — I
have a lunch prepared. We'll
drive as far as to amount of
gas we have will allow. It is a
shame to eat indoors the first
really spring-like day. Of course, we'll
have to eat in the car. Send Mamma
a card as often as you can for
you know how she depends upon
him and as strongly she leans upon
you. You have been a tower of
strength to her and to me.
Love as always. Eva

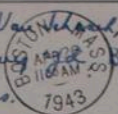
P.S. The Hepaticas on the bank were
in full bloom on Sunday and a
few yellow narcissi have bloomed on
the bank. The narcissus bed by
the house is full of buds and will
be beautiful within a few days.

The rades came through without
trouble except that the deal pointer
had become loosened and had
fallen off. I'll take the rades to town
Monday.

Don't think more about my
rib!! It hurts only when I
change from horizontal to a vertical
position and when I try to saw
wood. I can spade without difficulty.
I can saw the wood. Perhaps the
trouble is not with a rib after all.

E.

From Et (12) 90 Van Schaack, USA
ASWIS, Nanyang Bldg
Boston, Mass.



BACK STAMP



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack
& Miss Laura A. Boyd
HOLLAND

Rd. Michigan

April 25, 1943.

Dear Mother & Eva,

It was so good to have word
of you again yesterday - and I am
glad to hear that you are
making out so well - I hope
these next two or three weeks will
be warm & spring-like for you will
then so much more enjoy your
visit. - Had dinner Thursday with
the Murphys - a pleasant but
short evening for I need to go
to bed so early in order to get up
at six. Called on Miss Hayes
last evening - she has been laid
up with the grippe for the last
three weeks but is getting around
again. - Slept late this morning
had breakfast & went over to the
school, working until six. Then
dinner, now back in my room
taking care of my clothes, etc. etc.
& writing a few notes. Lots of
love to you both. George.

Becker with address on inside of flap



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Lt (JG) Geo. B. Van Schaack USNR
ASWIS Navy Yard Bldg 5
Boston, Mass.

Holland, Mich.

April 28/4

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about
arrived

Dear George.

It was so nice to get your card this AM - also had letters from Margret & Jessie. I am catching up with my acknowledged gardeners but get more most every day. Things are about as usual here. Ma is busy with her garden and we do not get away very much. I rest, read, mend, write & try to go out doors every day. Have had a few spring days but it has been cool this week. Marie Moti all is at home. Mary seems quite all right. Fred and H. I. feel is Louisa, so it would be well if M. could get a job near H. I. It is hard on both of you to have to get up so early. We sent him a cake to-day for his birthday Mon. Hope all gets in time. Will it may be had to get word from you.

Love - Mother.

This is Harold's
birthday ^{no party}
^{this year.}

Holland, Mich.
May 3rd 1943

Dear George;

It was so nice to get your card this morning and hear how are feeling better. The picture on the card made me think of my first visit to Boston in 1895 - I thought it wonderful to have an opportunity to see Faneuil Hall but the vicinity has changed. I hope you got the card I sent last week; have also forwarded one or more pieces of mail and have one now ready to send to you. Had a nice letter from Eric last week. I felt as if I ought to go home soon but Eva wants me to stay till the boys are out - they are very late owing to the cold weather - it has been cold, rainy and very windy most of the time. Friday we drove to Ottawa Beach just to see the big breakers on the lake - it was much like we have seen on the ocean at Ocean Park. Yesterday I went with Laura at 4 P.M. to a vesper service in the College Chapel - what a beautiful building it is - I have often seen pictures of it - I was glad to be in the building where Eva graduated. Eva did not feel very good and it was wise that she staid here and took a nap. She seems to feel good to-day. She has a large part of her Reg. money started and is

interested in it. The lake here has
been quite rough now for about a
week but I'd like to look at it. I
am getting acclimated and think
now I could find my way around
this section and even in town. Some
days I take a walk around the near-
by roads - occasionally Eva is with me.
Mrs. Delp wrote she would leave Hope
Farm May 1st and stop to visit in
Rhinebeck, Hudson's Agents so I guess
she will be home sometime this week.
I may go home next week end but
the following week end must be the
limit - there are many things waiting
my attention. I dread the first step
in the house but I know I must face
the lonely home sooner or later. I am
feeling very good except some head-
aches which I think is due to thinking
which I cannot get away from. I
sleep fine every night and getting
lazy though I do help some with the
work when I get up. All four things are
here - some came last Friday while the
College prof. brought them as he had been to
Visit his son. I have washed & mended all four
socks that needed attention - I think you will
take good care of the rest. Did you pay for
the soap on trunk - Eva thought you paid so but
she said that the same on all.

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ADWIS, Navy Yard, Bldg 5
Boston, Mass.

May 4, 1943.

Dear Mother,

I guess if you are sure to have word of me for Mother's Day I must send a letter off in the morning - mail is so slow these days, - and tomorrow night I shall be working till nine and more than ready for bed when I get home.

I hope you have planned to stay with Eoa until after next Sunday at least. It will be so nice for you to spend Mother's Day with her after so many years when you have not been able to be together for that day. I wish I could come to spend the day with you - but I can obviously be there only in spirit. I shall be thinking of you with especial love and remembering what a fond mother you have been. This year you will be one of a large company who will be separated from their sons because of the war, - but out of the more lucky ones of that company, for yours will not be in danger now will you have lost either of them

- and I trust you want. So have as happy
a day as you can and look forward to
an anniversary when we can be together.

- If I can get away I am planning to spend
Saturday evening & Sunday with Raymond
Tuesday & his wife up in Nashua.

I had my second typhoid shot today, and
as far have not had any unpleasant reaction
- guess I got all of mine last week. But my
roommate who was pretty sick last week
has is quite sick again tonight. So, just in
case I've still got something causing me going
to bed right now - though that won't be
very early.

Again all best wishes for Sunday and lots of
love,
George.

Holland, Mich.

May 9, 1943

My dear George:

Eva and I have just returned from a long walk. We took it easy and saw many kinds of birds and various plants & flowers along the road. Today has been beautiful but it acts like June now (7 P.M.) I went to Church & S. S. with Laura this A.M. - Eva spent her time getting a swell dinner - chicken, mashed potatoes, asparagus, celery, jelly, coffee, Louis made ice cream, muffins and cake. She insisted on my having breakfast in bed & then presented me with the fine Mother's Day gift from you and all - a nice black bag. Thank you so much for such a nice present and for loving thought of me. I also received your letter Friday and it was just a lovely Mother's Day letter and I appreciate all you wrote. Had cards & address from Harold & M. Tuesday we went to Ottawa beach & took our lunch - walked on beach picking up stones etc. + took a load of wood. Wednesday I went to Missionary meeting with Laura in the Church and Thursday we all went to see Marie Bamberg.

Evie has been transplanting her
tomatoes plants etc. - onions, peas,
lettuce, radishes etc are peeping
up in garden. Plum & Cherry trees are
in blossom, tulips opening and other
flowers, too.

I had a letter from the Civil Service
Commission about pay raising,
I must fill out a big sheet of
questions but I'll wait till I see
Warren as I don't understand it all.
Have also had Dr. Edwards bill for
operation for \$50

Harold's letters sound rather gloomy,
he is so disappointed because he
thinks he is not going to get a Commission.
Of course he is homesick as he always
used to be when away from home.

I hope you had a nice visit at Tuesday.

I have decided to go home on same
train we did Sat. morning May 22nd.
Have had just 1 letter from Walter & one
from Jessie - nothing from Mrs. Delp
in a week but I think she is probably at
our house now. I am anxious to get
home and get some of the details and
problems settled tho' I dread the first
step in the house. I hope to see you some time
before long & have a good visit. Love, Mother.

Copy of Resolution
sent to me last week.

Inasmuch as it has pleased our
Almighty Father to call home our
esteemed friend and Co-worker,
Elder-elect Myron B. Van Schaack,
and in appreciation of the long
years of Christian Service and his
ever readiness to Champion any
good movement,

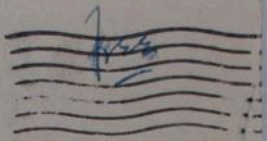
We the members of the Classis of Geneva
assembled in the First Reformed
Church at West Caspachie on April
20, 1943, wish to express our heart-
felt sympathy to Mrs Lillian B.
Van Schaack and members of her
Family.

And hereby move that this resolution
be placed in minutes of this meeting
and a copy sent to Mrs Van Schaack
and a copy to the Intelligent reader.

West Caspachie
April 20, 1943

Committee
Rev. John H. Newmark
Earl G. Brougham,

From *Pvt H. Van Schaack*
Outfit _____
Camp *Bethany A Bn Co*
Location *J. E. Eustis Va*



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Lt (i.g.) George S. Van Schaack
ASNR
ASWIS
Navy Yard
Boston Mass

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Dear George-

Thanks for the card.

Case is OK with me but I am not kidding about not expecting any com.

It's all too complicated to explain. I'll do the best I can and keep out of the grand scheme.

I finally got "Coast Artillery" this pm we are going to have a class.

Weather writes that she expects to be home around the 16 or 17th.

Good luck in anything you do and let me hear from you once in a while -
Dr. E. W. Howard

ASWIS, Navy Yard. Bldg 5
Boston, Mass.
May 12, 1943.

Dear Mother,

It was very good to get your letter today - I had not had any mail for several days and was beginning to feel neglected! Am so glad you had such an enjoyable Mother's Day and that you liked the gift. Apparently you had the same beautiful weather we did - a practically perfect day. I was with the Treaseys, drove over to Groton in the morning to go to the service in the school chapel there. I was surprised to find the school just a very small place - only 200 pupils, and few buildings, - but a nice site, looking off ^{to} the west to Monadnock and the surrounding hills. I found both of the Treaseys seeming to be in pretty good health, - Raymond has made an excellent recovery from his illness of last summer. I had a very enjoyable time with them. They asked after you, and expressed much regret that they had not been able to find you in Boston last February.

Since the week end I have been working very hard, until nine or eleven both nights,

but knocked off early tonight - having a cold
and also having had my third typhoid
shot today. I think I shall feel pretty good
in the morning if I get to bed soon.

Talked with Marge this evening - she is planning
to go down to see Harold this week-end if he
can get a 36 hour leave - perhaps even if not.
I think it will do them both good to have a
day together.

I have been told that my next orders will
send me to Key West. I must arrive there on
Sunday, May 30, which means my leaving
New York on Friday afternoon. I shall not
be able to get away from here until late Thursday
afternoon. That means, of course, that I shall
not be able to get home. Since I don't know
where I shall go from Key West or what time I
shall have I would like to take this opportunity
to see you in New York. I don't like to ask you to
make that tiresome journey so soon after
you get home, but the Navy is the Navy. So
I am urging you to come to New York on the
27th and see me off on Friday afternoon. I expect
to get to NY at 9:45 in the evening and have
reserved rooms for us at The Webster Hotel,
next 45th St - one is in your name - when you
get off the ferry you had better take a taxi
straight to the hotel. - This must be all. Hope you
have heard from Mrs. D. that she is now in Cortachic.
Best to Laura, and lots of love to you & Eva.

George

Holland Mich.

May 15/43

Dear George-

Was so glad to get your letter
this morning and I want to answer
at once so I can mail reply to Morrow.
I remember you said before you would
go to Key West in a short time. But I had
not realized it would be quite so soon
! However as you say, "Navy is the Navy"
and we must just abide by the rules.
Of course I want to see you before you
leave and as far as I know how I can
meet you in N. Y. Mrs. Welp has been at
our house with Patsy for a week now but
she says they had 3 days rain and every-
thing was flooded out doors; it will be
some time before the ground is fit to plow
for garden. To-day it has been most
like winter here, dark, cold, windy & raining.
We had planned to go to Lake Umbagog
this road but will have to stay indoors.
Yesterday we had an afternoon tea in
my honcy - 4 lady guests & it was nice
to meet them. We were all tired out &
did not get up very early nor work
much to-day. I have my fullman
reservations for next Saturday & Laura
will take me to Grand Rapids & someone
will meet me Sunday morning at 3.52
I have pretty well caught up with my
correspondence - have written over a

Hundred cards and letters most of
 them acknowledgements of flowers etc.
 next week will be busy as there are
 some things we want to do & places to go;
 weather has been mostly disagreeable
 and we have been waiting for nice
 days but they are few & far between.
 Wednesday Laura took me to D.A.R.
 luncheon & meeting - I was glad to
 have the change & find out the kind
 of meeting they have. I will have
 much to tell you when we can visit.
 All day I have been thinking of your
 letter and trying to make some plans.
 Thought I might go to N. Y. Thursday Aug.
 train and have Evelyn meet me
 either at depot or hotel. Then she
 could take me to see sister Addie
 & maybe Frank & Broome would
 be there too. It will probably be my
 last trip to N.Y. in a long long time.
 I would be back at Webster hotel before
 you reached there. Then after you
 leave me on Friday I might go over
 to Grace's & stay over night going home
 next day. Grace might meet me in N.Y.
 or tell me just how to get over to Georgia.
 What do you think about this? I will
 write to both Evelyn & Grace to find out
 if this plan is all for them. Do not send
 any mail here after the 19th as I would
 not get it. Had a nice letter from Mrs. J. W. -
 they enjoyed our visit so much, I am quite ok.

Ira is as usual - some news - but not bad. Much love to mother.

May 19, 1943.

Dearest Mother,

Just a few lines before bedtime so that you will have some word of me when you get back home. I wish I could be there to welcome you, though as glad as I know you would be to have me I could only delay and not alleviate the harshness of this home-coming. It will be hard for you, I know, and I wish you could be spared it, but you have been so brave all along that I know you will be thrown new and come through this experience stronger for having had it. Keep as busy as you can without overdoing, and be sure that you get enough real sleep - don't allow yourself to be awake thinking - take something to make you sleep, and when you can't sleep in the morning get up & get busy, and then sleep in the afternoon. I am so glad that Mrs. Deef is going to be there with you - I know she will take good care of you.

I trust you will have had a comfortable trip home, though I regret you must get

up so early to get out at Albany.

I am delighted that you will come to New
York next Thursday. I think your plan
to get there early and be met by Evelyn
is good and I hope it will go through.
And by all means do stay over in house
on Friday night. I trust the room at the
Hotel will be ready for you by noon - one
of them (yours or mine) should be, but I
wot, just leave your bags there and
feel them when you will be back. As
by any chance they haven't reserved
rooms or carit, leave me a note telling
me where you have been able to get
rooms for us and I shall come there
after going to the Hotel.

Well, this must be all, - I am very kind
& must get to bed. Lots of love and
much courage,
George

Holland, Mich.,

May 20, 1943

My dear George:

It is now seven A.M. and I have been awake some time as I am every morning, but I have slept well most every night. Up till a few days ago I had breakfast in bed at eight but now I get up as I am OK and want to relieve Eva. She has not been quite so well lately - I think she is upset partly because I must go home. She has been seeing too many people lately. It has been raining now for three days and does not look too promising this morning tho we had a nice sun set last night. The garden is growing fast and she is so proud of it - they will have peas to eat before our garden at home is planted. This is the day the chicks for Mrs. Deep are to arrive. Had a card yesterday from Marge from Richmond - I'm so glad she could be with Harold a couple of days - he will feel better now. Had a nice letter from Wilbur on Tuesday - everything at home - I will be so glad to get home, I'm really homesick, too. The weather has delayed the tulips in this place but there are quantities of them just the same. Laura took me to town yesterday afternoon and we saw many beautiful plots of tulips thro the center of some of the streets. We also saw a free movie showing the tulip celebration of two years ago - it was very fine. The usual parade etc. are not to be held this year.

Eva was very good yesterday & seems to be to-day - she has been very good since

The weather has kept us from some of our plans for this week but we can't help it. Perhaps this afternoon we will go to town + see some things I haven't seen yet. I also want to get a few necessary things in the stores. Unless I didn't tell you the hospital bill was cut \$31 as the Assoc. Hospital Service of Wm. paid that much. I haven't paid any bills yet but will next week if possible. Dr. Early, the Doctor that consulted with Dr. H. G. sent me a bill for \$20 + Dr. Edwards' bill was \$50.

I sent Jean a card from Detroit and when she replied she said if you were going East by way of N. Y. she wanted to see you + asked me to tell you. But by that time you had gone to Boston so I did not mention it to you. I am wondering if you intended to meet her at all next week. - I hear Eva getting up in next room so I better get dressed. We have a new mail man here + he does not come till 11 A.M. So that gives me a chance to get ready for him. I hope I'll get some word from you when I get home.

P.S. - Do you want me to keep sending you these cards
 from P.O. Dept.?
 Much love from
 Mother.

P. - A. M. - just got wishes finished - no sun + looks like more rain - I am sorry I could not be outdoors more since he has been here.



June 3, 1943

EN ROUTE

Wednesday morning

Dearest Mother,

I have been wondering how you & Mrs. Welp reached home last night - I trust without any trouble - the sky had apparently not cleared when I went to bed, but I hope that didn't mean it would all your way home. Thank both of you so much for driving me up to Albany.

My train was on time and they kept fast too. Was in bed and shortly asleep - I slept all night, not getting up until nine thirty. Have had breakfast, read awhile,

looked out of the window at the
lupines, which are growing in
quantities along the right of way -
and still there's no horse to Chicago
- we are quite late.

I am so glad I was able to
get home for a few days - to
find you & Mrs. Deep settling in so
well. It won't be easy for you
I know, and you will have hard
times, but I think the worst
hurdle has been crossed. Plan
to live simply and rest a lot. I
am sorry you will have to be so
confined, but at least you
are in a nice place, which is more
than a great many have.

All now, - I hope to hear & line
from you when I reach San Diego.
Lots of love & regards,
Perry.

Mrs Delp sends the
4 leaf clones - she
finds lots of them

I can't find even 1

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

June 4/43

Dear George:

I hope you will receive this
when you arrive, or on Monday anyway.
Nothing of importance except to tell you
how much we miss you - there seemed
to be a big hole left in the house. Had
a letter from Eva Wed. and air on Thurs.
I hope you talked to her yesterday. We
had a "dry" drive home Tues. night -
stopped to tell Wilbur we were O.K. just
as he was ready to start for Schenectady.
He had just telephoned here but no reply.
He was here yesterday AM & did up some
odds & ends. He seems so tired & has so
much to do at home I hate to ask him
to come here - besides the gas rationing is
growing more serious - only 2 1/2 gal for A. 134C.

Wednesday was quite warm with a
shower in afternoon - yesterday was
sunny hot. We cleaned my bed-
room in A.M. & relaxed in afternoon.
I am sleeping up stairs now as I do
not feel safe alone downstairs when
windows must be open. I use my
bedroom in daytime & just go up stairs
to sleep. I am thinking of you
all the time and wish I could have
such a wonderful trip but not just
as you do with future so indefinite.
Mrs Delp is packing up case. We
are going in a little while to Athens
to get the baby chicks. Very hot to day
& I'm sure won't need the electric
brooder an. Hope you have a pleasant
and safe trip and will keep well.
If you are too busy or tired to write letters
just send a postal once in a while.
Lots of love, Mother.

Mr. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

June 26/43

Dear George;

We are having sultry weather day after day - hope we have rain soon. Everything is still green - flowers in bloom also shrubbery - some of latter is gone already. The roses are the nicest we ever had; pa did try so often to have nice roses but never succeeded as he wanted to. The grass in new lawn has not yet been cut; when Ghorman gets a day off he will cut it with a scythe. Mrs D has all veg cups + plants in the garden + now that the berries are most gone there will be less rush. She picked all the berries + we sold 38 boxes at 20¢ except for 4 we got 25¢ each. Could have sold lots more if we had them but we have had enough + it means so much more work. Jane picked 5 or 6 boxes for herself + nice but I did

not charge her. I gave Mrs D 1/2 of what
me got, paid each time - that was only
fair. She works hard some days but I
can't get her to let things go - & come her
chicks & our hens consume much time
egg are getting fewer & soon we will
sell all our hens & she will sell pullets.
It was so good to get your letter, your
experience & Harold's are wide apart. He
says they are taking only 2 out of 3 to 4 hun-
dred for officers training, so he stands
barely no chance. Genl Magee is down there
now & they expect to have next week on
Furlough. Eva's letters all tell of such
dry weather there.

Well don't be alarmed but I am just
recovering from a weeks illness. Dr W. G.
was here Monday & Wednesday but he has
fixed me up so to-day I am dazed & lay in
hammock all morning. I am taking the best
Vit. B. liquid, also hypophosphites & must take
it easy till I get more strength & pep. Don't worry
about me - Good General's honor's heart & kidney
at. Sleep fine. Mrs D is going to Poinciana or Chumuck
will mail this - I would not go even if I were able.

Worth
much love



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack
Coxsackie
New York

Class 73A

West Coast Sound School

San Diego 1, Calif.

Dear Mother, [Jun 8, 1942]

Reached here in fine shape yesterday after spending the night in Los Angeles. Have been assigned very comfortable quarters and hope to feel better soon. Here up at six and start classes at three thirty. The work won't be hard this week - a sort of review of what we did in Boston, but there'll be harder stuff later. So far California hasn't come up to reports - have achieved both mornings in a fog! I'll write a letter soon. Hope all is well & lots of love, George.

Catspackie, N.Y.

June 11, 1943

My dear George:

I have just written to Harold and somehow it always brings tears to my eyes when I write to him. I have not heard from Marge since the night you called up & she talked to me too. I hope she is not ill or feared or something. Mrs D & I went to Dr. W. J. last night & he said they had not heard from her in a long time. Her blood pressure is still 150 & Mrs D's has dropped to 150 from 180. Dr gave me a new kind of pill to get me down to normal 140 but he still says it is due to the upset I recently had & nothing alarming.

It was so nice to get that pretty
card ^{yesterday} mailed in Postoffice.
It took 5 days coming - I wonder
if all our mail each way will
be so long - well that is not as
bad as what you over last.

We have had 3 beautiful days
but cool since the last rainy
day when it just poured all day.
So you see the ground is still
very wet - if it does not rain
again soon maybe we can
start veg. garden next week.

Mrs Delp keeps busy continually
and I'm afraid she is trying to
do too much. She loves the flowers
& has been quite busy with them.
Had Sherman one day this
week but he left the job of

fixing the chick platform
uncompleted so we will
have to finish it up. Mrber
keeps the lawns around
the house mowed - he comes
about 3 times a week but
is always so busy I don't
to ask him to do anything
tho' he is so willing & has
helped me so much.

Just had a telephone call
from New York about Aunt
Addie. Evelyn had written
me she is down in bed again.
This call was from a com-
munity worker of Grace
church. She could not get in
touch with Young Frank &

Well Frank is away somewhere
(don't know where) for a month.
This woman wanted my per-
mission to take Addie to a
nursing home - expenses \$28
weekly - of course, I agreed
but said I would not as-
sume any responsibility,
financially or otherwise. The
hotel manager said she must
be moved to-day or they would
send her to City Hospital. This
is all very upsetting to me but
I will try to throw it off - I have
so many other problems.
Now I must run to mail box -
much love my dear & I hope
you are well & safe & will have
no mishaps.

M. E. Twister.

Class 73A

West Coast Sound School

San Diego 1, California.

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N.B.

June 11, 1943.

Dear Mother

It was good finally to have word of you again yesterday - it took your letter six days to reach here - which is not bad time for ordinary mail these days - I think it may have been held up a day because of the incomplete address - I had not known to tell you to write San Diego 1 - you may have heard that most cities have just recently been divided into postal districts.

The school here is brand new, having been open only about seven weeks - a large group of four story buildings right on San Diego harbor, opposite the city. It is for both Officers & enlisted men, and there are perhaps six to eight hundred of us. I was fortunate in getting a room in the B.O.O. (Bachelor Officers Quarters), which are very comfortable and where we get pretty good food - there are practically no places in town for eat - this city is crammed with service men of all

kinds - downtown night before last I would say four out of five men were in civ. form. So far the work has been rather dull - a sort of rehash of what we did at Boston, but it is beginning to pick up now.

So far as I am concerned the weather of California's weather is exploded - it has been cloudy here more than half the time since Sunday, with a chilly damp wind - and this morning it rained, although the natives called it "fog"!

The trip out was of course very interesting - especially through Colorado & New Mexico on Friday - quite stunning scenery, but not the real thrill such as one would find in the various national parks. The ride Saturday morning through the desert of Southern California was interesting too, but the scenery is something to be seen once & henceforth avoided - absolute desolation for two hundred miles. Landed Los Angeles very crowded - finally found a room with a very severely hotel - the room was in a bungalow in a small private park. It was a fine day and since there was a swimming pool I had a sun-bath & a swim. Can't say on here Sunday morning met an engineer on the train whom I had as a tutor at Harvard a dozen years ago - his the third of my former Harvard students I've so far found in the Navy.

Had a pleasant stop off in Chicago -
Mr. Maubert met me and saw me off the
next day - Wednesday evening we went to
the apartment of a friend to his where he
made played violin sonatas for a while.
Couldn't get Eva on the phone that evening
(but did succeed the next morning). She
seemed to be alright and said everything
was going smoothly.

I was glad to hear you had had an easy
trip home from Albany. I trust the chickens
were available on Friday and that the
first few days of taking care of them have
not brought any problems. Are wondering
if you have finally been able to make a
garden - anyhow you are not as bad
off as the people in the middle west - I
saw hundreds of square miles of farm
land under water in Illinois & Missouri.

Don't work too hard & don't try to do
too many things. I am well & getting
along fine. Best to Mr. Deaf & lots of
love to you,
George.

* & thanks for the nice & deep clones.

June 18, 1943

Dear Mother,

My record of letters written tells me it's a week since my last to you, and if I don't write tonight nothing will get mailed before Monday.

Was very glad to get your letter day before yesterday, but sorry to hear you have been upset over Aunt Addie again. You cannot of course take any responsibility for her beyond morally supporting any move to make her comfortable - so far as I know she (with Uncle Fennel's help, perhaps) has enough to take care of her and there's no reason why she shouldn't use it. You may feel partly canceled by the fact that the call wasn't to ask if she could come up to Oxtardie, - that would have been a difficult situation. Whatever happens you must not let her come. I hope by this time you have heard that she is safely

in the nursing home and that Uncle Frank has taken charge & responsibility.

I trust it has not rained with you lately so that you have finally been able to make a garden. But I hope you want have so large a garden that Mrs. D. will be tempted to overwork in it. You must keep her from trying to do too much, for if she gets ill you would be in a fix - insist on her seeing the doctor often enough. Trust every-thing is going alright with the children so that you're not having anxiety over them.

Am writing with some distraction - my room mate is receiving party. But big & large his guide satisfactory as a roommate - not one I would have chosen, but he's very easy to get along with and generally quite considerate. A good sense of humor, generous and kind-hearted - a rather typical Englishman - from Oakland, California.

We have spent the last three days sailing up & down the harbor in small launches 'particating' - not very exciting, for we officers had nothing to do but sit & study, but I so enjoy being on the

water that the time passed gently.
It was quite noisy, however, for planes
were taking off all the time going
right over us at very low altitudes
- and of course all sorts of ships were
coming in & going out all day. The weather
this week has been much better with a
great deal of sun, although there has
been some fog.

I don't understand Margie's not writing
you - but I'm sure she's not pleased
- perhaps you've heard from her by word.

I know you can't help feeling tearful
about Harold, but I don't think you
need to worry about him. I think he
has not had an easy time, but he
will come out of it alright, one way or
another, and the experience will pro-
bably have been good for him.

Hope your blood pressure has be-
gun to go down - I'm not surprised
it has been up, and I'm sure that with
plenty of rest and in time it will go
down.

Well, I must go to bed - have been
studying this evening. Shall send
this air-mail - it should reach you

on Monday or Tuesday - your letter
was 5 days in coming - which is very
good time. - Best regards to Mrs. D.
and lots of love,
Geary.

June 20/43

Mrs. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

My dear George:

We are having a very hot day
after most a week of fair & cool weather.
I am very unwell to-day - did not go to
church for I had such a headache.
Sundays are the hardest days for me
for them I am the most. My feet
are acting some better but I cannot
wear the arch support in left shoe for
it make the bunion very painful. I
find I cannot go around much on
the place - it hurts my feet & makes
me so tired. Mrs. D. has picked all the
berries so far except what I did for
herself. We sold 14 quarts yesterday
downtown & have an order for 4 for
to-morrow. Had Sherman one day
last week to do a number of odd jobs.
The new lawn not yet mowed & looks like a

hay field. Mrs. D. has the garden planted
and a number of flowers, too. It is fine
she likes that work. To-day we had
onions from our garden. It is almost
impossible to get meat in town so Melba
bought me a 3 lb. roast in Albany - we
fried some first day & to-day roasted
some & still have 2 big slices frozen in
refrigerator. Little chickens doing fine.
Hens not laying quite so many & we may
probably sell them in about a month.
Have cleaned the living room but
still have 3 rooms & Hall to clean up.
Melba has so much to do at home we
have not seen much of him lately. Had
a letter from Harold a few days ago - he
is so disappointed because he cannot get
in officers training. Marge has been visiting in
Hartford 3 weeks - she is going to Virginia next
week end to stay a week. I was very happy to
get Jay's will long letter & hear about your
trip - hope you will have good luck all this.
Mr. Brownham called Friday - also the Shute's
knacks here for summer. All for now,
Love, Mother

26 Fairmount
Nashua - N. H.
10 May '43

Dear Mrs Van Schaak:

George came to spend the weekend with us and I am eager to tell you how well we think he is looking. He seems so entirely satisfied with his decision to enter the Navy. Even in this short time, it certainly already shows its good effect. He doesn't mind the concentrated hard work implied, and is ready for whatever comes along.

Our attempts to reach you while you and Mr. Van S. were in Boston were

in vain, I regret to say. Both Tweed
and I did everything we could to locate
you. As it happens Hotel Kenmore is
only a few blocks away from our
Boston apartment (239 Commers-
wellth Ave) so that it would have
been very accessible. Much has
happened since then, as I realize.
The printed account of Mr. Van S's
life gave a faithful reflection of
what your life together has been
all these years. George says that
you are bearing up well. After
all, what can we do but carry

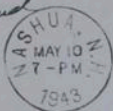
on as best we may — even if
our wings are broken! There
is so much sorrow and anxiety
stalking in this troubled world,
that neither you nor I want to
add more. Our son, Harold Tweedy
entered the Army Air Corps last
August. His wife and two small
children are in Washington doing
their bit. So it goes!

The enclosed Cinnamon-leaf
book-mark was made in China.
How brave those people have been!
We shall keep in touch with George
— Mr Tweedy is very fond of your



Tweedy
26 Farmington
Nashua - N. H.

Forgot to show you this nice little -
I purchased it while in Holland



Mr Myron B Van Schaak
Crochester
N. Y.
RD #4
Holland, Michigan
% L.A. Boyd

PROF. REUBEN V. GUNN

**Agricultural Expert at Michigan
State College 16 Years**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
EAST LANSING, Mich., June 3
—Professor Reuben V. Gunn, a
member of the Michigan State Col-
lege faculty for the last sixteen
years, died last night in a Lansing
hospital of a coronary occlusion
which he suffered on Tuesday. His
age was 55.

Elevated recently to Professor of
Agricultural Economics, he earlier
had served as extension economist.
His farm economic analysis had
gained him wide recognition. His
conclusions were published annu-
ally in Agricultural Outlook, is-
sued by the college extension serv-
ice. He was also author of the
Agricultural Economic News, pub-
lished quarterly.

He taught at the University of
Wisconsin from 1914 to 1918 and
at Oregon State College from 1918
to 1923. He was born in Murray-
ville, Ill.

He leaves a widow, Christina; a
daughter, Mrs. John K. Coolidge of
Birmingham, Mich.; one son, Ser-
geant Stanley Gunn, Camp Wallis,
Texas; his mother, Mrs. Nellie
Gunn, of Port Huron, Mich.; four
brothers and three sisters.

Thanks for Mrs. T's letter - and the stitching - I
knew the case of the man - had him in class.

June 27, 1943

Dear Mother,

I am rather late this week in
writing - in fact have been very
lax about all correspondence
for the past few days. It's been
rather hectic and we have had more
errands to do and I have
had two errands in town. Even
now it is time for bed, but I have
been sleeping most of the evening
so I guess I can delay retiring.
Have been out aboard ship all day
in the wind and sun, standing
all the time - which is what makes
me sleepy, I guess. This has been
my first day on the ocean, and to
me thrilling as such, although we
got only a few miles off shore and
that in a quite small vessel - a
110 ft converted yacht that used to
belong to some movie people. We

were aboard at seven this morning
but there was such a fog we didn't
abandon off until ten o'clock - after
that the sun came out very hot. It
was a calm day, but there were
still some pretty good swells, and
the small ship tossed about quite
a bit - in fact constantly. I was
quite pleased to find that I didn't
feel a bit seasick - however I
don't know what might happen in
a rough sea. We go out again to-
morrow & Tuesday in this same craft
- then three days on a destroyer -
and again all next week on same
sort of ship. - I finish here on
Saturday the 10th and expect to
leave Los Angeles Sunday noon. I
shall not have as much time to get
back to Boston as I had coming here
and I do not know yet whether I
shall be able to get home. I think
however I shall be able to stop
for one night and shall let you
know as soon as I find out - I do hope so.

There is the possibility also that my
orders will be changed and that I
shall be kept here for another ten
weeks before returning to Boston
- there is a considerable rumor to
this effect, but so far it is only
a rumor.

Had last Sunday off - an only day
off in the five weeks - it was so
unusual one didn't know what to do
with it - I wanted to go swimming
and finally fell in with a group
from here going over to La Jolla ten
or a dozen miles away to swim. There
wasn't much of a beach, but the
sun-bathing was good and the
dip in the water wonderful - tempera-
ture about 65°, and plenty of reef,
so I had a good fight with the waves.
On Tuesday I was in town for dinner
with a friend of Mr. Maumblimers and
a friend of his - the latter a navy
man stationed at the Marine Base -
a psychologist, who turned out
to know Daniel Griffin well - had

met him years ago when they were
back in Auandale. After dinner we
got on the roof of the highest hotel
in the city and looked out over the
harbor and the city ^{and} back to the
mountains which surround S.D.
- though as usual it was so foggy
we could only just pick them out.

Am glad to hear the chicks are doing
so well - and hope that you have
been able to plant some garden. Just
better hang on to a few of the hens for
eating - meat is scarce - we get a
little bacon or sausage every morning
and rarely always meat for dinner
which is at noon, but it's sometimes
a job to find it on one's plate. Practi-
cally no beef, - roast beef, beef & no
steak. - Am sorry to hear you are
having trouble with your feet again -
you must not neglect them - if they
don't improve go back to Dr. Dodge
soon. - Had a nice long letter from
Eva this week - after all the rain there
they are now having a draught - what
a pity. - All news - time for bed, for
I must hang up at 5:45. Lots of love, George.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

July 2nd / 43

Dear George -

Your nice letter came yesterday and I was glad to hear all about your activities. I don't just like the ocean trips for you and I hurt and pray you will be kept safe from disasters. We have been having several very cold days but it is warming up to night. I have had a busy week and especially yesterday & to-day when we cleaned the front hall & the dining room. Melvin was here this morn-
ing and we spent most an hour discuss-
ing things - he has many problems and so hard. I have heard nothing from Warren in over two weeks - it does seem to take so long to settle an estate. Well Wednesday I got a bill from Lakey Chice for \$30 - it might have been worse. To-day I received the check from the Navy and thanks very much - it will help out fine. Yesterday I got a long letter from Eva - she seems to want to tell

me her enemy more, also Laura's too.
Had a letter Wednesday from James
written Monday informing me he was
leaving Tuesday for Brookline and
would be here to see us soon. He has
quit as many others have because
they cannot enter office having
as they were supposed to do - if he had
not quit, he would soon have to go
over seas - he may be drafted but many
say not much chance of that at his age.
Neil Brandau is home too, for some
reason - also one of the Catskill boys,
nothing from Mary in some time. I
am quite all right & have considerable plp.
I do not go out much - it disturbs me
just to walk around the place - there
are so many things that must be re-
glected, it irritates me to think of what
might have been. Cannot get anyone to
cut the grass on the new lawn. I do hope
you will leave next week & stop to see us.
I will not write to you again till I am
sure where you will be so let me know.
Thomas Hoppling died yesterday 93 yrs old.
Everything looking green around here & the flowers
& shrubbery are beautiful. Much love
Mother.

July 5, 1945

Dear Mother,

Just a few lines before I turn in. It was scary to hear that you had been ill - but your letter Saturday and your cards today have relieved ^{me} - I hope that by now you are feeling very fit again. You must take things easy, especially during this hot weather - I say 'this' - meaning yours, for here it is real very hot.

We at sea all of last week, but came in every night - on a small converted yacht the first three days and on a drifter the last three - we got out about five or six miles and spent the days in exercises. This week are out

on another converted yacht for
the whole week, coming in Monday
Wednesday & Friday evening and staying
out the other nights. Last night was
the first of them - we were about
twenty miles out - I didn't get a
sight of land, although we could
see no land because of the mist.
Considering our restricted accom-
modations I spent a comfortable
night. Before going to bed I went
out on deck and saw a lot of
fluorescent fish swimming around
the ship. During the day I saw
several flying fish - I had heard
of them but never taken them
seriously - they are like small
sels with airplane wings - quite
cute. Have been very pleased
to find that I do not seem to
get sea sick.

Have heard no news of change of address
yet - unless there is a change I shall

leave N.Y. Sunday morning getting
to Chicago Tuesday noon - leaving
there that evening and reaching
Albany 11:24 A.M. Wednesday. If
you have business in Albany I'd
be glad to have you meet me there
- otherwise I'd come down to Cassville
on the mid afternoon train (3:50
at Cassville). In any case I
shall call you from Albany - if you
don't answer I'll assume you'll
meet me for lunch in Albany -
at the station around 11:30 or 12.
Must be in Boston Friday morning
- have written for reservation on
Thursday night train - hope I'll get
it for otherwise I shall have to
leave Thursday noon. I have
written to Mr. Charles Fendrych,
Division Passenger Agent, Union
Station, Albany and gave him
Mr. Murphy's name. You might
call him up and explain if you

Wednesday then check the reservation.

All for now - I must get to bed.

Hope you're ok again and that
Mrs. D is keeping well. Lots of love,

Gray.

P.S. Shall telegraph you if orders are
changed.

July 17, 1943
[ASW 15, Navy Yard, Bldg 5]
Boston, Mass.

Dearest Mother,

Just a few lines before I turn in
and try to sleep in this heat, - Boston
is putting on a pretty good show of hot
weather and on this top floor at
1st Beacon it's rather warm, - but
there is a cooler breeze tonight.

Reported yesterday morning and
on duty till three - from then until
late last night got my things moved
here & got settled. On duty again
today until three thirty - since then
a nap and clearing up some details
of records etc. Was told today we
might have our assignments Monday -
no hint where they will be. Must
work tomorrow 10-5 - then Jim
going out to Murphy's for supper -
Marge is planning to leave for Cleveland
on Thursday.

I am so glad I was able to get
home of even for so short a time.
But I have had one regret - namely
that I was so argumentative about
the stone for our cemetery plot. I
hope you haven't been upset over
all I said. I guess I was tired, and
let myself go too much. But I do
feel strongly that we should have
our own stone, and I'd like to
wait long enough to make sure
it is done right - Father certainly
should have something more
fitting than just his name on
a stone neither he nor any of his
family had anything to say about.
So please don't worry over it - it
will be worked out in time and when
it is I know you'll not regret the
delay. - All now - shall write again
soon to let you know my arrangements.
Lots of love & good courage -
George.

July 22, 1913.

Dearest Mother,

Just a few lines to tell you my
assignment and that I am hoping
to be able to be home for a day or
two before going to it. I am
being sent to Port Townsend, Washington
- on Puget Sound - this is my perma-
nent assignment, where I shall remain
for several months at least. Just
what arrangements I must make for
travelling I do not yet know, but
I am told I ~~may~~ may leave here
on Saturday afternoon - & I am
planning to take a night train to
Albany and to come down to
Cascadia on the early train Sunday
- reaches Cascadia about eight
o'clock I think. I feel sure I shall

be able to stay until Monday some-
time and perhaps until Tuesday
morning.

This assignment is a long way off,
I know, but it is still in the U.S.
- the one just before mine was to
the New Hebrides - off the coast of
Australia! - and another was to
Cuba. So you see it's not so bad.

I have been kept working ever since
I got back - so much standing I
find rather tiring, but I think I'll
eventually get used to it. - All night
for I must get to bed. Love, love,
and shall see you Sunday.

George.

[Jul 28, 1943]

Tuesday evening

Dearest Mother

I had just bid you goodbye when
I realized I had not given you my
address - so far as I have it - so
here it is - if you can read it after
I've written it on this five by ten!

Section Base, Post Townsend,
Washington.

pondered about you all afternoon
and we ran into storm after storm
- apparently it has rained heavily
all across the state - every body
I know I have seen looks like
a pool of mud.

Cannot keep this pen on the paper so
I'm not going to try to write more
except to say that the enclosed

check (which I'll write when the
train next stops!) is for you
to buy tomatoes with - I
mean how fond of them you
are and on afraid since they
are so expensive you won't
buy them very early.

It was swell to be at home and
I am so glad I could be there.
Don't work too hard, don't worry
sleep well. Best to Mrs. Deets,
and lots of love for you.
George.

This last of train stopped at
Dunkirk

Wednesday AM. I just called Eva - she
sounded very well and said every-
thing was going fine - Laura also
was well - you should have
heard from them by now.