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To Mrs. M. BIAN SCHACK  
COXSACKIE  
New York

From

LIPSON BIAN SCHACK  
NAVY 163, FPO.  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Feb. 5, 1944

Dear Mother, There has been no more mail from you since I last wrote, so there is nothing to answer, and of course nothing to write about from here - that I can write. But I want to keep something going off to you so that you'll hear from me as regularly as the mail allows. I am still in active work in hopeful hopes. I read quite a bit, write some notes for the fun of it, and one of my hot-males is teaching me to play chess. It is a very large experience. Lately I have been going every other day to the so-called health-club - there one gets a clean bath, a sun bath under ultra-violet and then a massage. It keeps me clean and I trust will help to keep me free of colds. Hope to hear from you soon - and to hear that you have more coal. Lots of love, George.

V-MAIL

no 22?

Cossackie W. F.

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1944

Dear George:

How time flies - it is a week since I wrote to you. The V mail received on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> and is post marked Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - however I was so glad to get it and thanks so much. I do hope you received more of my letters & the packages. Mrs Delpond & I just live mornings waiting for the mail to come between 12 + 1 o'clock. We have had a couple of V mail notes from Gordon lately so he is ok. Peggy Varden told me Young Sen Warren had escaped from the German Concentration Camp where he has been over a year. He is now hiding in Italy. A British Soldier was with him but he got back to England & wrote a letter to Sen's wife about Sen's - I saw the type written letter, so his wife & folks will be encouraged. I hope you know now about those precious papers you sent me. I hope some time will help to go to the bank & get the Bond numbers for you. The settling of estate goes slowly along and I am so tired of it all & long to get settled. Was fortunate to get a ton of coal yesterday & promise of another and soon. The last ton got 2 weeks ago is gone - it cost \$16.47 - quite expensive living & we will saving & not always warm enough. I have been adding up some of the necessary expenses and from those for pa, since May and I find it exorbitant - could not have pulled thro without the extra money for here & there. I am getting to the point to feel

is foolish to remain here very long - too expensive and no man to do the various things of things now & then. I also feel I ought not to buy a place for I don't want the responsibility of coal & taxes & repairs etc. Wilbur & Jessie think I ought to live in their apartment & maid's <sup>bed</sup> ought. Mrs. D. does not talk of the future but I feel she is thinking of other plans. Her chickens are doing wonderfully & she has been counting up her net gain which will soon amount up according to the price of eggs. I miss you so much for this I would like to ask your advice. I feel certain I can't run this place on my own income. I could live alone in a small place much cheaper. I don't want to bother you about all this while you have problems of your own but I feel between two girls. I was to see Dr. G. Monday and hoped he'd discharge me but he gave me more medicine (take one a day instead of 3 times); he is so afraid of my blood poisoning going up again, he wants to keep me normal as our own. Have some Catarrh trouble just now but am overcoming it. The town is full of flu - every body seems to have it or have had it. Wilbur's family here Saturday for dinner at night. Bevie went to movies & W & J. Maid tell movie it. Wilbur had Dr. G. & the Dr. last week - got 4 kinds medicine & he gave me 2 pills right away. Harold & Maye both had flu but are better - they write seldom. Today is quite mild - wonderful - we cleaned "play room". Sherman just came to take aches out. Hope you are well.

Non - just got mail - nothing from you but paper for income tax & paper for income tax

I have a bit of flu. - said you was much better - Little from same -

3.30 P.M.

Just got a ton of Buckhorn Lead  
coal in from Goodwins - \$9.64  
now we'll have emul for at  
least 1 month & I feel easier.  
Norton.

Print this page and address to your local station to the post office and send enclosed to the nearest post office. The appropriate label will be placed on the envelope.

No. 79 12 79

to Lt. G. P. S. B. B. Schick

New York, N. Y.  
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from  
Walter R. Kenrick  
Covachville  
New York, N. Y.  
Jan. 8, 1944

(ADDRESS ONLY)

Covachville N. Y.  
Jan 8, 1944

Dear George:  
Received your two V-mail letters yesterday Jan 7th, dates were Dec. 21st and 23rd. How glad I was to hear from you but so sorry you do not get all my letters to you. And especially the three packages I sent to you. (miscellaneous packages Nov 30th - another containing cookies, candy, fudge, etc. Dec 2nd). Here the news is mixed. Dad & M. sent you the 3 boxes of Bismarck 71 for whom you asked me to get. Even so was to send you books, did you get them? A.O. would not insure last package as it was meant out of U.S. Hope by now you may have all the letters and packages. Had quite a cross storm Thursday but weather cleared around 10:30. Day is bright and above 70s. As a part of me we cannot get the car out so have to stay in. Wilson has his last night. I have not felt after last few days. Kid coming. Had dinner down the hallway and felt fine. In your D case etc. I will send you the Union in a large envelope. Card from D. yesterday. She comes etc. Nobody from Harold so far in West 2 weeks. I am still just glad about what the Army means the continued thinking busts my head. Glad you are returned so well and hope you will keep healthy. Hope sometime you may get a fulcrum. Best love, Mother.

I am sending you the Covachville Union News of Jan. 7th.



Bruxelles    Mont des Arts  
Brussels    Mountain of Arts





St. J. P. Geo. B. Van Schaack

May 6 3 - F. P. O.

San Francisco,  
California

Commercial square avec chose d'eau en d'un caulet adhésif.

MONTELEONE ARTS. Exposé des Arts et Métiers de 1910. Exposition de 1910. Commercial square avec chose d'eau en d'un caulet adhésif.

Received with 9 Dec 25 1894  
mom - So 5000000000

Massachusetts U.S. Jan 27 44  
Dear George - Nothing new  
only some mild weather  
to say but plenty of snow & ice  
yet. Am eagerly waiting for  
good news from you. Let  
me know if & when you re-  
ceive this card. Did you get  
the Union news I sent last week?  
Just wrote to Eva & saw much  
write to Harold. I long to see  
you all but! Hope you keep  
well & all happy. Love, Mother.

Genl Del. Navy 163, F. P. O.

San Francisco, Calif.

January 12, 1944

Dearest Mother,

My, so much mail from you since I wrote last - six letters, Dec 20 and 27, and the four from November - the 14th, 15th, 24th & 29th, - so that now I feel caught up on that gap of a whole month when I heard nothing from you. I had not realized that you were having such an early winter - you seem to be having even more winter than last year - and still you have not written that you have got more coal. I do hope you have, for while I know you can go to Millers it wouldn't be easy to close up the house & then have to open it again.

I am glad the pair reached you safely and that you like it. Yes, it is the same as I wear on my cap. Many mothers & wives are wearing them and I thought you'd like to have one.

Thanks for taking care of the papers and the brand. Sometime when you

are in the bank and think if it will  
you get the numbers of the bonds &  
write them to me - it's not very im-  
portant, but it is a good idea to have  
a record of valuable papers even when  
they are in a deposit box.

No packages yet - I doubt they have  
been lost - it is just packages take a  
very long time to reach here. I shall  
be very glad to have Father's sweater -  
I brought only one along and that is  
wearing out - guess you can sometimes  
get them from the Red Cross, but one  
from home is much better.

A few Xmas cards came with your  
letters on Sunday, but I am still way  
behind on Xmas mail. Finally got Eva's  
letter of November 24 telling all about  
the new place. It sounds quite pleasant  
and there is enough land for something  
of a garden - and how Eva will enjoy  
the greenhouse. - It is too bad she could  
not get home for Xmas, but I think  
it would have been too much for her  
after the voyage. - I'm glad you were  
so well remembered at Xmas time. I  
wonder if you received my card & check -

you do not mention it. I wonder, because  
Danaed had received my card, received  
the same time, several days before  
Christmas. Poor Danaed & Betty are  
having a pretty hard time. The doctor has  
told Danaed that Betty will be invalided  
with heart trouble for the rest of her  
life - she was in the hospital again when  
he wrote, and he himself in bed with  
the flu.

Am glad to hear William has a job with  
better hours. Hope his card has been  
used by this time. We hear there is a  
lot of flu in the States - I do hope  
you'll avoid getting it.

There isn't much news to write about from  
here - I'm still writing. I keep busy most  
of the time doing one thing or another.  
Just at present I'm reading 'Paris Under-  
ground' - an exciting though harrowing  
story of two women who helped  
RAF keep out of Paris after France fell.  
I'm sure you too, must have it  
and I know it would interest you -  
try & get it. Another book I'm sure

jaund like - a different kind, a very  
exceptional book - have the librarian  
get it if it isn't in the library already  
- it is 'Mind, Soul & Stars' by Antoine  
de Saint Exupery - he was a French  
mail plane pilot before the war.

Tell Mrs. Delf in glad her bees are  
doing so well - I hope the egg price  
is high enough to make the poultry  
venture lucrative. How I'd like to  
have some of those first eggs. We  
do have egg though which aren't so  
bad - it seems annoying to have eggs  
way out here. On the whole we eat  
very well, milk being the one thing  
really unobtainable - of course we have powdered  
& evaporated milk, but you can't make  
it taste like fresh milk.

Well, my hub-males are talking such a  
stream I can't concentrate any more -  
and anyhow it's time for bed. - Best  
wishes to Mrs. D - Hope she's had news  
from Gordon again. Have good hugs  
for you & lots of love, George.  
Note addition of Gen'l Del. to my address.

P.S. Before I got this letter mailed some  
more mail came, among it your letter  
of the 23rd - you see our mail doesn't  
always come in the same order in  
which it is sent. According to the list  
of letters you sent and the list I have  
kept I have now received everything  
through the 27th of December. But still  
no packages. - Thank you for wanting  
to send me more socks, but I have  
quite a supply now and I find that I  
can buy adequate ones here - they are  
not fancy but they serve the purpose.  
Your letter told of receiving my card &  
check so that question is answered.  
I'm glad they reached you before Christmas.  
And I am pleased to learn that you finally  
got another ton of coal and trust by  
now that you have still another.

All for now - I must carry this off to  
get it stamped by the censor and then  
hope it will get off to you soon. Again  
lots of love, George.

G. B. VAN SCHAAK

Post the complete address in plain black letters in the space below, and give when address is in a foreign country, the appropriate date in plain, with priority, day and month, if not otherwise specified.

No. 19 71 5



10 Lt. Col. George B. DeLong  
Mar 163 F.P.O.  
San Francisco  
California

From  
Mrs. H. G. DeLong  
Casper, Wyo.  
New York  
Jan 14, 1944

Dear George:

Casper, Wyo. Jan 14, 1944  
Have just written to you and family, Pa. closed since then. I think this week (the 13th or 14th) dated Dec. 27 and 30. So glad to hear from you and know you have received your share of money. I hope you have received your share of the money. I hope you are very glad to have you discuss the future for me but oh, how I wish you could be here a while and thank things out. Will try to discuss with you soon when we can be alone. If he stays a day work this summer, I don't know how I could carry on without his help. He is the one who is everything so everything to keep things going. He has not spoken in the subject in many weeks so I don't know what she is going to do. Her eye because so good now but eye are weak and need, dear. I suppose you be very, very glad. I don't know what to do with everything here especially, love things. I was - perhaps Mr. DeLong could place them some place in his house - I would get rid of some of things. I hope some day you will be glad for you to get your money. You see and know I am not an advisor. I must be doing some of my own work. I  
Love you,  
Mother.

V - MAIL



*The Season's Greetings*



"The Father sent the Son to be  
the Saviour of the world."  
1 John 4:19.

To share the shepherds' joy,  
To know the Savior King;  
To walk with wise men, grave,  
As precious gifts they bring;  
To have these CHRISTMAS joys,  
So old and yet so new,  
This is my heart's desire  
In wishes glad for you.

Mother 1943

No. 24

Cassackie N.Y.,

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 1944

Dear George:

I hope you are receiving more of the letters I sent you. I forgot to put no 23 on the last one. Still having very cold weather - much below zero 2 days & 15 - day a little above. The snow of 3 weeks ago is still on the ground and also considerable ice. Was fortunate Monday to get a load of coal - there was only 1 car load in town & many folks here very little, some none. We have quite some wood still - we use it in fire place every evening.

Went to bank yesterday & looked up the Bond numbers for you - they are D 7398776E and D 7398777E.

I gave your letter to Milbr to read Monday evening he came here to talk to me. It would be wonderful if you could help us out & maybe you can. It seems most impossible to stay here thro' the summer for Milbr will not be able to help. Mrs D. has definitely decided I think to leave me this Spring. She would not tell me what wages she'd want - in fact, she admitted she wants to be here more full time - I think her children are urging her to give up so she can be with them. Here

are many things to be done to fix  
up this place and it eats up lots  
of money. I looked at Wilbur's  
apartment yesterday - it is quite a  
doll house - there are things about  
it I don't like but would have to  
get used to it. Of course it seems  
the best thing for me to be with  
some of our own folks in case  
of sickness. I feel I would be  
more or less tied in but will have  
to forget it. Life is surely so differ-  
ent now for me. Wilbur thinks  
he can sell the house here - he has  
at least one party - Jessie's cousin,  
from Columbia County. I haven't  
any idea what to sell it for - what  
would you say? One of the biggest  
problems is to know what to do with  
the furniture (I cannot have much  
in that little place) and also with  
your books & botest cases etc. also  
all your things. Maybe we could  
hire one room up stairs to keep  
them in till you come. What to sell  
furniture for or to whom, I don't  
know & am not able or capable to  
attend to it. & Wilbur is so tied up &  
Lucy, I don't know how he can attend  
to it either tho' he may.

I know if I help as well as I can,  
I can take care of the place and  
get my own needs - What an  
awful lookout & yet I must  
swallow it. It looks to me some  
thing like living in a convent.  
But I know I would not want to  
be with strangers either. Of course  
I also think it would not be wise  
to have Eva come home - it would  
be bad for us both - she is far  
from being well yet. I hope  
you will get this soon & reply -  
maybe you can give me ad-  
vice & perhaps you could  
get a furlough for emergency.  
It is all so new to me I am per-  
plexed - I hate to see our things  
piled here & there & yet I can't keep  
them in a little space. Probably  
after I get settled I'd get accus-  
tomed to the place - I know I'd have  
more money to do for myself for  
it has dwindled away here and  
yet I've had very little for myself.

Don't worry about our being cold -  
we have been fortunate not to have  
a cold when so many all over are  
ill with flu. But I do say I have  
never experienced such cold weather  
in the house since the first winter  
we lived here.

Mother seems to think we ought  
to make the move this spring tho'  
he admits he don't know how - we  
both wish for your help. Another  
season here will make the place  
less attractive as it is not possible  
for us to keep things up, though  
it would be nice in summer  
to be here but, it looks as if I  
just had to go. We are really  
between two fires - I'd try to adjust  
myself to the new place but the  
main thing is to get there & to  
know how to dispose of all the  
things in this house. I hope the  
Government will be honest &  
let you come when we need  
you so much later in Spring.  
Much love, Mother

### The Bravest Battle

The bravest battle that was ever fought,  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find it not  
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon, or battle-shot,  
With sword, or nobler pen;  
Nay, not with eloquent word or thought,  
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart—  
Of woman that would not yield,  
But bravely, silently bore her part—  
Lo! there is that battlefield!

No marshaling troop, no bivouac song;  
No banners to gleam and wave!  
But oh! these battles they last so long—  
From babyhood to the grave!

Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars,  
She fights in her walled-up town—  
Fights on, and on, in the endless wars,  
Then silent, unseen, goes down!

Oh! ye with banners and battle-shot,  
And soldier to shout and praise,  
I tell you the kingliest victories fought  
Are fought in these silent ways!

—Joaquin Miller.

Genl Del. Navy 163, F.P.O.  
San Francisco Calif.  
January 20, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Two letters from you yesterday and  
two packages the day before - the  
first two packages which you sent.  
The cookies are wonderful and taste  
just as if I were home in the kitchen,  
almost freshly baked - though they  
did get rather broken - I'm afraid we  
can't send fragile home-made cookies  
by mail. The fudge is very good and a  
real treat - I shall enjoy it soon. And  
tell Mrs. Self the cake is excellent - it  
is so good to taste a good home-made cake -  
I shall write her too. And thank you  
for the sweater, which is just right in  
weight + color + size, for the socks which  
are too good for wearing here and the  
nice handkerchiefs. Also received -  
package from Eva - guess it had taken  
so long because none of the names  
or address was left except "Charach"!  
She sent me stuffed dolls, a fruit cake

and a package direct opened which  
I think contained ice-boxes.

I'm very glad to hear that you've  
recently got two more cases of coal -  
that will keep you a while and makes  
me feel easier. Apparently you are having  
a very cold winter but not a very snowy  
one - both Eva & Helmers write of few  
snows in Michigan, but very cold.

You speak of getting the V-mail card  
and of its stamping date. You see the  
date stamped in New York where the  
card is ~~photographed~~ printed from the  
micro-photograph made here. It doesn't  
seem to have gone as quickly as ordinary  
air-mail - but of course V-mail does  
some trans-Atlantic work and one  
should use it more.

I wish I knew what to tell you regarding  
the advisability of moving - more than  
I did a couple of weeks ago. I don't know  
what your income is nor what your expenses  
are - nor how prices on dividends are  
likely to change. As I speak you I can  
help you out, certainly to the point of  
enough to keep Mrs. D with you if you

I think it otherwise advisable, at least  
so that wouldn't have to move before  
I could get home. But if staying there  
another year or eighteen months is going  
to be more expensive than you think it's  
worth then it would be wise to move  
- and probably wise to take Millie's place  
at least till the war is over and things  
get more settled. I'll think about it  
some more & perhaps get an idea. In  
the meantime let me know any details  
that might help me.

Am glad the doctor is keeping such  
close check on you. I feel sure he doesn't  
think there's anything permanent except the  
possibility of your nerves wearing away  
with you & jacking up your blood pressure.  
So keep right on seeing him regularly.

Am happy to hear that Laura thinks  
Eve is much better - she must be if she  
shows any signs at all after that  
morning spree.

All right now - will take this straight  
off to be mailed. Keep well & don't get  
the flu. Lots of love, George.

P.S. Package #3 arrives as I mail this letter.

No. 25?

Cassachie, W. Va. Jan. 23/44

Dear George:

I wrote to you only a few days ago but I feel like talking to you every day. We had quite a snow storm this morning but this afternoon sun was out & good thawing. Mrs. D. had planned to go to Bob's for a day but the storm prevented her going. I went to church with the Jansens, had a young man - a Senior in Seminary, and he had a wonderful sermon - he hoped he was a candidate but found out he already has accepted a call. He made me think of you very much and 2 folks told me the same thing. I have had no letters from you this week neither from Cleveland, one very short one from Wa on Thursday. She seems to have had quite a set back but she thinks it is the result of the moving.

Thursday we went to Catehell - the first time since early in December - maybe it was November - I don't know. I went mainly to have teeth cleaned but also got some necessities at drug store & some groceries at P. & P. Life seems very dead just now as we do not go out evening and nobody comes to see us except a few to say telephone bills & Wayne stops in to see his mother several times a week on his way home from work.

Yesterday I had a talk with Mrs. D. & found out she wants to go home with Bayne's family & help them get a good

Start on the farm they bought up in Colerain  
hallow. Besides she said she told us  
last Spring she would stay here one  
year. I think she has a restless episode  
again as she has had several times  
in the past. However it does not seem  
wise any way to stay here this summer  
with Wilbur on day work & no one to  
help out. There is much that only a man  
can do & if one could be had, it must  
be good pay. Wilbur & I have not  
discussed the change lately but he  
is firm in believing the best move is  
for me to live in his apartment. I went  
through it one day last week - it is like  
a doll house but by itself for me  
alone though there are some things  
about it I don't fancy - perhaps they  
could be remedied but W. don't seem  
to care. I could not take much furni-  
ture and just what to take & what to dis-  
pose of I don't know. So many things are  
bought by you & Eva & I'd like to return  
them for you. Eva has a large stock of  
her things here & I wouldn't take the re-  
sponsibility of them & yet don't know what  
to do with them. She would not want them  
in Holland & it would cost a lot of cash  
to send them. And about all your things &  
much of Pa's too. I do not know what to do with

For days I have been thrashing the  
matter over & over & end up with a  
terrible headache. I never was in  
such a pickle & I feel you are the  
only one that can pull me out. You  
understand me better than the  
others & know how to manage.  
I suggested to Wilbur that they  
move here & rent their place but  
he said no he had other plans -  
what I don't know. To-day is the  
first Sunday he had to work &  
it seemed odd not to see him in  
church as he has been so regular.  
Bessie is quite a problem and seems  
to have no use for me - she doesn't  
notice me when Jim talks except to  
answer any question I may ask. But  
I would have very little contact  
with her if I had my own apartment.  
I would like a second bedroom  
but Wilbur says I could use one  
of theirs if necessary. Well I guess  
I've written all I can & there is not  
much news to write. I think it  
may be good for me to be in the  
street so I could go walking around a  
while tho' it's hard on my feet to walk

on the cement roads but I am indoors  
too much - I will miss the closed  
in porch in the summer but I  
can't remedy that. I am in hopes  
that in some way you may  
get a furlough to help me out  
when it is the right time. The  
problems are getting too much for  
me and I try not to worry for  
I know if I do, I'll break down  
again - I am physically quite well  
now except the Caraka bothers some  
days.

Milbur has been trying all fall to  
get the Cemetery Riverside Corp. to  
take over the Spoor Cemetery as they agreed  
to do. Last week they sent Milbur a  
letter that they decided they would  
not take it. That was very mean after  
he had done so much to have them  
take it. But Milbur is not through yet  
with it.

Again I hope you have received all  
my letters and the packages. Fred Sagar's  
boy in the East got 121 letters at once - had  
none for several months. He is in a hospital  
now here - hurt by shrapnel. Sorry to be any  
bother to you - will try not to bother any body when I  
get settled down. Much love, Mother.

*"I Sit and Rock Alone"*

DEAR Editor:

JUST yesterday it seems my children  
Played upon the floor  
And I wiped countless fingerprints  
From windowpane and door,  
I kissed away a thousand tears  
And darned sock after sock  
And tried to keep pace with the hands  
That raced around the clock,  
And often when at end of day,  
Too tired to sleep in bed I lay,  
I'd think how nice when, children grown,  
My time again should be my own.

So now I sit and rock alone,  
My hands at rest, the work all done;  
No little tots upon the floor,  
No fingerprints upon the door,  
No socks to mend, bruises to kiss—  
Ah me! How could I know I'd miss  
The very things I grudged to do  
When I was young, and sturdy, too,  
Dear God, if only there might be  
Someone again who needed me!

—Grandma, Minnesota.

No 26

Cassapolis, N. Y.

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1944

My dear George:

This has been a very gloomy day & now it is raining - we need water very much - but your letter, received this noon brought me some sunshine I have lugged for. How wonderful for you to receive so many letters at once. Fred Sagar's boy in the East did not hear from home for 3 mos + then he got 12 letters at one time. Well I'm sorry the packages do not show up - I'll wait a while longer & then I may have the two missing ones traced. They would not include the packages of pajamas & gloves + I do hope they are not lost. They cost too much for that.

I have written twice the numbers of bonds - here they are again.  $\square$  7398776E  $\square$  7398777E  
Weather has been very mild for several days but there is a lot of snow & ice yet. Monday we wanted to go to Orange but could not get car out on account of ice. We did go with Herman Miller & daughter - son first time to Orange since September. It is not natural for me to go without a car filled up on it anyway & do not intend to much, maybe not at all after Mrs D leaves. Since I first wrote about coal situation we got 5 tons at various times - but situation is still serious & if weather gets so cold again we'll have to try to get more.  
Sorry to hear of trouble Donald is having.

We have been fortunate, not to get the flu so far. I am feeling physically very well but the problems ahead of me are puzzles to be cyphered out.

Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> I received your & Mail letter dated Jan 4<sup>th</sup> (30 days) your letter to-day was just 2 weeks coming. It is so nice of you to write or you do for I need to hear from you to keep up my courage.

Melburn & I have had several conferences about the change of home & have thought it best to sell house & have an auction sale to dispose of unneeded furniture. It most makes me cry to think of it but it is the only thing to do. Mrs Delf is going to live with Waqar & family on their farm in Coeyra's Hollow - she will eventually get another job. Even if she would stay it would be another hard summer for us. Of course I'd like to have furniture but if that is impossible we'll have to paddle our own canoe. Maybe able to put some things in storage in Melburn's house upstairs or may be leave them upstairs here - Susan King & yours, Eric & Harold's. Eva has lots of things she will never use - I wish I had her bought them out last spring. I will take care of your clothes, bed & your Petal, W. etc. the odd & ends you sent home. It would be a life saver if you could come at right time but I fear you cannot. I think & think & get head aches & often do not sleep well as I have all along. Much love Mother.

P.S. I forgot to tell you the  
Pinehill Cemetery has  
refused to take over the  
Spoon Cemetery as  
they agreed to do several  
years ago. Wilbur  
went to the meeting &  
also Arthur Smith,  
but their influence  
did not take. It is  
a shame for men  
like that to back out  
on a promise like that.  
I wrote to Ma's day and  
also a letter to Lams  
addressed to College.  
I did not tell Eva about  
the change but told Lams  
our plans & said she  
could tell Eva when she  
thought best. Eva smells  
a rat for she has asked  
me questions I have not  
answered. I'm willing she  
shall know but don't want  
it to be effected by it.  
I must close my letter  
to leave this home.

Having given them words of counsel, the mother commends her children to God, as Anna Norman Oates describes in her poem—

"O God of mother hearts, whose boys  
Have gone from home to school or shop,  
Where once their whistling, romping noise—  
A silence, as if life would stop!  
Be with them, God of tenderness;  
As they are Thine, their young lives bless,  
And in temptation's trying hour  
Give them of Thine all-conqu'ring power;  
O God of love, be with our boys."

Post Del. Navy 163, F. P. O.

San Francisco, Calif.

January 26, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Your V-mail of the 8th reached me on the 21st - only 13 days, which is the quickest mail has come to date. - I thank you on my last letter that the big package had just arrived. Imagine my surprise to find exactly the kind of pyjamas I had asked for - I didn't think you'd be able to get them. They are just right and I shall enjoy them even so much. The gloves, too, are fine and I can make good use of them. I am enclosing a check for \$10 - you know I said I wanted to pay for two of the pyjama suits - I think you must have paid quite a lot for them - I trust you'll find a use for whatever of the \$10 is left over!

You wrote that you had not felt so well for a few days - I do hope that was just temporary and that it was not the beginning of the flu - do try to avoid

getting that. I wish you could stop worrying  
about the puzzle of what to do. I know it  
is a puzzle, but you ought not to worry  
about it - one way or another it would  
mean a difference of more than a thousand  
dollars and that simply isn't enough  
to get sick over. I know it seems like  
a lot of money - and in a way it is, but  
try to feel as Father would that we  
can stand it. I don't mean that I expect  
you will have to cut into your principal  
by that amount, at least right away, but  
that whether you sell now or later, whether  
you pay Mrs. D. more or not, etc., in the  
end the difference will not be more  
than can be absorbed - don't try to get a  
perfect solution from the standpoint of  
money, but rather from the standpoint  
of ease + convenience. - I am won-  
dering about the ice you write of - I hope  
the car is not iced in for the rest of the  
winter - you must get out. - Had a Xmas  
card from Miss Hayes - written in her own  
hand - she seems to be comfortable + happy  
in her apartment - 2 Avon St. - across from  
where she lived. - All now - nothing  
new to report from here. Am keeping well  
& feeling fine. Lots of love, George.

No. 27 Capeackie, N. Y.  
Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1944

Dear George:

I have had no letters from you since the 26<sup>th</sup> so I have no questions to answer. We are having very windy weather to-day though the Sun shines bright. There is a terrific North West wind all day after quite mild weather for two weeks. Went to church this AM. We have been having the deacon from New Brunswick Seminary for over a year - the one this morning has been here 4 times & tho' he seems to be quite young, he has made a good impression. After church there was a congregational meeting & after a little discussion, it was decided to call the fellow. I was surprised to hear his home is in Hoboken.

Miss B Lewis from Garden of Eden - he is in Italy.

To-day Sammie & Harve Lunsdell left for Florida - Rachel took them as far as New Jersey & they expect to go by train. Harve has not been very well all winter but it seems to, as if he is not well enough to travel under present conditions.

The snow has mostly disappeared but there is plenty of ice by the barn. Had a letter from Eva yesterday and she thinks she ought to come to help me if I move - I had written to Laina that Eva must not come. All I told Eva was that Mrs. D. was going to live at Waigies this Spring. I have been sorting our things & burning up odd ends but so far it is only a drop in the bucket. The first move is to sell & I don't know what to ask for it - I'll have to leave things to Wilbur for I feel more & more as if I cannot bear the strain & I'll have to be contented at what ever he does if you can't come. I am sorry to have to part with so much of my possessions - I'll keep some things besides what I really need, if Wilbur can store them. It is a big job to look over everything & decide what to do with them - it keeps my head spinning. We have not been out since Monday except a short trip up street.

to get a few things. This coming  
week I must get down to  
business - Peggy is so slow, I  
do wish she'd finish up the estate.  
It has been a long drawn out  
affair & I will be relieved when  
it is over. I'll also be relieved  
when the income report will  
be finished but then we have  
to start in right off on the one  
for 1944 - It makes my head  
spin to think of it. My stock  
& bond income was less than  
in 1942 but the extras helped  
out & also made tax so high.  
In figuring up & find I could  
not run an establishment as  
we have this past year for this  
will be little extra and I'm  
sure living alone at Melbourn  
will not be so expensive. I  
have economized in every way  
I could for there have been so  
many big bills to pay.

How laying extra good but feed is too high for low off prices.

Last week I spent most of a  
whole day in making out the  
annual Public Service Report.  
It is rather complicated for  
one forgets just how to do it  
when it is done only once a  
year. But I think I have it  
ok. - they did not return it  
last year for any corrections.  
I just stopped to watch the train  
go by - it has over 100 cars and  
a great deal of War materials.  
Some not covered & some were. I  
am really tired of hearing the  
trains but lately there have not  
been many with War materials  
in sight. Quite frequently there  
are long trains of box cars all the way.  
Now I must write to Eva & re-  
lieve her mind; I'll try to be as op-  
timistic as I can. Are you working  
yet? Hope to hear from you for packages.  
I'm not going to send them via mail - so  
tell me how long it took to reach you.  
Hope you are well & happy. Love, Mother;

Swice Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>

Letters

Dec. 30

Jan. 5

" 8 - V. mail

" 10 - card

" 12

" 15

" 19

" 23

" 26

" 30

Howard called me  
on phone to-night -  
it was so good to hear  
him & Thayer. They  
just wanted to talk  
a few minutes.

Neoy 163, F. P. O.

San Francisco, Calif.

February 1, 1944

Dearest Mother,

Your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> has just come. Before I answer it in detail I want to think about it, but I will send this note off today so that you'll have as quick word as possible and will know that you'll have a letter shortly afterwards.

My first reaction to your letter is to say, 'Please don't get fanicky'. I realize the prospect of clearing out the house is forbidding and the prospect of living alone, even if across the hall from Wilbur, is a little scary, but you must try not to take it so hard as it will be very hard. Please try and remember that the important thing is you should be comfortable and contented and that you can't be if you worry about these things.

If clearing out the house is too much  
of a chore and I'm not sure it isn't,  
close it up well and forget it - I'll  
take the responsibility for it - and  
when I can get home I'll take care of  
it. Just suppose the worst - that  
you should lose \$1000 on it - that's  
\$1,500 a year income - at most \$250.  
I'm sure I can stand that.

I wish I could say that I'd be  
able to come home and help you, but  
I can't. I know very well that an  
emergency leave would be quite out  
of the question except in the case of  
debilitating illness. Here I am in the  
States I strongly doubt an application  
would be considered since both Harold  
& Milburn are legally equally capable  
of dealing with the matter. I do hope  
this won't be too much of a disappoint-  
ment for you. Of course I may get  
home by the summer - regular duty  
here is 18 months, but I am not  
sure that mine is so-called regular  
duty - I know it was originally intended

to call officers of my type back to  
Boston for a few weeks after nine  
months duty, which would be May  
or June for me, but I doubt that  
the plan is being carried out.

Well, all for this week - if I take it  
right away it may get on its way  
today - and tomorrow or the following  
day I'll have a letter off to you. Relax  
and stop worrying. Lots of love,  
George.

Navy 163, F.P.O.

San Francisco, Calif.

February 3, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

I don't know that I'm in any better position to answer your letter than I was two days ago except that today everyone is out so I have peace & quiet. It seems from your letter that you have decided it is probably unwise to try to stay on at the place for another year, inconvenient and unpleasant as moving would be. If that is so the one thing to do next is to make the decision to move and stick to it - I really think you will find it much easier to deal with the problems that come after the decision <sup>than</sup> ~~that~~ you have found it to deal with the problem of the decision itself. - If Mrs. Dief has decided that she will not stay with you I doubt very much that you should try to stay on - it might be possible to get another woman, but

it is not very likely - certainly unlikely  
that you would get one satisfactory  
amount. And if it costs you as much  
as you seem to indicate it does it  
is probably wise to decide to move  
even if Mrs. D wasn't planning to leave.

What you will decide to do I don't know,  
but I shall suppose it is to move and  
<sup>shall</sup> try to write a few things to help you.  
First I feel quite sure that your best  
move for the present would be to take  
Milburn's apartment. You would be very  
comfortable there and except for the  
initial strangeness of the place by no  
means as lonely as you have been this  
last year.

Next, as I wrote you some days ago, I  
am not convinced that it is necessary  
for you to clear out the house and sell  
it this year. Granted you may lose  
something if you wait to sell until next  
year I strongly doubt it would be any-  
where near a very important amount,  
and the advantages to be gained are at  
least important enough to consider. In  
the first place you would not have to go

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up to a point - the better pieces and the  
one you would most hate to part with. You  
would probably get rid of the shawl and  
cigar box & watch - these shawls bring  
very good prices right now. - But again I  
say I hate to see you go through all  
this this thing - however, I don't see  
how to decide for you. If you think you  
must, keep Mrs. D. as long as you can  
to help you and don't stay in the place  
after you have started a major cleaning  
up - move yourself up to the apartment  
and only go down to work at the house  
when you feel like it.

What about the car? Perhaps you  
feel you can't afford to keep it. But if  
you feel you can I think you should -  
then Jessie could drive you around  
and it would be good for both of  
you.

Well, it's time for lunch - I'll read this  
over afterwards & perhaps have some  
to add.

Later - I've read this letter over and  
seem to have covered all of the points I  
can think of. Except to mention again

the impossibility of such a thing as a  
leave for me. Even if a leave were possible  
it would cost a great deal of money and  
be far as brief a period I couldn't begin  
to keep you as you would need. A much  
simpler solution, though perhaps not less  
costly, is to close the house for a  
year & forget it - Well, you see I keep  
harping on this theme, as had better  
close. - Just remember not to count  
the cost in dollars & cents - do what  
you must. of course, but for the  
rest do only that which will make  
you comfortable. I'm awfully sorry  
you have to go through this with me  
so far away, but please make it as  
easy as possible by not counting  
too much as important.

I'm relieved to hear you now have  
enough coal to see you through if  
necessary and glad to know you  
have not had the flu.

Best regards to Mrs. D., and much  
love & some kisses to you.

Gracie.

P.S. Thanks for sending the bond numbers

You can get some idea from the following  
considerations. First, what is the assess-  
ment? The assessment in a given town  
bears a fairly constant ratio to the  
selling price - Wilbur should know what  
that ratio is in Coxsackie - probably  
somewhere between 40 and 60%. Secondly,  
how much of a mortgage could you get  
on it - that amount is also somewhere  
between 40 and 60% of the selling value.  
Thirdly: Father paid roughly \$2000 for  
it nearly forty years ago - that would  
be \$5000 now - and he saved between  
\$3000 and \$5000 more into it. Now \$10000  
~~amount~~ depreciating 2% each year for  
37 years gives \$3700. But the land has  
not depreciated, so this figure should  
perhaps be \$4000. I suspect this is  
perhaps all you could get in normal  
times. Just now you might well get \$5000  
- I don't know, but Wilbur should have  
some idea. There is another criterion -  
how much could it be rented for - roughly  
1% of the value is considered a good  
monthly rent.

Now as to terms of selling. The idea of  
selling would be to get the place off your

through two major aspects at one time, namely tearing up one place and settling in another. Secondly, it is not too unlikely that I might get home long enough to help with at least the major matters. Thirdly, something which you may not have thought of: it will be extremely difficult to keep Eva from coming home to help you, perhaps impossible - were she to come I'm sure it would do her no end of harm - were she to be persuaded not to come I'm afraid it would still worry her enough to do her some harm. In another year it might be very different, she might be able to come & help without doing herself harm.

I'm sure I don't know how much of a determining factor you can make this last consideration - it will depend to a certain extent on how strongly you feel you must have the money for the place now - which I'm inclined to doubt, for after moving you wouldn't have the expense of Mrs. Deep.

But just suppose that you did decide to sell. I'm sure I have no accurate idea of how much the place is worth. I think

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lands and get the money to use. Consequently you should not consider selling except for cash. Any mortgage however good from anybody however honorable may come back to you - and you should be no more willing to take a mortgage than a bank so, the buyer should get the mortgage from the bank or some other party and ~~then pay cash~~ <sup>then pay cash</sup> ~~and from the money over to you.~~ Now selling for cash usually means reducing the price, and the proper reduction is a mixture of psychology & value. Milburn understands this sort of thing. You decide on the cash you would accept - then jack the price up by the amount of the reduction you are willing to ~~offer~~ accept for cash. If the buyer objects to the price ask him to name a figure - if it's above the cash amount you have in mind, either accept it or split the difference and see what happens. Remember, you don't have to sell - you can forget the house for a year or two and still live comfortably at Milburn.

It isn't as if the house were your only equity. You must have a reasonable income or you couldn't have kept going this year - if it isn't enough for the present I'd make it up.

Finally, again supposing you decide to sell this spring, what about storage etc.? As for my things + Lois's things and anything you want to keep and can't take with you to the apartment, pack these up and send them to a storage warehouse - I'm sure there must be one in Catskill - certainly in Hudson. I'd foot that bill. The packing case situation is difficult but not insoluble. I think I have enough <sup>trunk, etc</sup> packing cases there to hold everything of mine and some room over. Milton must have ways + means of getting load of low lumber - and in a pinch the warehouse will get boxes if the goods are to be stored with it. The major things of value I have with you are books - and the most valuable are the magazines which have been coming since I entered the Navy. These I would like kept together so far as possible and securely packed. - I think you should keep the best furniture



S 13049. Warwick Castle from Bridge



Capackie N. Y.  
Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1944

Dear George:

Saturday morning - We have been cleaning since breakfast & now I am settled down to rest & write. You may be surprised at the enclosed letter from Laura as I was very much. Eva has written several times & told me she wanted to see me so much and she was planning to come here for a couple of weeks. I wrote her not to come for I feared it would be too much for both of us. Then I wrote to Laura, told her about our plans & definitely said do not let Eva come for I feared it would set her back. This letter received Wednesday (Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>) is an answer to my letter & everyday I expect word from her as to when E. will come. It is useless for me to write any more and maybe it will be good for Eva and would only make her worse now if she was absolutely forbidden to come. I will be glad to have her post her own things which are numerous & also help me to decide what to do with other that I must dispose of. Of course there is a change of not selling the house unless we let it go very cheap. I am trying to keep calm & not worry for I can see many advantages of the change tho'

I do feel so bad at losing my home &  
having to be dependent (not financially)  
on Millie's grace. If what Mrs. Bayl  
says about God's improvement, she  
ought to be less nervous. I will try to  
help her calm + let her have her  
run way. As she will not stay long  
she will not be here when there is the  
biggest upset. I will be glad when  
I am permanently settled, for I  
think & think and I feel as if why  
my head aches so much. I was  
feeling my pressure had gone  
up so I went to see Dr. W. L. Spade  
Thursday & he said I am o.k. Mrs.  
Belp also had her pressure taken  
& it has gone up to 190 (serious) so she  
will have to doctor some time to get it down.  
o.k. again. She is foolish to continue  
with the chickens for eggs go down &  
down & feed up & up as the profit is small.  
I fear she will have a hard time at  
her new abode, at Wagon's but she seems  
to be glad she is going. We have been  
congenial all the time & not a word to  
make any ill feeling. She is very faithful  
in the work she has but I know some of it  
is too much for her. How are the babies?  
I hope o.k. - I would just what you told  
me & buy. For had you did not leave them  
me milk, dinner time, see food, bye & hope  
to get a letter soon. Much love, Mother.

P.S.-

I am enclosing  
account of receipts  
and expenses  
from May 4 3 to  
Feb. 14 1944

I did not include  
the amount I  
received on  
selling stocks for  
I bought other  
stocks which  
Mr. Weston  
thought much  
more income.

I have spent  
some time on this  
and my head  
spins now - I  
think it is correct  
tho I might have  
made some  
slight errors.

over  
Wisher

Budget suggested to Mackay.

Rent	360
Food	250
Carriage	100
Else	25
Doctor dr. + med	75
Clothes	75
Tax on bus or house	125
Exp	125
Domestics	20
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Receipts  
May 1/43 to Feb. 1/44

For Eggs sold (to Sept)	194.08	✓
Insurance check for Pa	1036.05	✓
Checks owing to Pa	165.07	✓
Berries Currants & Apples sold	10.05	✓
Articles Sold tractor, lawn, & tools	56.00	
Chickens sold	184.87	✓
Received from George	111.00	
Check from Civil Service (Pa)	753.86	✓
	<u>2510.98</u>	
Stock Div. & Bond Coupons	1082.28	
	<u>\$ 2593.26</u>	

The amounts checked (✓) above  
will not appear on this year's income.

I have an acct in Cutchell bank  
for an emergency & a checking acct.  
in Caspary bank. When estate is  
settled the check acct will be cut some.  
Ours will survive.

Following spent from  
May 1, 1943 to Feb 1/44

Telephone	38.58	Dr. Edwards	50.00
Dr. House hold	} 27.63	" Early	20.00
materials		" W. Quall	50.50
Car	26.30	Lehey Clinic	30.00
Tapes	272.88		<u>P 150.50</u>
Sherman	31.55	Asso Hospital <sup>WV</sup>	10.40
Front doors	.73	Donations	8.60
Gas	16.64	Extras (admission)	17.70
Insurance		Dr. Personal Expenses	30.45
Car liability (car)	56.21	Medicine	11.24
Fire Ins.	24.50	Mrs Deep	204.15
Church	19.57	Electricity	30.45
Postage	15.45	Food purchased	128.66
Coal	59.59	Chicken feed	} 58.00
Eva	101.67	May to Sept	
Gifts	10.72		
Fare home	} 11.95	Bonds	
From Halland		2 @ \$75 =	150.00
Grades	543.00		<u>800.15</u>
Hospital	66.57		<u>1320.54</u>
	<u>1320.54</u>		<u>2120.69</u>

Holland, Michigan  
January 30 1944

My dear Mrs. Van Schaeck,

Eva and I have just been walking out about the yard to look at some of the plants and to plan what we will do this spring for we can hardly wait to get at the new garden.

Your letter came to me at the college on Friday morning and I could hardly wait until noon so I could come home and tell Eva what you were planning to do. Eva has worried a good deal about you this past winter for she has felt more or less sure that you would be making some change and she was anxious to know what you might do. She is very well pleased to think that you are planning to live in part of Wilbur's house for there you will have congenial company at hand and some one to take an interest in you and some one in whom you are interested. Of course Eva hates to think of the old home being sold but she realizes the difficulties in the way of your trying to remain in the house and hire so much of the work done.

Since before Christmas Eva has been talking about going home for a visit but the time never seemed just right for her to go. But now she feels that she would like to come and help you dispose of the things that belong to her and help too to sort over George's things. Eva is very anxious to see you and can hardly wait until she can get there. We have not set a definite date for her to go because that is hard on her but some time within the next two weeks she will start. She will come during the middle of the week when traffic is not so heavy and when she will stand a better chance of having a comfortable trip. We have sent to Grand Rapids to find out about the best connections for her and will let you know as soon as we know when she will start. With Mrs. Delp there you two will have lots of time to sort over old things and to visit to your hearts content.

The package came yesterday with the scissors and the little picture. You had packed it so well that it came through in perfect order and we both had a good laugh at the three little boys on the ~~parade~~. Eva also had a letter from George on Friday telling about his life under the new surroundings and saying that he had received on January 16 the Christmas package which she had sent him before Thanksgiving. It is so nice to know that at last he is beginning to get the letters and packages meant for him. He will probably get the others before long now. How glad we are that he is far away from a combat zone.

Eva has been feeling better lately and does not take any of the pink pills, sleeps well and is in good spirits. Some days she seems tired and then we try to have her sleep a lot and she seems to feel the better for the sleep.

Our weather has been very mild lately with the temperature reaching 63 one day last week. It is colder now but we have no snow or ice but there is usually white frost at night. It is nice to have such an open winter. We talk of you so much and hope you have more coal now so you can keep comfortable.

Eva has gone out for a little walk as she does nearly every day because that rests her and helps her to relax almost as much as anything we know to do. She sends her best love and hopes to see you soon.

Sincerely,  
Laura

No. 13-104-70


 To Mr. M. B. VAN SCHAACK  
 COXSACKIE  
 New York

 From  
 L. W. S. VAN SCHAACK  
 New York, N. Y.  
 New York, N. Y.  
 February 16, 1956

Dearest Mother, Your letter of the 26th has just come, saying that you & Milton have decided to sell. I hope my special message of three days ago will not upset you - in fact, I still hope that it reached you in time to prevent your selling, for I don't want you to have to go through that just now. However, if you have closed a deal I hope you will get through the business with a minimum of trouble. So if you are clearing out, here are a couple of things may help you a bit - you'll find rather quantities of old Harpers and Atlantics in my efforts - discard them - perhaps the library would accept them, for shipment to the dealer & editors - we have such. Also to lighten the load, discard any rock specimens of mine which you find - I have forgotten where they came from anyway. I'm most concerned about books, mathematics magazines and the rather large quantity of old note books, diaries, clippings, and records of all sorts - most of this stuff is already fairly well packed. - But as I say, I hope you won't be clearing out - shall write a letter soon. All of your January letter except the 4th have arrived, and all packages went away from Babylon. Put of love and  
 V - MAIL good-bye, George.

No 29

Caracas N. G.

Feb. 14, 1944

My dear George:

Received your letter Saturday and  
thanks so much for all the advice and  
information. How I wish we could  
have been together and discuss all the  
problems. I cannot tell you all the ways  
and whereabouts - your situation is so  
far different from here you might look  
at things in a different light. I hope you  
will not be displeased with me after  
reading this letter. I guess you had not  
received the one in which Dr. and  
I wrote we had decided to sell this  
Spring (if we can get a purchase). Wilbur  
has already spoken to an agent and  
is corresponding with James' wife who  
lives in either Cannon or Columbia Co. -  
but I think she wants a bigger place,  
that is more land than I'm not sure.  
The best agent here is now in Florida.  
Wilbur agrees with everything you  
wrote, except the post pointing of sell-  
ing the place. He thinks it would be  
a very deplorable place after be-  
ing shut up & uncared for a year.  
Also it would be constantly on our  
minds & there would be a chance of

I intend to keep the car.

It is doubt full about maintenance in empty-house.  
of being broken into & perhaps  
loss of some things. Personally I  
would rather get it off my mind  
for good, for Wilbur is so tied up  
he cannot look after anything  
here. He is not getting very high wages  
now & may be out a job any day  
as so many are being in Gen. Elec.  
He is very brave but I do feel sorry  
for him as he is still trying to  
pay up debts owing to loss of dinner.  
He is willing to do anything I say,  
but does not think I always say  
the best thing. There is nothing  
I'd like better or that would brace  
me up but to have you here at the  
right time. However, a furlough a  
year from now may not materialize  
with the war conditions nothing of  
that sort can be depended on.

By now you must know Eva is  
coming home soon, may be this week.  
She will return to Holland before the  
main upset and Jim since she  
will be a help in sorting things &  
advising. It is possible that a  
purchaser may be willing to give  
up a room or two for storage which  
would be much easier than getting a <sup>storage</sup> place.

If this is not possible Milburn says he  
will see that the things are taken  
care of at a reliable place - don't  
know yet where. The most I dread is  
an auction - but there are things here  
I will never need again. I will  
take my bed room outfit - it will  
seem good like home. Milburn is going  
to have another bedroom for me for  
extra for his suit. You will be with  
me sometimes when things get worse.  
I think I may keep the twin beds for  
that - what do you think? What  
do you want me to do with Victoria?  
I have never opened it & will have  
no room for it - if you don't want it, we  
might sell it at auction - don't expect  
to get much for anything according  
to past experience. I thought I would  
take your small book case for my books  
but what shall I do with those in your  
room? Do you want them stored? I  
don't know if Harold wants the sectional  
book case - he did at one time but never  
took it. Do you want it saved if H does  
not want it kept for him - I'll ask him.  
I haven't looked in your trunk (too cold yet)  
but perhaps I can get some of your books, in it.

What about the old books of all kinds  
 in the old dresser in the middle  
 store room? Do you want them all,  
 school books, too. - I don't imagine  
 you do. There is no use paying storage  
 for things we will never need or use.  
 I confess it will be quite a chore but  
 with Mrs. D's help & Milburn he will  
 have to loose some days of work  
 we will get this done. This is too bad  
 for all of us but this is war & we  
 must put up with it. I will try not  
 to do too much & keep my nerve.  
 Milburn family here last night to supper -  
 Milburn & I had a long confab about the  
 situation - he is very optimistic - he even  
 suggested I go away & he'll get everything  
 done just as I tell him - of course I  
 will not do that. - He had quite a  
 snow Saturday - did not try to get car  
 out Sunday but we ought to go to town today -  
 Mrs D. has very high blood pressure & must  
 see doctor for check up. I have been free  
 of headaches lately but after last night  
 I did have a partial one. However, I am  
 keeping well - am gradually sorting out &  
 destroying many odds & ends of no value. Don't  
 go any one else. Did the pajamas fit - also gloves.  
 I am for exact sizes you will see. Having very cold  
 weather again & above this one. Maybe we won't be able  
 to sell in which case will have to wait. <sup>Was for \$5000 cash</sup>  
 Love Mother.

I do not need the money now but prefer cash to mortgage.

P.S. I have not received  
your letter written Feb 1  
This last one written Feb 3  
came thro in 9 days - fine

I may think late of  
some other things but  
now I must quit and  
get this in mail. Hope  
you are keeping well and  
please don't worry about  
me and don't feel sore  
because we think it best  
to sell out now, Wilbur  
wants me to decide every  
thing and it is hard to do

on matters that you and  
he do not agree on.  
If we could be sure  
you would be home  
next year I'd be in-  
clined maybe to  
let things go - but  
really I think my  
mind will be easier  
if all is settled; I will  
be so happy to have  
you with me anytime  
you can come & I hope  
that is not too long. Loads of  
love & affection

Carfax, Ill.

Feb. 15, 1944 <sup>2 P.M.</sup>

My dear George:

Just received 3 letters from you dated written Jan. 26, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and have read all of them. I am up at Jessie's - we had to come up here to do a 4 weeks washing - We are very short of water and do not dare to use any for a try wash. We want to cause this alt. but it took us a long time to get garage door open - it was frozen - we will not shut it again for it is too hard to open. Sunny to day but windy and roads are slushy.

Now my dear don't imagine I worry all the time - I try not to but can't seem to stop thinking of what is coming. I did not get your telegram - called up the office to-day but they never had it, they said. I just asked Jessie of Wilbur got your letter and he said, no. but they won't get to-day's mail till later this afternoon - Jessie brings it home. I am so sorry I have bothered you so much about the change I must make. Wilbur said Sunday night

When he was home + we discussed  
situation, that it would be a big  
relief to him to shut up the house  
but he thought it a very unwise  
thing to do. We did not really  
settle the matter but as I feel now  
it would be a big relief to me  
not to have to break up this spring  
Mrs. Wells is not very well + has  
told me she can't help preparations  
for moving - in fact she may  
get bad enough to leave me alto-  
gether, in which case I would  
come right to Wilbur's. I am  
glad you wrote to Wilbur and I  
hope he will agree to the plan you  
suggest. I really feel it would be  
a big load off me + Wilbur's also  
you. If Mary do not move, I could  
suppose, board at Wilbur's for  
a while. Now in regard to money  
matters, I am getting along fine +  
I realize expenses will not be so  
high or much when I am alone. I

Mary's health for checks.

have a good big checking account  
and add to it when I get dividends.  
You are very good to shield me as  
you do & offer financial aid. If  
I do not have an illness I will  
pull thro' all right. Stock bonds  
are a nuisance to keep track of  
but I have it systematized <sup>at this right</sup>  
so I can manage it better. To-  
morrow I must go to Peggy to  
get income tax fixed up - the ac-  
count for 1944 will be greater  
than it was last year - I  
am glad to hear Congress is trying to  
pass a simpler income direction -  
It is so complicated I can't follow it.  
Mrs Delp went to Doctor's yesterday &  
her blood pressure is down to 160.  
She also has some internal trouble <sup>N. W. 192</sup>  
which may prove serious but she  
does not tell the doctor yet. I went  
to bank, Post office, library, Maurice's office  
& then we came to Jessie's to see if  
we could wash here to-day.  
I'm so happy that the pajamas & gloves  
are satisfactory - You should not

I am very well & well fed better. My lungs are ~~well~~  
I have sent me so much money  
as \$10 for I want to pay for  
at least one pair - the total  
amount for all 3 & gloves was  
\$9+ (I forget what). I would like  
to send you something but  
don't know what - I have gotten  
out of cooking & will have to  
learn all over. I hope Eva's cake  
for you was as good as ours - it is  
wonderful, we still have some.  
Expect Eva Thursday on afternoon  
train - she leaves Holland Wed.  
10 P.M. & reaches Albany 2.55 P.M. <sup>7/20</sup>  
just 15 min. before train for Leas.  
I am trying to get more coal but  
no hopes yet - we still have enough  
for a week or more - we can use  
wood if necessary, we have plenty.  
Please don't worry about me, we'll  
all try to do what is best of course -  
Harold cannot help so far away.  
I want to do what you suggest in  
regard to the house & I think W. will  
agree. May write again in day or two.  
Much loves Mother.

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Mr. W. E. W. S. March

1899, G. B. Van S. March

Genl. Del. May 12, F. B. O.

San Francisco, Calif.

NO. 30

February 11, 1909

RECEIVED

Dear George:

No. 30

Box is here pretty sound -  
 looks fine and is very happy. We  
 visit on Thursday's next here at 7:47  
 P.M. train but she was together at  
 Madison from her very late - we will  
 be at 6:10 P.M. Visited as she wished  
 with Jerry's trailer the 2 houses I  
 think maybe this trip will do us good  
 It is now working upstairs quite well  
 all week but has kept warm in  
 the house. An agent came here  
 yesterday but I told him we were  
 not going to all this spring. He  
 is going to get some of the things  
 together and send them to Holland.  
 The telegram came last night after  
 noon just after I mailed letter  
 to you. Don't worry for all  
 will be all finally. Love & care  
 from all. In great  
 haste. Ever  
 Mother. Eva

Box George, March 10 will send in good shape. We'll  
 hope when you think before so long as possible about  
 leaving. We had had for my thing together. Mother. This  
 I can't say well. It's not about that well 9 or 10 - Ireland

V-MAIL

Kenny 163, F.P.O.

San Francisco, Calif.

February 19, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Your letter of two weeks ago today has just come. I suppose Eva is now at home with you and I reckon that both of you have been gobbling at a great rate. I keep wondering what you have done about the house. You must long since have had my special message and since on the 5<sup>th</sup> you seemed to have no immediate prospective purchaser it is likely you got my message before selling. I do hope that you will soon have my letter of explanation and that my sending for you will not upset you. If you have not been able to see wholly the wisdom of what I decided, perhaps talking it over with Eva will make it clear. I trust that you & Eva will not attempt too much of a clearing out, take it easy - but now that Eva is home you and she will have a good opportunity

to get her things straightened out.

Thanks for taking the trouble to write out in detail a list of your receipts & expenses. I can't see that you have anything to worry about even if you don't sell the house. Skipping miscellaneous items for the moment how could your expenses exceed the following:

Rent	360	(perhaps w. wait charge <sup>this month</sup> I doubt he shaved)
Food	250	(I doubt you can eat this much!)
Car		
ind. insurances	100	
Electricity	25	
Dental		
Hosp. fees & medicine	75	
Clothes	75	
Taxes & fees on house	125	(All the taxes over \$100)
Eva	125	
Education	30	
	<u>1165</u>	

Your bond income for the last 9 months was at the rate of \$1440 per year. With the \$150 I send you that is \$1620. This leaves a margin of \$455. That would have to absorb most miscellaneous items, in case

tax, which might be large, and decrease  
 in dividends & interest. This last is the  
 only likely serious item and it is so  
 unpredictable that I don't think you  
 should worry about it - it might just  
 as well go up three hundred as down that  
 amount. If absolutely necessary you  
 could do without the car, and I think  
 I have probably exaggerated the amount  
 for rent & food by perhaps ten or twenty  
 per cent. And as for emergencies, - you  
 must not worry about them until you've  
 lost all your children. - What do you  
 think of this budget? Let me know what  
 major items I may have left out. And  
 also let me know what yearly income you  
 can expect from stocks & bonds.

You have asked me several times recently  
 how long a certain letter has taken to  
 reach me. Here are some statistics:

Card	Jan 12	Reached here	Jan 27	in days
V-mail	Jan 16		Jan 30	15 "
Air mail	Jan 19		Feb 1	13 "
Air mail	Jan 26		Feb 11	16 "
Ord. mail	Jan 31		Feb 7	12 "
Air mail	Feb 5		Feb 13	14 "
			Feb 19	16 "

Apparently fifteen days is about the time



Perhaps something can be done about it.

Glad to have you write that your blood pressure hadn't gone up, although you had feared it had. If you take my advice I don't think it will go up again!

No, I am not at regular work yet, and it will be still some weeks before I am - perhaps a very long time, for my man, who can set up the machinery, is likely to leave here any day to go to the Annapolis preparatory school and I'm not sure whether he can be replaced about of several months. If he can't he perhaps I'd be sent back, but I'm not counting on that. I do have some things to do - and ~~am~~<sup>keep</sup> busy most of the time. We have movies regularly, but I seldom go, for they are so poor. I have received quite a lot of books by mail so that I have plenty of reading material.

Had a note from Lorna this evening saying that Eva was going home - and also one from Frank + Evelyn - a cordial message. - I guess this is all for now. Best regards to Mrs D - I'm glad she hears from Gordon - and sorry egg prices are so high. Lots of love to you + Eva - George.  
P.S. Union News arrives as I mail this.

Navy 163, F.P.O.

San Francisco Calif.

February 7, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Your letter of the #24th has just come, with the word that Mrs. D. intends to leave you well, that is what we were or less expected. I hasten to write you a note to try to give you some support. What I have written before I now realize is really of little use to you. What you want and need is a decision and I have made it for you. Here it is, and please abide by it. Close the house, forget it and move to Milburn's apartment. It's as simple as that. I am very nervous about this, and you will assist me as much as you do anything else. So you see you must do what I say!

I have written Milburn at length trying to persuade him to agree with me. But I have not told him that I have written to you that I want you to close the house - so don't tell him - I would much rather he come to that point of view after thinking

over what I have written. But of course you will have told him that I suggested it - well and good. Your line then is to say that you feel you agree with me and to stick to it until he agrees.

I don't know what money complications may make the decision very involved. You mustn't think about them, except to make sure you know how much you need. If you haven't got that much let me know at once and let proceed to get it.

There, I hope <sup>you feel</sup> as much better as I do. This thing has worried me a long time and I don't know why it took me so long to see the sensible thing to do. Please reassure me at once and tell me that you will do what I have asked.

All news - I must go to lunch and then get this mailed. With love of Cass and a fond hug,  
George.

P.S. Am sending you a telegram to say this letter is coming. If Wilton asks what is in the letter tell him I make a gain to urge you to consider leaving the house and that I had also written him. But don't let him know (unless he wants your fact to show it) that I asked you to do so. Hope the telegram didn't scare you. g.

No 31

Catsackie, N.Y.,  
Feb. 23, 1944

Dear George:

Eva is writing you a few lines and so will I. Received your V Mail letter Monday - How our letters do cross each other. Well, I guess Eva has told you about all the news. She seems so happy to be home and has not been nervous since she came. We have done considerable sorting out but there is still much to do. I have not seen Wilbur since Saturday; he does not like the idea of keeping the place but we hope he will agree to it. Just now he has other problems as he has resigned from his job to take effect coming Saturday. It means he cannot take another job for 2 months and that irritates him. Next month

He expects to take an examination  
for Insurance work - he has been  
offered insurance job in this dis-  
trict if he passes - It would be  
easier work & he says more money.  
I think his main objection to not  
selling now is the keeping lawn  
in shape for it is impossible to get  
any out to help - He also says there  
will be odd & ends to take care of  
during the summer. He does not  
realize the chance of my breaking  
~~down~~ <sup>down</sup> with the two projects to attend  
to - I could stand both, I think  
if they were widely separated. Eva  
has been a great help and rejoices  
that she can help me. The other  
day an agent was here & said he  
had 4 applicants for the place. I  
told him we were not selling now.  
It seems a good way to do and I hope  
Wilbur will be agreeable about it. I  
hope you will be able to come before many  
months for the outdoors will get very

shabby looking<sup>2</sup> if it is not cared  
for and it is so hard to get help  
and I doubt if Milbur will do  
even a part of what he did last  
year. We will do the best we  
can about your belongings - do  
you want me to get rid of your  
magazines anyway now? Are  
there any things you think I ought  
to take care of - that is to take  
them with me. I never opened  
your zipper bag - do you want  
me to take it with me for safety?  
I don't know yet what about  
insurance in an empty house -  
maybe Milbur will find out  
if & when he settles down.  
Had Harold Rea here last  
week to fix the drain pipe in  
kitchen and he offered to pump  
water from well at barn corner

to kitchen cistern. He found  
the front well as dry as a  
bone & probably it will all  
ways be so - we have been  
getting drinking water at  
Jankens since October.  
H-Rea found or saw a dead  
cat in north well & I do not  
know how it will be taken  
out & the well cleaned out,  
for it is some job. Hone had  
a little pain but not much.  
Harold did pump some  
water from barn cistern to  
kitchen cistern. Most folks sell  
my hen chickens but hasn't done  
so yet. Think she means to take  
some to Waques. Just 2 P. M. &  
I must rest a while. Eva says  
she is going for a walk.  
Much love - Mother.

No. 38-104112



POSTAGE PAID

 Mrs. M. B. VAN DEN HAACK  
 COXSACKIE  
 NEW YORK

 Type  
 No. 163, F. D. O.  
 Sent  
 February 25, 1905

Dearest Mother, Your letter of February 15<sup>th</sup> came this  
 evening - only ten days on the way. Never would the special  
 message you failed to get - it came and had to be so  
 necessary - as it said was: Don't arrange to rest home  
 before receiving complete details from George. It did  
 part of its work - relieving my mind, for of course I sup-  
 posed you would get it. You don't mention receiving my  
 long letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> in which I gave a number of hints  
 on what you might do if you decided to rest. But I  
 am hoping you have decided not to - in fact I feel  
 pretty sure you have decided so, and I shall look for  
 a letter soon telling me so. Tell Mrs. Dorr I am very  
 sorry she is not feeling well - and that this time  
 on making a change she should make sure she takes on  
 something easy enough to give her plenty of rest. I am  
 glad you are feeling so well and want you to see that  
 you keep that way. - As for the chick, about \$7.00 was  
 for pygmas - the rest is present - as you see you have  
 paid for the one pair. I am enjoying them so much - they  
 are so much more comfortable than household pygmas.  
 Hope you & Lisa are having a good visit and not worrying  
 about working too of love to you both!  
M. B. Van Den Haack

V - MAIL





quit his work Saturday and expects soon  
to go to N.Y. for 2 weeks for training in  
insurance work. We were up there to  
supper last Thursday & he was here a  
little while Friday evening. This  
afternoon I must go to bank with Peggy  
to finish up there about some papers  
I hope the thing will be all settled soon  
for it is getting to be monotonous to me.  
I had Peggy attend to the insurance re-  
port & this afternoon she will finish  
that too - I hope there will be no more  
checks to give the Foremen as I have  
given 3 so far since last March.  
We were fortunate to get another lot of  
coal to-day from Goodwin's - maybe it  
will be the last unless we get severe  
weather again. We still have lots of  
wood we could use if weather gets very  
wild. I have an appointment  
with Dr. Gardner for to-morrow afternoon.  
Some of my teeth must be extracted - I  
have had no severe pains but occasional  
soreness - I hope I will not have to lose  
many teeth if any - just the thought of it  
makes me nervous. I am at the point  
now that I want to get settled - I dread  
living alone even with Mr. & Mrs. D. but  
time will overcome that. Harold expects to  
have a vacation in July - I may go to see them  
some time & then go to Holland as I am so  
anxious to have one. However I can not plan  
mine definitely. Mrs. D. is still not very well - I  
am sorry to bother & drag. I hope she'll be well & see  
me soon.



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. (p) George B. Van Schaack  
Gen. Delivery Navy 163  
7<sup>th</sup> St  
San Francisco, California

From Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack  
Cosackie  
New York  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1844

Dear George: love from Mr. & Mrs. Eva  
It seems a long time since I heard from you yet it is less than two weeks, written Feb 11 I hope you have received all my letters. We have had some very severe and cloudy weather this week. Got a ton of coal today. This evening Mother and family will be here to dinner. Mother could not get a release from the dinner work, so he is out of it now for a month and cannot get another one till this time is up. He has made a keep him busy at home. I cannot go into the apartment till the Week more - he may be called in April. He has not yet been to New Jersey there. So I will have 2 rooms up stairs which Mother is fixing up for my sister. I can have the apartment - I will just hard for the time. Eva has been collecting her things to send or take to Holland. She sent you the package yesterday. Hope she will enjoy it. I am reading Mrs. Dora and Mrs. and at the other books. The time is going to be not much. Mrs. D. said all her things (D) 1.75 each. I love Mother.

V.-MAIL

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Lt. (79) George B. Van Schoack  
Sen. Delib. Navy 163 F. P. O.  
San Francisco,  
California.

Cossackie N. Y.,  
March 4/44

Dear George-

Wa and I were delighted to receive your letter today written on Feb. 19 & 20. Having some very cold milky weather now & ground covered with snow. As I wrote you a long letter yesterday I haven't much to write about now. Probably by this time you have received my recent letters telling you of our decision to postpone selling for present. We are progressing but not doing too much at a time. W & I here last evening. W. showed up his movie pictures. Rose wrote,

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104 (L. 1973) George B. V. M. Schrock  
Gen. Deliv. Navy 163 P. O.  
San Francisco  
Calif 94712

Post Office Box 212  
General Delivery  
San Francisco, Calif. 94111

March 10, 1974

My dear George: Kind one and a great long from Eva.  
 Starting to get your V-Mail yesterday written Feb. 23  
 looks by now you have received the 4 letters and some have  
 shut recently. If so you know now we are not trying to call  
 now mainly to tell you the problem is terrific and I do  
 not feel able to tackle it. Eva is still cooking - I am  
 waiting for milder weather to get down in back (Pleasantville).  
 Having fine weather now but there is still plenty of ice.  
 I am thinking you will not see more of us through  
 at times. I will be glad if you get settled, but the  
 usual settlement will be the hardest. My wife & three  
 will take the highway home - It is having some  
 trouble now with holes as does not feel so good. Keel  
 was a little while yesterday on Red Cross collection.  
 Mrs. D. is going to night to to George Melton of South  
 Durham so Cecil is going to take me to the Union  
 Center Service. Eva is happily satisfied to stay alone  
 anytime. Glad to hear of good news of business  
 downtown. School almost settled. Eva went to Buchanan  
 Woods & lease of back. Prices fell over other growth from  
 there. I think I received all your mail and answered. Hope  
 too. You probably did not get all my letters. Thanks for the  
 check - I'll use it for some new work. We've change  
 to go to Miami. It is hard to make plans as we pick two from  
 you. I will have to talk about what we must do.  
 I am not worrying about anything so long you write about me.  
 Much love from us all  
 Mother

V-MAIL

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127 (79) Royal Wm Schaefer  
Gen. Delia Mary 163 RPO  
San Francisco  
California.

From Mrs. M. G. Van Dusen  
Cox 330 E 116  
New York  
March 14, 1904

EMERSON'S STAMP

My dear George: Love as always, Ben  
 So glad to receive your V Mail letter yesterday  
 written Feb. 25 and pleased to hear Louise crossed 2 of mine  
 By now you must have received more of mine. Have  
 not much news to write but want to keep you posted  
 things go on much the same each day. About 3 days  
 last night so shared in bed part this morning. I  
 have been only 3 times in the past year and it is prob-  
 ably like it used to be. I will probably not go again. Maybe  
 never for I hear that malaria is common here. In fact  
 now is the day Mother takes medicine, 20 bars and  
 all hope he will pass. He has been studying a good  
 deal and also working on the new bedroom. He has  
 been suffering with colds but does not seem to  
 mind it. All of our children are well. I could not get into the  
 Spring is most here - some days quite mild  
 and we have heard blue birds and some other birds  
 they are very plentiful. Snow ice all gone - I  
 had a big bunch of funny fellows on Sunday. I could  
 talk a good deal to you if you were here but we will  
 get to work till you come. I am getting tired of the  
 performance and will be glad when we get settled  
 I heard the change but I know it is the black snow.  
 Most noon so I must get up to mail you. Look eagerly  
 for letters from Ben and hope you are keeping well.  
 Love as always  
 Ben

V-MAIL

Mother

No. 36-

Catskills NY

Mar. 16, 1944

My dear George -

Probably all my former letters were not numbered. Last letters were written Feb. 19, 23, 29, Mar. 3, 10, 13 <sup>(card 7.4 to)</sup>


The enclosed letter came this noon and it is a puzzle to me. I have no recollection of ever writing to any person or company about your whereabouts. Have no idea why I should get a check for \$1.74. You probably will understand it. It looks to me as if your life Ins. is cancelled - is that so? Explain to me when you write. Weather quite cold yet - had a big rain 2 nights & all day so we have plenty of water now in cisterns. Yesterday was busy enough to get 500 lb. of Rice coal from Goodwins but so small an amount will not last but a few days. We still have a little left from last year; our wood has gone down so we have not much of that. We are hoping milder weather will soon be here and stay here. Yesterday Wilbur took his insurance exam in Albany - he was here this A.M. - and he answered every question - over 50 but ~~will~~ <sup>does</sup> not know when he will hear if he passed - he seemed rather optimistic.

The cold weather is holding me back  
in clearing out things up in store rooms.  
Milton is having difficulty to help him  
do the work at his house and so  
it goes with everything - so hard to  
get any kind of help.

I have little to write about  
and so I'll quit. Hope to  
get a better soon - they are my  
life savers. Hope you are  
keeping well. I have not  
seen D in some weeks but  
will go again as soon as my  
medicine is used up.

Much love  
Mother.

on the right, the Department will take up the same business and your correspondence in the same printed form as the original. Do not fill in this space. Write or send nothing to get outside the printing office.



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Mrs. M. D. Van Sledright  
COXSACKIE  
New York

REC'D  
L. J. Van Sledright  
NAVY M. S. P. O.  
San Francisco Calif.  
March 18, 1904  
(Sender's complete address please)

REGISTERED MAIL      MAIL REGISTRATION NO. 1

Dear Mother, - Mail from you came through here on  
 three days ago - Feb 19, March 5th. Am glad to hear  
 the final word that you are not planning to accept the  
 offer - and still hope that I can get home before  
 you do. As for the price it would be nice for you to  
 be able to take it with you & I hope you'd be able to.  
 However you needn't worry about having it in the  
 house - I have been told on good authority that  
 changing temperature has not damaged a trace of the  
 change is gradual - and the samples in our house is  
 not better than were for the price - Am sorry to  
 hear you have been having soreness with your head  
 and hope that the X-ray won't disclose anything  
 requiring a great deal of work, - but do have some  
 whatever is necessary - The clothing you sent from  
 the Stallard paper was fairly reasonable except for  
 a detail or two. Hope you enjoyed making "Bird,  
 Sam & others" - you ought to send a lot more days. We  
 have recently received a lot of good books so that  
 now I can read as much as I have time for. - Shall  
 be looking for the catalogue very pleased to hear from  
 you and hope you are well and happy.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

**V - MAIL**

POSTAGE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

No. 251 84 205  
 Lt. 150  
 George B. Van Schoek  
 Navy 163 - F.P.O.  
 San Francisco  
 California

Mrs. M. B. Van Schoek  
 Coxsackie  
 New York  
 March 26, 1914

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 My dear George: So glad to get letter on Friday written March 5  
 also 11-12 miles to Coxsackie. Remember how a nice reception, then a  
 hope by some range of some letters sent Feb. 29 March 3, 1914  
 also said on 4<sup>th</sup> of these must make of plain that we  
 are not trying to sell but will have it to the as you sug-  
 gested. We will probably close up about May 1<sup>st</sup> - that is when  
 Mrs D. wants to leave. I will take things home in just under  
 and hope to finish by the 30<sup>th</sup> with the things more or  
 can have the apartment. I will investigate about insurance  
 but do not think Mr. Jensen would come here at any time  
 even to save insurance. I wrote you about the fact that  
 he seems optimistic will have some work in the general  
 the 21<sup>st</sup> and of my wife he will not be left in the way  
 had several days of rain. So Walter is a little better but like  
 things not able to do any more work. You get day after  
 the 8<sup>th</sup> father of mine to do any more work. The day he is not de-  
 cided about taking care of the house. He would like to see  
 11<sup>th</sup> - I am sure that he does not think the house he offers  
 by himself. Mike offers to do any more but I would do to  
 thank I do not think more. But I do not feel equal now to  
 the order. You may be surprised to hear how much I  
 had to do 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday. I had had good luck. I thought  
 to do it for good. I had the 11<sup>th</sup> - the 11<sup>th</sup> with a long  
 11<sup>th</sup> - I was here but she did not let to continue one week  
 will I and to get near again but with 11<sup>th</sup> - I have  
 after. This job is ordinary. I must get to the house  
 to be calm these days but I do not say easy. I have  
 you want to see. I have more to see.

V-MAIL

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 10 Mrs. M. B. Kossack  
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 NEW YORK  
 10 Mrs. M. B. Kossack  
 NAVY 163, F. 20.  
 S. Francisco, Calif.  
 March 27, 1944  
 (Sender's complete address shown)

Dear Dad, Glad to get your letter of the 10th & 14th yesterday - and to hear that everything is going so well at home. Especially glad to hear that you persuaded you from going through the ordeal of seeing the spring - apparently you will have enough to work in morning alone - sorry to hear Wilson has been having bad cold again - he ought to get under the care of a doctor and see the matter for a while. I wish he would and bright in the insurance room. Practically nothing new to report from here. Had a special job last week which kept me very busy for three or four days, but that is all over now. Saw a rather good movie a couple of nights ago which I think you'd like - 'The Great One' - about life in a Russian border town just before the Nazi invasion and the subsequent suffering after the invasion. - Wonderful to hear that you have three rentals and I hope to hear him - it will be strange to hear him for the first time in a place like this. - How long is Eva staying - and when are you planning to leave? Lots of love to you both.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?  
 V-MAIL  
 HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT BOTTOM?

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FIRST CLASS

 FROM  
 Mrs N. B. VAN SCHAACK  
 COXSACKIE  
 New York

 TO  
 Lt. J. G. Van Schaack  
 NAVY 163, F.P.O.  
 San Francisco, Calif.  
 April 2, 1948

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 3

Mailing a complete address change

Dearest Mother, The only mail from you this week  
 was the big package which came yesterday - in  
 more or less revised form. First time the socks are  
 wonderful - she did a fine job of packing them -  
 I don't think any of them are broken. The cardigan  
 is most delicious - just the right texture - and  
 it isn't dry out. I shall save the lin houses  
 carefully and hope later to send back something  
 in return. - Again, not much to report. Heard  
 Mumkin on Wednesday - a light program - interesting  
 to see him dressed in black trousers and tan  
 jacket - very nice. - Saw a good movie today -  
 'The Watch on the Rhine' - that you shared all  
 it if you have a chance. Met a Marjorie's table  
 boy this week - the first one I've run into. He's  
 been out here since August 1942. - Have thought  
 of you often these last few days and been hoping  
 you weren't finding them too difficult. I hope  
 Eva has been able to stay with you and I  
 shall look for a letter from you in the first mail.  
 Lots of love from  
 Jack

ADDRESS AT TOP

 REPLY BY  
 V-MAIL

 HAVE COMPLETE  
 MAILING SERVICE

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Mr. G. B. Nelson  
San Francisco, California.

Mrs. M. B. Nelson  
Coxsackie  
New York  
April 2nd

Number 28 took in Mar. 10, 11, 14 and 26 1895.  
 My dear George: So glad to get your letter Tuesday last  
 you wrote March 17 I just had evening. It was good to  
 hear you had received mine of the 10th. I am de-  
 pending on your favour to help me get things out -  
 It looks like a big problem. Have not been getting  
 extra lately so do not accomplish much. We talk  
 of returning to Holland next week but will probably  
 stay at least. We have just come in from a short  
 walk, snow is drifting but there is a strong cold wind.  
 We are glad to see the birds of various kinds & hear  
 the blue birds. Do not see Wilson or family much  
 lately. They are busy cleaning out house and negotiating  
 Miller was here Tuesday to dinner as he had gone  
 to Albany. I have not been up there since I have  
 was but must go soon to get things out of a lot.  
 There is much to attend to here this month but I  
 go slow for it makes me so tired. Eva  
 wrote to the doctor in Boston last week but has  
 had no reply yet. I do not want her to go alone but  
 I am not at all sure now to go with her so I don't  
 know the outcome. Thank you for your letter & help the  
 you can - and please write big letters. My love to  
 May & Glad you are some good books. I am  
 and how to read.

V - MAIL

Much love Mother.

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1-27 (7) George A. Van Dine  
Gen. Del. Nalley 163 P.O.  
San Francisco 15, Ca.  
California.

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New York

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1948

STREET STAMP

No. 39

My dear George:

Most a week since I wrote - no word from you since but hope to get some soon. The days pass rapidly and 3 more weeks will find me moving. I'm sorry I cannot move right in apartment but must be contented to board with M. for some time. Wilbur had word this week that he had passed the insurance exam so now he can continue Harold's insurance work and will probably get same then to do. Holidays were the nicest spring day and we took a lunch and went up to Mt. Brook Woods and then took tea to see the lake and new reservoir. Today is Thursday and it may rain. Have not yet gone to Albany but was soon. Mrs. Belf is going away today for one week. Wilbur's family are coming here to dinner. I am quite bewildered so and hope for it is hard to get ready for the change. I could talk to you so much but must write so much. I wonder we are progressing and the 3 will be ahead will soon be over. Let's see how that day. Hope you are helping will not will receive. OK my Mother - Eva is sending you out to day. Much love from all

V---MAIL

Mother

Navy 163, F. P. O.  
San Francisco, Calif.  
April 9, 1944.

Dearest Mattie,

Today has been Easter - and the best thing about it was mail from home - the first in two weeks. I am afraid today brought me more word of you than you of me - I wrote Jessie quite a while ago to buy you some flowers for today, but I'm afraid the letter didn't get out for a week or two days - if not, it was too late - I'm sorry, I should have started even earlier. But you will have realized that I've been thinking of you - wishing I might be at home.

I'm wondering if Eva is still with you - I hope you two are not wearing yourselves out trying to do too much sacking - I am immensely glad that I persuaded you not to sell. - Glad that you & Eva enjoyed Cass's visit - and suspect it was good for you to 'lay off' a few days.

Things here are much the same, though it looks now as if in another two weeks I shall be busy getting organized - it will be nearly six months.

Am sorry you were perplexed over the letter from

P.S. Don't worry about your letters - they all came through.

The insurance company - I don't know why they  
wrote you - the matter is simply a slight adjustment  
of premium due to my being out of the States -  
a minor transgression of the policy is cancelled.  
The check for \$1.74 is a rebate - cash it & use it  
& forget about it.

Had a nice letter from Mrs. Mill in Miscellaneous tonight  
- I had written her several months ago of father's  
death. She writes: "He did enjoy knowing him so  
much and looked forward to his coming again  
He was such a fine interesting character and so  
full of enthusiasm over everything." Poor Elizabeth  
has been living alone in that house all  
winter, taking care of the furnace & all, and  
acting as butler. Don't know how she does  
it - she is something else so.

Trust Milburn has heard that he passed  
the exam alright - and can now go ahead with  
the insurance business. Apparently Harold is  
not going to be called - which will be just  
as well - though it would be nice if he  
were sure of it. - Tell Mrs. D I'm sorry she  
doesn't feel better & hope the doctor can help  
her. - Don't worry & don't work very hard -  
the war won't last for ever. Lots of love to you & Lou

Please do not write address in plain block before in the post office, and your name address in the same position. The recipient does not see it. If the plainity. Very small writing is not suitable.

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CENSOR'S STAMP

1271 (P) George W. Schack  
Gen. Deliv. May 163. F.P.O.  
San Francisco,  
California.

From  
Mr. Wm. Schack  
Cossackia  
New York  
April 10<sup>th</sup> 1944

My dear George; <sup>no. 40</sup> Hello, how have you been again? Blessing, how is everyone?  
 Very cloudy day but we are washing. It is good to have milder weather. What a surprise! It is Saturday when I came home at 3 o'clock. Eva was gone home to her and I saw a beautiful lily plant in the yard. I was quite sure it came from you but did not open it till Eva came home. It was so good of you to remember me in this way and we all enjoyed it so much. Please send for it if you can. I had two large ones and they were two of which opened yesterday. I let you have it for the pulp as the red pulp is lily plant & small pots. It looked beautiful and was much admired. We brought it home and will enjoy it a long time. Without family came to dinner & stayed in the afternoon. Eva went to church with me - we rode with Carl & Mrs. B. had gone away I had my return today. Thank you so much - I do appreciate your love and help to me. We all want to get you in a telegram. I will be glad when we can get the plant to you. The time here is short and yet I am not ready to go yet. There are many things to do here. I will send you some more some days. I will be glad to see you. I hope you are well. I am yours as ever Dr. Wm. Schack  
 W. MAIL

Put the complete address in plain block letters in the post office, and give other address in the same plaintext. Use numerals, not in, or post. Use metric. Write small letters in one column.

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L. I. (P) The B. Van Schoeck  
San Diego Navy 163. P. P. O.  
San Francisco,  
California.

From  
Don M. E. Van Schoeck  
C. P. S. 66 K. 16  
New York  
April 16, 1944

710 211  
Miss Bill - Hello - beautiful  
My dear George: How fine it was to get 2 letters from you  
that week one written Mar 7 and one Apr 2. Glad to hear you  
received the package last week and hope you will soon  
get the one I mailed April 13. We had had a rainy day  
and I have been sleeping since dinner - now it's OK. In fact I  
have rested a good deal the last week for I always feel over-  
tired with all these is to do and job doesn't seem to seem -  
that very much. Ben keeps busy all the time and gets more of  
the meals. He likes to do it. He has also done some big things  
I cannot do many things well, I can reason - will keep it up  
all little by little. He has never go to New York City, or  
for 2 weeks for someone makes house and will probably keep  
some time being with. He thought it was going to be very  
and all will find out about the things. I don't see  
the great. He I guess get some things here. But I see  
Tuesday. My Good. Michael had gone up to airport but is not  
going to and to take some medicine and so job is done again.  
He is very middle finger in some way (but I don't know) and is  
excellent and I think but so getting better but I don't know  
Matter. I would like to see the Progress for all. I don't  
do not hear of them. This is the case. Mike had complained that  
with me the house. I don't know if I could not be a  
little longer but the big team prevented. He is coming again to  
get away but she will stay. I mean all this. We have had  
lots of trouble with letters but the mail we had to other. We are not  
too - and if you see one. He is very much better. We are  
and all fine from wherever weather will be under soon. Please  
I am. You will have lots to talk about. I wish so often I  
could hear you a while. I signed long yours  
V-MAIL  
Don M. E. Van Schoeck

No.

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To Mr. George B. Shreve  
Hwy. 16 S. - P. O.  
San Francisco,  
California.

From Mrs. M. B. Shreve  
Cotacachi  
New York  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1944

CHECKS STAMP

My dear George: - An evening's harvest work made  
 April 9<sup>th</sup> I had to get over rather than work. Written  
 quite cold in case road to Jalisco. That was very  
 Spring like Mrs D & about to probably to desert - I  
 had both cleaned. We have had a very week and  
 everything seems quite okay here - so many details  
 & attend to. One trip to Albany Monday was quite  
 tiresome - had to get many things and we had to  
 hot around quite a good deal. I bought great food  
 but I could not find any thing. I hope for bread here  
 had no time to look at that part of it. I am  
 not sure later in season. We have been making  
 plants and in Leo sprayed about every three  
 in the house that is work. To day she has been  
 he change her pink and some holes. I had been  
 trying to get the by her. No thing I need to take to  
 Miller's. As a kind of a heart-breaking time. but I  
 can't do a good - will have to do it. Long to see when  
 you please this I will probably be at Miller's when  
 a change it will be for me. Have passed a long time  
 to know how to make up the lavender. This is good and  
 so you will hear some thing from me. I will be glad  
 to get settled and then I can rest all I need to do  
 I am going to return all. Write when ready, hope  
 I will soon. Much love,  
 Mrs. M. B. Shreve

V-MAIL



Navy 163, F. P. O.  
San Francisco, Calif.  
April 23, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

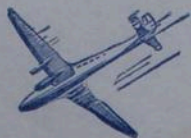
Very glad to get your two V-mail letters this  
last week. Pleased to hear that the letter order-  
ing the Lily plant did get through in time  
to have the plant reach you for Easter and  
to hear that you all enjoyed it so much. It is  
nice you were able to have Sus stay over  
Easter with you.

You write of having already been able  
to have an outdoor picnic, which must  
mean you are having some fine spring  
weather. I hope it will be an early and  
warm spring - for if it is you will feel  
much happier in your new surroundings. The

two are having spring, but you might find  
it a little hard to recognize it! That is  
all I can say about it.

Today has been sort of lark - I had a watch  
last night, which kept me up until eight this  
morning, so I spent until six tonight in bed.  
I must move this week. I shall have some-  
what more commodious & comfortable  
quarters, but they will be quite remote from  
both the show hall and my work, so that  
with the added inconvenience I would much  
rather stay where I am - but, of course, I  
have no choice! However, I am living so well  
here than so many others, I see no cause  
for any complaint.

Am sorry to hear you will not be able to  
move right into the apartment. I hope Wilbur  
will arrange to have the apartment vacated  
soon - it seems to me there is little



use in writing till the  
Present account is drafted  
- that is too indefinite - you'll  
probably have to use diplomacy  
to get this across though.

Well, all my hub-makes have just come in  
and there's no more writing news. - I hope  
you'll be able to make the move with a  
minimum of trouble & anxiety - don't let  
it get you down. I shall look  
anxiously for word of it. Lots of love  
George.

Navy 163, F. P. O.  
Ordnance Dept  
San Francisco, Calif.  
April 30, 1942

Secret Matter,

Have been wondering this week-end if you have moved. I am feeling particularly sympathetic just at the moment for I have had to move this week-end, and I am not too happy over it. I am in much more commodious quarters and now have a vehicle 8'x12' all to myself with better storage space than I had before. But the quarters are very remote from both my work and the chow hall and with no means of transportation except my feet or a pick-up ride I shall have more difficulty in getting about. And I am now in a hut where there is a radio going at all hours, which you can realize is a treat to me. However, I shall soon have my own office set up and then I can stay there except for

sleeping hours, now that the winter  
is gone and the days are longer. Per-  
haps by next winter things will have  
changed. - My Office should be in fairly  
good shape in another week.

Glad to hear you found the mice in  
your blood because so small - it  
will go down if you will relax after  
the mouse. Try to spend more time reading  
and resting. Hope your trip to Albany  
was easy and that you were able to  
get what you went for. - Heard from  
a fellow just out of the States that  
meat is scarce - am wondering if  
you are even able to get your ration.  
If it is scarce it's partly because the  
men out of the States are filling it, -  
we have all we want - and also plenty  
of meat - chicken once a week - tonight  
a half hen a piece - rather tough  
but lots to eat. And every morning we  
get two eggs & plenty of fruit. So  
you see we are well fed - I even  
believe I am finally beginning to  
put on a little weight, perhaps five  
pounds since I came - every one is

supposed to gain weight here.

Heard from Wolvers this week that he had taken a leave from Michigan State College and had a research job with an aircraft company in Niagara Falls. The college had lost so much enrollment that it couldn't find work for all its instructors.

Trust that if Eva has gone back to Holland you have had word that she had a safe trip. I can realize how hard it was for you to see her go. Her smile the two months together would have to have been very good for both of you.

The envelope was passed around the other day for us to see home. I hope you won't have any occasion to have to see it, but I want you to know how to get hold of me if you do.

Well, I guess this is all said - I'm going to get into bed and try to

Need against this evil noise. As  
ever much love & good courage  
George.



W. Coxsackie, Wf.

May 5, 1944

My dear George:

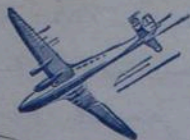
Wilbur brought me home here this morning for it is a summer's day and I wanted to do some odd jobs here that I did not get done before moving. It is so good to be home but it is lonesome. It took us all day Monday to gather our things and clear up the house partly. Was so glad to get your letter on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> that you wrote on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. I was very tired after Eva's visit for she was moving about all the time and no one knew when there would be an explosion for she broke out suddenly but not very often but it kept me on edge. She longed to be home and at times begged me to keep her here - then again when she reconvened she was sensible and admitted her best move was to stay with Laura. My move to Wilbur's could not be a happy one but I was pleased to see how nice Wilbur and Jessie had fixed up the bedroom all newly painted & papered

and it seems larger than I thought it would. The small living room is not complete yet and I also have a private bathroom but that, too, is not finished - Jessie is now painting the walls. Milbur made a large wooden shutter for the donna window and another one for my bed room window which faces the west. He intends to make enough for the whole house as he gets time. The Maags' are still in the apartment and there is no sign I can see of their going very soon. Neither Milbur or Jessie will ask them, too, for they like them and do not want to hurt their feelings. Milbur told me recently he would not ask them to leave but will wait for Maags' to either lose his defense job or be drafted. Milbur says the apartment is Jessie's and it is up to her - she just loves the baby she cared for so much - now over 2 yrs. and she refuses to put them out. So I will have to be patient but you know Jessie never lets any one help her much, so I have not much to do except wipe dishes and sometimes wash the

Your advice about Bessie was accepted tho' I had decided on some more anyway. She is very selfish and does nothing at all in the house - only thinks of herself - is out with the boys every night and gets home from school for supper and then gets rigged up again. She has been clever so far to me but says little but and only talks about getting ready to go. Poor Jessie has made a hard time for herself - She works all the time. I would be glad to be alone for then I could be occupied but at present maybe it is best for me to get rested. If you ever write to W. don't mention about the apartment - it would only add fuel to fire.

The usual plants & flowers are coming up here and I will try to come down once in a while to enjoy them. Milbur has spent much time on his lawns and with some evergreens & shrubs and flowers, it looks nice - also fine grass. Our shrubs are coming out but I doubt if

I can sleep thru so I did last year.  
Yesterday afternoon Milbur took me down  
town at 2:15 + came for me at 4 -  
I had to wait 1 hour in the rest room.  
I had some checks to put in bank  
and did a little shopping in drug  
store, for I must continue to take  
the drugs I have had so long to keep  
me in shape. Went in to see Dr. W. G.  
He took my blood pressure which he  
found o.k. also heart + lungs o.k. He  
gave me more medicine + wants  
me to see him again in a few weeks.  
It looks as if I'll be a steady patient.  
We had a little chat + he always  
braces me up. It is just noon and  
I'm going to eat a lunch and then  
lay down + rest. I expect a boy after  
school to mow lawns but he is so un-  
dependable I fear he won't come. But  
there are few in town to help out + so much  
will have to be left undone. Milbur did  
not go to N.Y. Monday, but went to Kings ton for  
Susan's exam. He will have to go to N.Y. later.  
Much love from Mother. I long to see you.



Ordinance Department  
Navy 163, F. P. O.  
San Francisco, Calif.  
May 8, 1944

Dearest Mother,

Last word from you written on the 22nd  
came a week ago. Hope that by now you  
have made the move to Withers and  
have gotten over the initial strangeness  
of it. Feel sure that with plenty of rest  
you will soon get over the exhaustion  
brought about by all this packing and  
moving.

I am quite busy these days, up and away  
by 7:30 and not back for twelve hours, by  
which time I'm usually pretty tired and  
not ready for much except a little reading  
and to bed. A week ago tonight I washed

to my quarters across the fields and was  
delighted to find the first flowers here. They  
are very tiny - purplish red, growing on short  
herb-like stems right on the ground. Also  
saw a large number of beautiful violas.  
Eva would go walk here with the great  
variety of masses & colors.

There is practically nothing else to report  
from here that I can write - Have had very  
little mail lately. Hoping to hear from  
you soon of Eva's safe return to Holland.

Have fixed up my new quarters quite com-  
fortably - built myself a clothes cabinet to hang  
all my things in, have a large double locker, a  
small writing table and managed even to  
get hold of a nice piece of carpet for a rug.  
Must be living in real luxury if it were only  
more quiet. - All over - I must get to bed.  
Lots of love & good courage. George.

West Loopsackie N.Y.  
May 17, 1944

Dear George:

All I am home again for  
the day. Just wrote letter to Eva.  
Yesterday was like summer but  
to-day is cloudy + cooler. First  
this this AM. I did a small work-  
ing - mostly things that were  
done here till last minute.  
Then I raked some squares of  
grass - the Jackson boy has  
been mowing the lawn, but  
he does not do a good job.  
One day Hilber came + went  
over the big lawn. The peacocks  
look fairly well. Tulips  
opening now + many other  
plants growing. They will have  
to take care of themselves this year.  
I will try to keep them watered  
if we have dry weather. There  
is much I could do in the house

but I can't do much at a time  
for I get too tired. - Wilbur  
has improved his grounds very  
much - nice lawns & plants etc.  
He was quite elated yesterday  
when he had word that he  
has been accepted as an agent  
in Mo. Co. Today he had to go  
to Springfield again & probably  
to ~~the~~ <sup>Philadelphia</sup> next week for 2 weeks  
before starting his route.

Bessie was home 2 1/2 da.  
Just 7 weeks with bad attack  
of neuralgia - she was quite  
a case for she was in such  
pain in her head, ears & teeth.  
Jessie is house cleaning  
but is so often interrupted she  
does not progress very fast.  
I don't dare help for I fear  
for my self - besides she seems  
to prefer to do all the own work

I wish you could see the  
Crab apple tree - it is just  
a mass of white blossoms.  
Most of the other trees have  
blossoms on, too. We have  
had asparagus one year  
our plot but it has been  
neglected & is not very plenty.

Strawberries are growing  
so we may have some.  
Last evening Milbur & Jessie  
started a vegetable garden.  
Milbur is making two book  
cases under the corner  
meadow so I can have most  
of my books there. I am  
gradually getting accustomed  
to a new life but it is not  
very easy - I keep a stiff  
upper lip & say little, as I  
cannot agree with everything.  
Milbur has been very good to us.

and so has Jessie but neither  
one are campfire-able.  
They are so busy day times  
even till bed time unless  
they go out as they do occa-  
sionally. I am looking  
forward to having the  
apartment some time but  
no knowing when - sooner  
or later.

I'm sorry your abode is as  
far from the other places -  
Maybe there'll be a change.  
I had a lunch here this noon  
& then lay down a while.  
Mrs Berlin came over to see  
me. Guess I'll go out  
now & rake some more.  
Much love,  
Mother.

# HONOR ROLL

## A

Adams, William A.  
Albright, Donald C.  
Albright, Erving E.  
Alcure, Patsy  
Ames, Charles A.  
Ames, Earl O.  
Ames, Milton H.  
Antetomaso, Louis  
Armstrong, Donald  
Armstrong, Roscoe H.

## B

Bailey, Earl A.  
Ballieu, Ferdinand  
Barfoot, William Harvey  
Barnes, Edward  
Barrow, Raymond  
Beatty, Arthur Jr.  
Becker, Frederick  
Bedell, Frank F.  
Becher, Raymond  
Belanger, Archie  
Bennett, Jack  
Berlin, Otto  
Berlinsky, Walter J.  
Berroth, Edward  
Berroth, Leonard H.  
Bogardus, Burton A.  
Bogardus, Charles A.  
Bogardus, Edward A.  
Bogardus, Ernest R.  
Bogardus, George W.  
Bogardus, Robert  
Bonacci, Charles P.  
Bonacci, Michael  
Boone, Herbert J.  
Borst, Howard M.  
Brandow, B. Neal  
Brandow, Keith T.  
Brandow, Paul E.  
Brandow, Ralph H.  
Bronk, Arthur E.  
Brown, Edward Jr.  
Bub, William A.  
Buckoff, John  
Buckoff, Peter  
Bujak, Joseph L.  
Burger, William A.  
Burke, Thomas  
Burns, Edward (?)  
Burns, James Jr. (?)

## C

Caldwell, Everett E.  
Cameron, Irwin  
Campoli, Barney  
Campoli, Ralph  
Campoli, Santo, Jr.  
Carrillo, James Jr.  
Carey, Seymour A.  
Cary, Raymond P.  
Cary, Richard F.  
Casseles, James L.  
Castle, W. C.  
Chapman, Arthur L.  
Chapman, James G.  
Christensen, Olsen P.  
Clark, James H.  
Cohen, Harry  
Colburn, Kenneth  
Cole, Charles R.  
Cole, Edwin H.  
Cole, Ernest A.  
Cole, Kinne W.  
Collier, Jhoiclam  
Collins, Archibald A.  
Collins, James J.  
Cornwell, Warren  
Costello, E. Kenneth  
Costello, Raymond  
Costello, Ronald  
Couser, Sherwood  
Cowen, Henry  
Craw, Egbert  
Craw, Robert R.  
Creswell, Raymond  
Curtis, Leroy B.  
Curtis, Ralph E.

## D

Daley, Robert H.  
Daly, Thomas  
Daniels, William T.  
Danust, Alfred  
Dardani, Alfred  
Dardani, George J.  
Dardani, John J.  
Day, Donald M.  
Deane, Burton A.  
Decker, Francis H.  
DeFrate, Francis W.  
DeLong, Alphas  
Delp, L. Gordon  
DePerna, Michael  
Denbert, H.  
Deyo, Frank (?)  
Deyo, Reginald  
Deyo, Lavere  
Dixon, Arthur C.  
Dixon, Norman H.  
Dollard, George  
Dovido, Nicholas F.  
Dowling, William

## D

Drojarski, George  
Dufkin, George S.  
Dufkin, Wm. J.  
Dunn, Russell

## E

Edwards, Joseph H.  
Eignor, Eugene

## F

Fawcett, Stanley  
Feldbin, Albert E.  
Filkins, Frank R. (?)  
Filkins, Robert M.  
Finch, Howard W.  
Finnegan, Patrick J.  
Fitzgerald, Donald  
Fitzpatrick, Henry  
Flood, Charles E.  
Florant, Hubert S.  
Flynn, John M.  
Foley, Francis P.  
Fox, John J.  
Francis, George  
Francis, William M.

## G

Galasso, Vincent  
Gardiner, Thomas  
Gardner, Wm. Donald  
Gavin, Frank  
Giametti, Rose  
Gibson, Arthur A.

## H

Haas, Harry C.  
Haines, Dayton B.  
Hall, Harold S.  
Hallenbeck, Edward C.  
Hallenbeck, W. Harding  
Hallenbeck, Lawrence E.  
Hallenbeck, Stanley  
Hallock, Floyd  
Ham, Ira  
Hamilton, Harry Jr.  
Hamilton, William C.  
Harris, Althea C.  
Harris, Floyd K.  
Hille, Alvin  
Hladik, Charles  
Hodgkinson, Leonard  
Hodgkinson, Warren  
Hood, Alvin V.  
Hood, George Jr.  
Hotaline, Aaron E.  
Hotaling, Barney P.  
Hoyt, Ernest M.  
Hotaling, Frederick T.  
Hotaling, George E.  
Hotaling, Oswald  
Hoyer, Lucille  
Hughes, George C.  
Hulbert, Howard A.  
Hyman, Clifford E.

## I

Irving, Charles A.  
Irving, John D., Jr. (Gold Star)  
Iris, Charles E.  
Iris, Bernard C.  
Iris, Howard W.  
Irwin, Royal R.

## J

Jackson, William P.  
Jenne, Harold R.  
Jones, Charles H. (?)  
Jump, Leonard  
Jump, Harold F.  
Jump, Raymond D.

## K

Kaiser, Walter  
Kardum, Paul J.  
Karnik, Joseph  
Keleher, John C.  
Keleher, William A.  
Kendall, Vernon A.  
Kennedy, James M.  
Kinns, James W.  
Kinns, Wilmot  
Kniffen, George R.  
Kolarik, Barney  
Koskinen, Enio  
Kozack, Edward W.  
Krivaneck, Louis

## L

Labuda, Walter A. (?)  
Lambertson, Wm. A.  
Lammly, Erwin  
Laodon, John  
LaPorte, Bruno  
LaPorte, James T.  
Laporte, John  
Leary, William J.  
Lombardi, Joseph F.  
Longthorn, Donald P.  
Longthorn, Paul T.  
Lovelock, Dorothy E.  
Lovelock, Edward  
Lounsbury, Edward M., Jr.  
Lynn, William S.

## M

Madden, George W.  
Makoff, Daniel Jr.  
Martin, Arthur C.  
Martin, Carl  
Mattice, Lawrence C.  
Maugere, William J.  
McCarthy, Clarence  
McCarthy, John  
McCarthy, Joseph F.  
McCarthy, Mary  
McCarthy, William  
McCarty, Everett  
McCoy, John B.  
McCormack, Martin  
McCoy, Wm. F.  
McCooy, Charles M.  
McDonald, Daniel S.  
McGrath, Lawrence J.  
McGulgan, William J.  
McPartland, James S.  
Meeker, Charles T.  
Meier, Herman C.  
Meier, Sophia  
Meyer, Eugene C.  
Miner, Harry O.  
Misuraca, Dominic  
Misuraca, James  
Moon, Donald  
Moorman, Eldred J.  
Morgan, Edward J.  
Mosley, Arthur P.  
Mosely, Wayman M.  
Mueller, Henry J.  
Murphy, Daniel W.  
Musso, Edmond P. Jr.

## N

Nesbit, John  
Neuha, John W.  
Neuman, Kenneth (?)  
Newell, Carlton R.  
Noeth, Joseph L.

## O

Ontouf, Miss  
O'Brien, August J.  
O'Bryan, Henry A.  
Ondrek, John

## P

Palmer, Earl W.  
Palmer, Hollis B.  
Palmer, Oliver H.  
Palmer, Richard N.  
Palmer, Robert K.  
Pantaleo, Louis  
Parker, Robert F.  
Parks, A. Willis  
Paralow, Ernest  
Penley, Donald W.  
Perry, Robert  
Pfeffer, Carl H.  
Pfeffer, John W.  
Pickens, Donald (?)  
Pierce, Charles  
Pierce, Donald G.  
Pierce, Gerald  
Pierce, Robert H.  
Pieringer, Charles F.  
Pieringer, David J.  
Price, Kenneth E.  
Price, Paul  
Priest, Irving

## Q

Quigley, Donald F.  
Quigley, J. Walter  
Quinn, William J.

## R

Rajsky, Charles  
Regan, Stephen  
Rehberg, Albert  
Rehberg, Carl M.  
Reuben, Roger  
Richtmeyer, Mary J.  
Rider, William H.  
Riley, Joseph A.  
Rivenburg, Linsen C.  
Roddy, George  
Rohleder, Peter V.  
Romer, Carl F.  
Ross, Charles W. Jr.  
Ross, Edward A.  
Russell, Floyd W.  
Russell, Robert W.  
Ruzzi, Peter J. Jr.

## S

Saccocce, Douglas  
Saccocce, Frank  
Sager, Robert E.  
Sax, Irving  
Scarborough, Donald D.  
Schermeichel, Rudolf  
Schmitt, John  
Schoonmaker, Albert E.  
Schoonmaker, William A., Jr.  
Schubert, Erich  
Schubert, Gertrude  
Scott, Anthony

Scott, Louis J.  
Scott, Michael F., Jr.  
Seacord, Arnold  
Searles, Elizabeth  
Searles, Leonard M.  
Selmer, George F.  
Selmer, James  
Selmer, Robert E.  
Seyler, William F.  
Shear, George  
Shepard, Robert  
Sherman, Floyd R.  
Sherman, Henry  
Shields, Raymond F.  
Shufelt, William R.  
Sisco, Donald  
Slattery, John T.  
Slenzo, John  
Smigen, Charles  
Smigen, George A.  
Smith, Andrew  
Smith, Dayton Jr.  
Smith, Donald  
Smith, E. Payson, Jr.  
Smith, George W.  
Smith, Nelson  
Smith, Richard J.  
Smith, Zelda  
Snow, Charles W.  
Snyder, Paul  
Sovak, Francis J.  
Spacnolo, Gregory J.  
Spaulding, Richard E.  
Spangburgh, Alfred  
Spickerman, Charles A., Jr.  
Sportman, Frederick  
Siankoviet, Joseph  
Steele, Ferdinand  
Steele, Irving  
Steele, Willard  
Stetkar, Edward  
Silsen, Floyd F. (?)  
Stinard, Charles  
Straub, Charles  
Stroud, Charles D.  
Stroud, Ronald F.  
Stroud, Wilbur E.  
Styles, Robert J.  
Sullivan, Frank J.  
Sutton, Russell G., Jr.  
Swan, Frank  
Swyer, Louis

## T

Tarallo, Arthur P.  
Tompkins, Clifford  
Townley, Edison W. (?)  
Townsend, Robert, Jr.  
Travis, Clarence W.  
Tryon, Henry L.  
Tuchlemer, Robert  
Tufts, Marion Koskinen  
Turner, Jack

## V

Van Bergen, Ralph  
Van Hoesen, Nelson G.  
Van Schaack, Claude, Jr.  
Van Loan, Grant W., Jr.  
Van Schaack, George B.  
Van Schaack, Harold S.  
Van Valkenburgh, William J.  
Van Wie, Charles P.  
Van Wie, William  
Van Zandt, Chester, Jr.  
Van Zandt, Frank B.  
Van Zandt, Richard  
Vastalar, Nicholas  
Vincent, Richard  
Vincent, Roland (Gold Star)  
Votta, Michael Thomas

## W

Wallace, Floyd J., Jr.  
Warren, James A.  
Warren, Leonard H.  
West, Elmer C.  
Williams, Francis  
Williams, Ira  
Wilkinson, James H.  
Wilkinson, Wilbur I.  
Wilsay, Alfred C.  
Wilson, Morton F.  
Winnie, Maxin  
Whitbeck, Elmer  
White, Henry M.  
Whitemore, George  
Woodward, Chester P.  
Woodward, Robert O.  
Wood, Kenneth W.  
Wood, Sherman N.  
Wood, Stanley A.  
Wright, Judson

## Y

Yeomans, Leonard J.  
Yeomans, Lanning D.  
Yeomans, Percy G.  
Yeomans, Theodore

## Z

Zaravone, Joseph  
Zinn, Lawrence (?)



Ordnance Department, Navy 163  
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
May 15, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Very glad to receive two letters from you in the last three days - of April 20 and May 5, - and to hear of Eva's safe trip back to Halland. I'm sure you enjoyed her long visit with you a great deal and that you felt lonely at her leaving, but I'm not surprised that you found yourself tired out after it. She has so much energy and is so carelessly on the go that it takes a person like Laura to stand her coming & going without getting tired - most of us don't have the reserves necessary. But by the time this reaches you you

will have had a month to rest up in and  
I hope you will be feeling rested.

I am sorry to hear that you will not  
be able to have the apartment for an in-  
definite time, for I think the adjustment  
might be easier for you if you could have  
it straight off. However there are ad-  
vantages the way it has turned out  
and you should make the most of them.  
With a living room, bedroom & bath all  
to yourself you can be alone when you  
feel you need to be, and with them have  
enough of a place to keep up so that you  
can feel you have your own home and  
at the same time not have the onerous  
duties - for a while you should have  
lots of time for rest and I hope you  
will rest. I wish you would make a



determined effort to do a  
lot of reading. It can pass  
wonder hours for you in  
the pleasant fashion - take  
you as far away as you like  
from your troubles, your worries, etc.  
Go to the library and get out lots of  
books of all kinds - if after starting a  
book you don't like it, don't feel com-  
pelled to go on with it, but try  
something else - of books there is no  
end and you must soon hit some-  
thing you can't put down - and then  
time will have passed without your  
knowing it. Have you ever tried reading  
short stories in quantity. There are  
literally thousands of excellent ones and  
I know the Cassockie Library must have  
many collections of them - ask the

Urbanian about them. They vary in length  
from a few pages to even a hundred pages  
- interest is aroused early in them and  
in a single sitting you get the whole thing.

Am glad to hear the latest report of your  
visit to McQuade - and delighted that  
you find him so stimulating to go to. To  
see him every now & then for a 'build up'.

I can imagine how green everything is at  
home now - has pretty all the bushes on.  
Here I have found one kind of flower so  
far, but now greenery is coming up and  
soon I expect there will be more flowers.  
I keep very busy now - all day every day  
for the last four weeks - and I find  
the time passing much more rapidly. If  
all works out as it should a year from  
now I ought to be back in the States -  
and by then the work should be well advanced.  
Lots of good carriage to you & must love. George.

No 46 West Lakeside W.V.  
Fri. May 19/44

My dear George:

Was so happy to get your letter  
Tuesday but sorry you must put  
in such long hours and hope you  
will not get too tired & run down.  
Wilbur went by train to Philadelphia  
last Sunday; he may stay there next  
week & he may be sent to N.Y. Have  
heard from him 3 times - so guess  
he is O.K. Jessie was down twice Tues-  
day night & at Etta's home (the house on  
New St. where Aunt lived) Jessie fell  
down the cellar steps - not seriously  
hurt but her right upper arm has  
been painful so she can't hold it  
up. She picked dining room but  
has not done so since. So I, too, here  
had to stay here all week - I wanted  
to go home to-day but could not.  
I try to help Jessie but she likes to  
do her own work so I could not  
help very much. This afternoon  
she painted in upper hall & stairs  
with her left hand.

Mathew has been well all week,  
some days warm - some cool - last  
night there was frost across Albany.

I have had pleading letters to go to M.J. - they all want to see me but I don't want to go very much - however I would if they would put me up over night. Maybe I'll go some day & try to see Grace, too.

Harold & Marge are begging me to go see them - maybe I will next month sometime.

Today they moved to 1123 East 286<sup>th</sup> St. Wickliffe, Ohio - this must be a suburb. The house is small but expenses as high, so Marge said.

I haven't much to tell you when I haven't been out since Sunday. I took a little walk to-day on pavement but it hurt my foot very much. So I ought not to do it. I can go toward West Col. & walk on dirt side. We been used to the car & walking does not appeal to me tho' I did go twice on foot to see Mrs. Moore. I feel quite out of place but maybe it will be different later. No one in the house tries to entertain & some times I hardly know what to do. Some how I must read as I used to - I think too much. I lay down a good deal & also sleep good at night.

P.S.

Since my letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
of May. I wrote No 43 on 30<sup>th</sup>  
then 44 on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 45 on  
May 12 and 46 now May 19  
Hope you get them all.

I wish I could send you  
something but I don't know  
what especially when I don't  
get to any stores.

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163  
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif  
May 23, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Last letter from you came eight days ago - nothing since I last wrote. Have had rather less mail lately than during the winter - and have certainly sent out less - very little for the past five weeks - and I am terribly behind in correspondence. Office has been in a state of flux all this time so that when I get home at night I am usually too tired to do anything but read - and then my new hat makes chew the rag ~~at~~ a lot, which cuts down on reading time.

Had a nice letter from Harold this week. It sounded as if he were more contented than he has been during the winter. It surely looks now as if he won't be called in the draft - and at this stage I think it would

he too had of the war - not that  
the war is over, of course, but it  
must be that we now have about as  
many people in arms as will be  
needed - certainly enough if Germany  
collapses this year - and it does  
seem she must - though I am  
beginning to wonder when the in-  
vasion is to begin.

Guess you have been having some  
very warm spring weather - you  
wrote of hot days and Sue heard  
the same from Danced and through  
other here of the same in other parts  
of the country. It seems hard to  
realize you are having spring at  
home - our season has changed but  
it is scarcely anything like spring  
at home - and the change has not  
been great enough to make us feel  
that the season is different. So  
the seven months Sue been out of  
the States have seemed more like  
five - and of course now that  
Sue is herey the time goes much

more rapidly. - There is as usual  
little that I can report from here.  
I keep very well - up at seven every  
morning for a big breakfast and  
away until eight at night. Think  
of you often and hope that you  
are settling comfortably into your  
new life - with the changes wearing  
off. A week from today will be Memorial  
Day again - I wish I could be dropping  
in on you as I did a year ago - perhaps  
on the next Memorial Day will be  
able to - Have heard that quite  
a number of the fellows with me at  
Boston have lately been washed  
across - so there's a chance I may  
be.

Trust you are having good word  
from Eva that all is going well in  
Holland. Shall look for good word  
from you in an early mail. Much  
good courage & lots of love,  
George.

Rest a lot - its the best  
medicine - a year  
seems a long way off.

West Cayockie, N.Y.  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 1944

Dear George; no 47

This has been a cloudy & rainy week  
and to-day is same, windy cold & dark with  
chances of rain any minute. Was so glad  
to get your letter on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
stamped May 17 less than a week. I can-  
not always get my mail to P.O. very soon  
though now since Wolbur is away, Bessie  
takes any mail in morning & brings home  
the mail just before supper. Have heard  
from Wilbur and he is leaving Philadel-  
phia to-day - he may visit on Long Island for  
week end but not sure - he wants to see  
Henry Sherman who is partly out of his mind  
in a Federal Hospital, so he can tell Mrs  
Sherman as she hears very little about him.  
Did I tell you Clifford is again in Prok-  
sep-see asylum - his letters are half sane  
& half insane.

You may be surprised to hear I am  
going to New York Saturday for a short  
time - Sister Addie has been begging me  
to go see her all year & the others want to  
see me, too. I may stay there or some where  
over night & go to Lewis next day. I am  
not keen on going but this is the best time

For I am feeling well and I want to  
get it over - I rather dread it but  
after all I feel it a duty. I do not  
have ambition to go anywhere alone  
especially to N. Y. - but not afraid  
but I'm afraid I guess & at such times  
miss so so much. Will meet Evelyn  
& the two Frankos as they visit the hotel  
every Saturday afternoon. Maybe Evelyn  
will meet me at 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Jessie is  
going to have Company come Tuesday  
and a few days, so it will be O.K. for me  
to be away. At last we persuaded  
Jessie to have her arm repaired Sunday  
& it was found to be nerves affected in  
upper part of arm. She cannot lift it  
up but does everything with her left hand  
even painting. She does not have much  
pain only at times - Doctor told her to ex-  
ercise her arm some so it will not get  
paralyzed. She cannot drive the car  
so Sunday we walked to church. In the  
afternoon Florence Sherman took us to the  
Doctor's & then out to our home for a little  
while. We got a basket full of asparagus  
and

things do not get cared for in the past.  
I did not get any all day into the car  
with her this week - maybe it is just as  
well for I always come back tired.  
I had to go see Peggy Tuesday & to the  
bank, so traveled by bus - it is con-  
venient the bus passes by the door.  
Wilbur expects to start his insurance  
business as soon as he gets back, so  
then he will be running around a  
large section will probably work  
home very much. Harold's stage  
moved last Friday to 1123 E. 286<sup>th</sup> St.  
Nick Liffe, Ohio - probably a subunit.  
They are so anxious to have the goods  
there soon so I'll have to plan - Eva  
says I must go see her too - that  
would be economy. I can't plan  
yet for there are certain things to  
attend to - must have a telephone  
meeting - I like the clerical work ex-  
cept some of the awful reports which  
and

to give up, but I can't imagine who  
will bother with it - one trying thing  
is not to be able to get some back to return  
to the poles etc. - these things are needed  
& Cooper is too busy with his State  
Ill. work - so hard to get help of any kind  
Your idea about library books is ok  
but under present conditions it is not  
easy for me. The present Librarian  
is Mrs. Spoon as a supply & I find her  
not very competent. He sheds letters  
than others may do. I have been reading  
the Reader's Digest, The Country Person  
and some of the news - I have bought  
some books from home & will read  
too. I get tired of reading some times &  
enjoy most just to lie in bed as I do  
part of every day. I'll be glad to have a  
house of my own again some day - no  
sign yet yet. I like my two rooms but I get  
lonely. Had just letter from Mrs. D. G. G.  
den is sick in hospital in China. Bill is im-  
proving - she has had a busy time at Waipua's  
Deants & Dzus and is quite tired out. Eva  
has had the flu but is better again. You have  
been reading a number of short stories. If you have  
not read Reader's Digest Nov. 1943 get it if you can for  
there is an interesting account of the section. Walter

I had a letter from the Librarian from the State

Louisa N. J.

May 29/44

My dear George:

You may be surprised to hear I am on a little vacation. I reached N. J. Saturday at 3 P.M. & Frank Co. & Jr. met me at Ferry 42<sup>nd</sup> St. - We went to Hotel 105<sup>th</sup> St. - Welton was there. I found Addie same as ever & very unmercantable. The city was full of folks. It was about impossible to get a room - I tried 2 hotels & they were full - so I concluded it was best to come over here - I meant to come here Sunday but knew I could not stand staying with Addie - she was glad to see me but knew what that I would not stay with her a few days. I telephoned Grace & she directed me how to get here the best way - Frank took me to the pier & I left at 7:25 - I was here at 8 o'clock - so glad to get here and I don't think I'll make any more trips about to N.J. Last week was rainy but the last 3<sup>days</sup> have been fine. We went to church at Hackensack yesterday - met a woman there from Cape May - I don't know if you remember - Miss Perkins - she is aristocratic but is always very cordial when I meet her any where. Harry & Ethel were there too. Harry in uniform - he has made one trip across ocean as far as Algiers - & expects to go again soon - he is same as ever cordial & foolish - looks fine in his suit. They took Grace & me out to dinner - it was most of when we got back to the house. This is a nice change for me - they are

always so hospitable. When I left <sup>W. H. W.</sup>  
Mrs Roberts was then visiting - I don't  
know how long she'll stay but she can  
help Jessie a little. Jessie's nose does  
not get much better - she is going to Dr.  
again to-night. She is very pleases & does  
so much with her left hand. Walter  
returned from Philadelphia Thursday  
night - he wanted to stay over week end  
in N.Y. but was obliged to start his  
work on Friday. He got 100% on his  
exam down in Phil. He has Saturdays  
& Sundays & holidays off so he will have  
time to do things at home. - I am sorry to  
hear from Ma she is so nervous. - the two  
moving experiences have had effects on her.  
I fear. I do not think I'll go out there till  
she is much better & course generally I may  
not go to Ohio yet. I am not at all eager  
to travel about these days. Grace has  
just had a letter from Marcella - she  
lives in Chicago - they are coming here for  
a vacation the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. My main  
thought is looking ahead to going into home  
some time - also very chance to have my own  
home tho' I am grateful for present con-  
ditions. If Jessie ever gets her nose clear-  
ing done & can drive again, we may have a  
chance to go some where in the <sup>car</sup>. Hope you  
are all well & rest lots. Much love, Mother



Ordname Depot, Navy 163  
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.  
June 1, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

I wish you could find as much enjoyment in reading as I do. I sat down to read at quarter of eight tonight and have read straight through until a few minutes ago, - and it's now after eleven. I think you must make a determined effort to read more. I suggest that if you would decide not to be shocked by some of the things you might find in stories & novels you haven't read you'd find them satisfying. Try to realize that a good story is not always about 'good' actions - in fact, a great many people, in one,

find in reading stories about bad actions  
a pleasure - they can thus be had vicariously  
without taking the consequences! That is  
more or less certain. Unless you were de-  
termined not to be shocked by him,  
Somerset Maugham probably would shock  
you - but could you get over that you'd  
find his stories very fascinating - he  
has written a very great deal - he is one of  
the half dozen greatest writers now  
alive - and everything he has written  
has been good - it is written so well,  
that as one critic said you can't help  
believing the events are happening to  
you yourself - and that surely is what  
one wants. Try him just to please  
me - anything you can get hold of - the  
name is MAUGHAM.

Three letters from you in the post next -



of the 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Tell  
Jessie I'm very sorry to hear  
of her accident - I hope the  
effects of the injury will soon  
pass off. What a gritty girl she is to  
keep right on doing all that work with  
only her left arm! - How I wish  
I could be at home now for some of that  
refrigerator - those strawberries - I trust  
you'll be able to get down to the place  
soon enough to have a feast of these  
things while they last - and you must  
be getting some preserves from these now  
too.

Am glad you decided to go to New York  
- I'm sure you'll find it has done you  
some good - to be away & to see other  
people. Hope your found Grace well and

that you gave her my regards. Young ought  
to plan to have her visit you for a  
couple of weeks this summer. Also glad  
you are expecting to go to Cleveland & Holland.  
A nice way to make the trip to Cleveland is  
by the Empire State - I think it gets there  
about nine in the evening - eight or nine  
hours from Albany. Be sensible in this  
traveling & be sure you get good recommendations  
& don't drink freely on meals & parties -  
though I guess there aren't any parties any  
more!

Thanks for sending the love call - it is a  
very long bit for such a small place as  
Concordia. Poor Mr. Deef must be worried  
about Gordon - what a lot of the world he  
is seeing - he's almost caught up with me  
going round the other way. - All now -  
I keep well and busy. Take care of yourself  
& don't worry. Lots of love, George.

No. 49 West Cossack's Mt.

June 24/44

My dear George:

I am spending to-day at home - Wilbur brought me here this morning before 9 o'clock when he started on his job. It is a nice day & not too hot. I have been busy all day & am quitting now though Wilbur will probably not come for me till 5 or 6 P.M. It is now about 3.30.

I started the day with a small wash which I ironed after I had a lunch. My first impulse when I get here is to have a good cry but I manage to just shed a few tears - it is heart rending to see our vine house broken up. The lawns are all needing mowing again & some how it must be done. After I left Cossack for N. Y. Saturday, there was a hurricane here and many trees & limbs were blown down - our lawns all covered with big limbs & many

got your letter written May 23 when I reached home May 31 - 5:00 PM

leaves. Wilbur is trying to get some  
one to clear up the place - 1 apple  
tree was blown down & there's one  
still in orchard that blew down  
last year. I have been col-  
lecting articles to take back that  
I need now - summer clothing -  
books etc. The house needs a  
good cleaning for the train dust  
comes in under windows & they  
are quite dirty.

I think I wrote you a letter from  
Leonia but I'm not sure. Any  
way I left N.Y. for Leonia 7.25 PM  
Saturday & was at Grace's 8 P.M.  
It was a nice bus ride. Relatives  
were all glad to have us - I stand  
till Wednesday & Grace went  
to Melba when with me at 3 P.M.  
I was in Cax 8.30 & W. with me.  
Jessie was out for the evening so  
I did not get any supper - only a  
sandwich & cup of tea - then I went  
to bed for I was quite tired.  
Aunt Doll does not come down  
stairs at all but sits in all the

rooms up stairs. She neither  
reads nor writes & cannot  
hear only occasionally, so  
I did not talk to her much.  
Grace looks very good in spite  
of all the work & responsibility  
she has. Kate is not extra well  
but does more house work  
than she used to. I was getting  
rather nervous at Aunt Addie's  
& decided to get out of W. quickly.  
Brother Frank wanted me to  
stay over Monday with Addie  
but I knew I could not stand  
any more of her talk, complaints  
and advice etc. Besides it was  
quite impossible to get a room  
anywhere. I called Sam on  
phone but she could not  
see me till Sunday afternoon  
& I did not want to stay in W.  
so long so I was sorry not  
to see her. My visit at Grace's  
was a nice change & very pleasant.  
Had no headaches & was not a bit nervous.

Frank & Evelyn & Joseph  
were all very glad to see  
me but I fear I will not  
go down again in some time  
I really do not like traveling  
alone.

I do not think I'll go West  
before late summer or fall - I  
want to make 1 trip & not 2  
so better wait till Vera is over  
her nervousness - She would not  
like if I went to Ohio & not to  
see her. No signs yet of getting

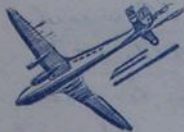
the apartment as I must be  
satisfied, Wilbur is busy all the  
time either home or some where  
else & same with Jessie & Bessie  
Last night I was alone in the house  
till after 10 o'clock when the folks  
down stairs returned but much later  
when the others came - I was in bed.

So you see I can't say any more  
Jessie's car is much better but she still  
cannot drive - Yesterday I walked to  
P. office & back - I can't do it every day.  
I rely much more on the auto rides of late  
paying so much for liability - & now at \$5 fuel.  
So I had to get 4 on Wed. Thursday. Done Worth.

P. S. Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Dear George:

I could not mail your letter yesterday because I had no envelopes at home - so I am adding a P.S. this morning. It is cloudy, very cool & windy. I have just been cleaning my room and I am glad to sit down & rest. The men who spray the elms were here early & sprayed the tree back of this house - they said they had sprayed the four at our home - it must have been this morning for it was not yesterday. Wilbur succeeded last night in contacting one of the Dolan men down town. He promised to mow our lawns & clean up & dig up - it needs it very much. I did not notice till I finished writing you yesterday that the top of the Crab apple tree was blown off & falling on the bushes near the porch. This must have happened Saturday - it spoils the looks of the tree but maybe it will grow more. Wilbur

is home to-day (no work Sat.) & has  
been mowing his lawns. At one  
place there is a big heap of parts  
of trees & limbs to be burned up.  
& I don't forget I'll enclose a  
clipping from our Cent. Union about  
the hurricane - glad I was out  
of town - folks were really frightened.  
Our Car Flats etc. were put out  
of order & it is next to impossible to get  
them repaired & patrons are "kicking".  
The annual meeting may be held  
next week & if possible I'm going to  
quit - the work is more tedious than  
I used to be & the reports increase.  
Melby has too much to do to bother  
with it & Jessie is annoyed with so  
many calls of care plants. But I  
can't think who will take hold of it.  
Well I must quit & go down to help  
Jessie - Jessie is away for the week but  
but she does hardly any work at home  
anyway. Hope you are keeping  
well and will rest a good deal.  
Eva wrote she sent you a package -  
I told her to, for I cannot do such  
things here. Much love,  
Mother



Ordinance Dept, Navy 163  
P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
June 10, 1942

Dearest Mother,

Your letter from Hawaii came a few days ago - mail is getting through quite quickly these days - hope my letters reach you as speedily. Was very glad to hear you were able to have a week-end with Grace. You are right, they are always as hospitable - I have never been to Grace when I didn't feel that I had had a thoroughly good time. I hope you found her well and able to manage comfortably - she deserves to be comfortable after all her years of work. Am glad you did not stay long with Aunt Addie - I doubt that you could do her more good by staying a long time rather than just making a call,

and to stay is much to hard on you. - Jim  
not clear about where she lives - has she moved  
to 103<sup>rd</sup> St. or is she still at the Albert?

Tell Wilbur I congratulate him on his exam  
performance & on his new job - quite a change to  
have two days off per week after a seven day  
week. I suspect he'll keep busy in those two  
days!

Am sorry to hear Eva has been so nervous -  
I had not had that news, but had rather  
expected it. Yes, you must not go out there  
now - she will need some time to regain  
stability again. It is too bad for you for  
this is the worst time of the year in Holland.

Did I suspect you would go to Cleveland either -  
you ought to try to make the two trips at  
once because of the distance - and if Eva  
knew you had gone to Cleveland she  
would feel badly. Perhaps you can go  
in the early fall - that too is a beautiful



Live in Holland.

Very little to report from here.  
My work goes on steadily but  
not too heavily yet - it will

probably increase somewhat. I continue  
to keep well, though at the moment I do  
have a slight cold, - the first I have had  
here - which is doing pretty well. Tomorrow  
I am to have typhoid & diphtheria inoculations  
- I trust they won't give me much trouble.

Had a letter from Mrs. Beecher last week  
- I have written her a V-mail letter long ago. She  
wrote that she couldn't read it (or rather the  
address on it) and had sent it to her grandson  
in Italy and he had sent back the address!  
She is fairly well, though not very strong -  
she has a housekeeper who, with Paul, runs  
the house. She said she would like to  
have written you a letter concerning her

sympathy at Father's death but couldn't  
remember the address - Hans had no word  
from the Hall House in over a year was though  
I wrote them at Christmas time - wonder  
what has happened to them.

Am sorry to hear Jessie's arm doesn't  
improve - I hope she wait wait too  
long to see a specialist about it - b  
it doesn't respond gently to treatment by  
Mr Quade she ought to have a thorough  
diagnosis by some one who knows. The  
longer she waits the more likely the injury  
is to be permanent.

All now - I really ought to write more  
often, but I think I'm too sleepy -  
tomorrow I shan't get up until noon!  
Keep up your courage & try to plan  
some diversion for yourself. Lots of love,  
George.

No 50 West Casactie, U. S.,  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 1944

Dear George:

Your letter written June 11<sup>th</sup> came thro in just a week. I ought to have written to you at once but it has been a busy week. The telephone lines have been out 7 or 8 times owing to the heavy rain 2 weeks ago and we have had plenty of cane plants. It is hard to get help & Cooper is the only one on job in town & he has more than he can do. We tried to have a stock holder's meeting yesterday but out of 12 (10 have passed away) only 4 of us got together at Warren's office. We are all the way of giving up the business & made some plans but it may take several months. The work is more arduous than ever owing to many more falls by several new patterns and tapes in falls & tapes on rentals etc. - Takes time & energy. Then when a phone or phone

all out of order, we are criti-  
cized. The money taken in is  
just enough to pay expenses & why  
should we be worried over the  
folks on the flats - they really  
ought to be Stock holders but his  
folks gave me to understand that.  
Mother has gone down town on  
some business & Jessie is calling  
on neighbors & Bessie is studying.  
Jessie's arm is improving - she  
drove the <sup>car</sup> twice this week just a  
short drive. Friday we went to  
funeral of Mrs. Elta Hovaling -  
she died suddenly Tues. Heart  
trouble. - Last night we  
went to see movie "Jane Eyre" - it was  
the last show - I was really too  
tired to enjoy it - it was most un-  
pleasant when we got home. I have  
had little use of my car since I  
came here & it may be some time  
yet before Jessie attempts to get  
out of town. Father is so full of his  
new job that I can hardly get a  
chance to talk with him. Jessie is

the same with her work and  
neither of them have time to be  
social etc. I find plenty to  
keep me busy most days - I am  
not sure where each one of my  
things are in this room & I often  
spend considerable time hunt-  
ing. Have not been writing  
many letters lately except to my  
children. I do not go up stairs  
much for I find it hurts - my  
feet to walk so far there & back.  
I hate my aching, walking  
around this yard or sitting on  
front porch. Milbrer got a  
man from down town to mow  
our lawns at home (grass very high)  
and clear up the debris after the  
hurricane - he worked 1 day  
and asked for \$5.00 yet all was  
not finished - that shows how  
hard it is to get reasonable help.  
Milbrer has no time to go home to do  
any work - he has lots to do right here  
when he has time. I wonder very much  
when & how they will ever get rid

I will try out Mary Lou's books of receipts.

of all the hash in this house;  
loads of it could be given  
away or thrown away.

Now for a piece of Bad news  
but don't worry about it - I am  
not but keeping a stiff upper lip.  
Milbu went to the house at home,  
Tuesday & was shocked to find  
some one had broken in - broke  
a pane in kitchen door & so opened  
the hall. They did not get very much  
but enough - all unspiced about  
30 or more glasses & some canned  
fruit I could not say how much.  
Also your small suit case that con-  
tained picnic material - They were  
after food & money; up every  
breach door, every closet & shelf  
& opened every box & threw things  
on the floor. We got the police but  
there seems to be no way to know who  
did it. Milbu nailed boards over the  
kitchen door & we also fastened the sub-  
siding door - I have been there twice this  
week & brought a number of things back here.  
You had but we don't know what to do.  
Maybe more things are gone but I could not  
tell. Hope this will not upset you - forget it.  
- much love - M. W. H.



June 15, 1922.

Dearest Mother,

Am at my office tonight waiting to go to an all night watch. This is so-called collateral duty - comes once every ten days for a period, usually three months - if I get off in the three months this will be my last. Shall go to bed after breakfast tomorrow and get about four hours sleep before coming down here for work again.

Since dinner the evening I've been out collecting flowers along a stream - came back with seven or eight different kinds - two of them old friends, a beautiful violet and some blue lupine, which grows in profusion here - I have a bouquet of it here on my desk - in a polished shell case for a vase. Of the other flowers, one is pretty surely a gem, a beautiful yellow flower - another, one of the orchids - the remainder I don't know at all. Am trying to press some of these to bring home to Eva.

Glad to have your letter of June 2-3 the last week. From the report of the storm I guess it likely we didn't lose one of the clues, or at least

Have a large bunch blown out the way. Hope

the Dolan man had go & clean up and mow the lawns,  
- as long as you keep going there it is sure to have  
the place looking well. Am glad to hear Jessie's am-  
pleurs to be unpleasing, and I hope she will soon  
be able to drive you around again.

Am not surprised you want to get rid of the  
'Telephone business'. I think in a way you will miss  
it, but it certainly has become a great nuisance  
these last years with all those repairs. But I  
wonder who will do it - and I wonder if whomever  
takes it want be likely to come to you often  
all to make out the report. Trust this word -  
if he does you must insist on his paying you -  
largely the reason you're getting rid of it is because  
of the repairs - and if you still have to do them  
you must be paid.

My cold didn't prove very severe, - I still have  
it, but in its later stages, and expect it will soon  
be gone. Otherwise I'm quite ok. - If only there  
were more hours in the day! - Too bad you  
couldn't see Con in N.Y. - I'm sure she wanted  
to see you & I know it would have done you  
good to see her. - All now - perhaps I can take  
a little nap before the watch, which begins at  
midnight. Lots of love,  
George.



No. 53 West Co. active U.S.  
June 25<sup>th</sup> /74

My dear George:

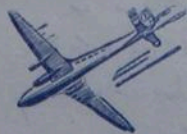
Sunday afternoon and as usual the hardest time of the week for me. I have just been typing down 1 1/2 hours since we finished the dinner dishes. Jennie has company to-day - her brother from Virginia has been here several days & her little Annie tomorrow & Mrs. Bond here today. So there has been continued talking and I am glad I have a nook to crawl in. We have had a great deal of rain with thunder all week & to-day is back cold, muddy & showery. It is children's day & this morning in school I looked back to the many times of this occasion when you was leader & then further back to the days when full of children were on the program. Yesterday was a Grand Pantomime meeting but I did not go - I could not wait to go slow & I felt I cannot go to

those meetings without being  
expecting thinking of the past. I  
have been in the house all week  
except the day I went to Albany &  
Thursday night we went to church  
to the installation of our new  
factor. Jessie & Milba were  
absent on night but one and  
Bea, most gone on night & also  
the folks in apartment. Can you  
imagine me alone here so much.  
I marvel at the lack of social  
ability & camaraderie - oh, I'm  
sure I will feel better if we could  
get the apartment. I would then  
have something more to occupy me.  
Not a single person has been here to  
see me and I cannot go much  
as my feet will not stand long  
walks. If Jessie ever gets through  
house cleaning, we may take an  
occasional ride. I hope Bea  
gets some kind of a job for summer.  
She is very downcast & does not know  
what to do - of course I am quiet but  
it is a sad situation. Eva does not  
say a word about Lew, she is now so  
stupid, maybe she is improving. She  
writes frequent postals & also oc-  
casional letters telling me mainly  
what she is doing & where Laura goes.

Milburn is out most of the time  
on his business and when home  
works at his desk except Sat-  
urdays. Nothing is being done  
around home & it looks like  
the old Harry. The last big  
storm Tuesday night blew a  
very large limb off the elm  
tree that was hurt by lightning  
2 years ago - it still lays there.  
Work men are very scarce and  
so all we can do is let things go.  
I have not cleaned the house  
yet - in fact I hate to be there  
alone since the robbery - Jessie  
& I were there a little while one  
afternoon to get berries & raspberries.  
Currants are about ready to pick  
but I guess Jessie will have to  
do it if she wants any for I fear  
hurting my feet on the rough  
ground. I think this is  
the noisiest road in town - a  
continuous string of cars & trucks  
& they zip past at high speed.

To-night is the Farewell  
Service in our church - suppose  
we will go - Bessie is to be in  
the choir for the occasion.

Thursday evening I met a  
minister from Hoboken. He  
was the pastor of our new pastor -  
+ I enjoyed a little chat  
with him about my old  
home town + sent regards to  
Dr Beatty - my old pastor. Our  
boy is only 24 but he is very  
efficient + has a fine personality.  
Well I haven't much to write  
you that is interesting, but I just  
felt I wanted to talk to you  
a while. Have not seen Mr Doff  
in a number of weeks - too bad  
we had to break up for next year  
+ we are fatter off - I think she  
made a big mistake. I think of  
you all the time and look forward  
to the time when you can come +  
I hope by then I have the apartments.  
Much love, Mother.



Ordnance Dept., Navy 163  
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.  
June 26, 1944.

Dearest Walter,

Your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> came last Saturday -  
the 24<sup>th</sup> - mail seems to have taken a  
little longer lately. Am very sorry to hear  
you have had the upsetting occurrence  
of having the house broken into. I trust  
you are telling me the truth when you  
say you are not worrying about it. It  
is a shame to have your jellies & preserves  
stolen - but it is not a serious loss. As  
for the small suitcase - it is not important  
at all. By far the most annoying  
aspect was the mess you had to

clean up. I rather doubt there is  
much in the house that would be stolen  
- on the whole people have so much money  
these days there's not much point in  
stealing. Of course it was to be expected  
an empty house might be broken into  
- however, many unoccupied houses are  
not broken into for years, houses that  
I have known that have contained a  
lot of rather valuable & nice placeable  
stuff - now that the house has been  
entered once I think it is fairly im-  
probable it will be entered again. There is,  
of course, no protection you can use,  
- no matter how secure the doors are a  
person determined to get in can always  
do so - the chief thing is to make the

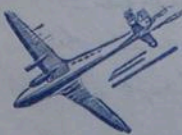


place seems enough so that  
a stranger - not knowing  
the plan is vacant - could  
get in easily - he would then  
be discouraged. I'm wondering if there  
might not be some chance of your renting  
the place to some reliable people. You  
could use the three back rooms upstairs  
for storage, perhaps even the middle room -  
and what you couldn't get into there  
leave for the servants. Of course I  
would feel you should be sure they  
were reliable - but such might be found  
these days - and if you cared for such  
people it would be worth having them  
take the place for very little rent. Maybe  
even the people in Mr. Jones's apartment  
would be interested if the rent were low

enough - though probably not because of  
the baby.

Am glad to see you have made a move  
to get rid of the telephone business - &  
you want to better it the thing to do  
is to resign <sup>the</sup> a step during the seasonal  
work - the patients will pretty soon  
find a way of dealing with the matter.

Too bad you aren't able to have more  
use of your car but I think your better  
keeps it just the same - when Jessie  
can take you around you'll have the  
car right there - Nathan's is too likely  
to be in use. It would be lot better  
for you if Nathan lived closer in - then  
you could walk to the stores, the  
church, etc. But things are better than  
they might be - one really can't com-  
plain much when he realizes how very



upset all the lines of so many  
all over the world.

I don't get as much mail as I  
need to - probably because I  
am writing much less. The wild flowers  
are taking quite a lot of my off-duty  
time. Yesterday morning Arthur Sanders  
(the fellow from Ecker) and I went out  
scouting for flowers - we covered quite  
an area & did a little climbing - found  
a few new things, but the big variety  
is yet to come. Then spent all after-  
noon pressing what I had collected.  
And in the evening cleaned up my cabin -  
kate and did a washing - we have a  
laundry here but it stinks but the  
good is that I don't send my under-  
wear or pyjamas to it - yes I am

still wearing long heavy underwear -  
most of the men have changed now but  
I find it rather chilly without it.  
Lenses odd in frame, doesn't it.

Well, I guess this is all for now - it's  
about time to turn in - a little early,  
but for some reason or other I couldn't  
get to sleep last night until nearly  
two o'clock - that is very unusual -  
as a rule I sleep well - though seldom  
long enough. Keep up your courage  
& await your blessings. Love to  
the family & much to you.  
George.





Admiral Dept. Navy 163  
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
July 4, 1944.

Dear Mother, Two mail letters from  
you since I last wrote - 16 & 21 of June  
Glad to hear you are able to get down  
to the place & collect some of the vegetables  
such as strawberries & asparagus. Guess we  
don't have any strawberries here - we do  
have a lot of asparagus, chiefly canned  
& frozen, I guess, but it's not bad. To-  
night we had tomatoes & lettuce salad,  
but of course it's still too early for  
tomatoes to be very good. Trust you  
are not worrying about not being able  
to have the crows kept near. With  
labor prices what they are now it  
would really be a waste of money to

keep them warm - I strongly doubt our  
summers neglect will hurt them. Am  
very glad to hear Jessie's arm is getting  
better - I was beginning to fear she  
had had a permanent injury.

Life here goes on just about the same  
all the time. But one day recently was  
especially nice and I found someone  
to climb a mountain with me. It's the  
highest one near here, about 2000 ft.,  
and I've wanted to get up it ever since  
I came. It was rather steep in spots,  
but not dangerous, and we made the  
ascent in two hours, - not very fast  
time, but not bad for the first of  
the season. From the top there is a  
grand view - nearly three quarters  
around sketches a tumbled chain of  
mountains, all with quite a bit of

know still on them - in fact we  
walked in snow for part of the  
way. Found several new flowers  
that day. In collecting as many as  
I have time to take care of and now  
have some 15 or 20 pressed and  
described. Some press at some of them, but  
others look terribly strange. One is quite  
like the hunch-berry in Maine - there are  
several wilds, a lily, quantities of lupine  
and later there'll be many iris - the  
dwarf kind. By the way I should think  
you would be able to get some flowers  
from home even though the garden has  
not been taken care of.

Sorry you were unable to find a new lot,  
but if you like your old one you're that



much in - and fear what I hear prices  
are pretty high this year. Think that we  
can buy as so cheap here towards here  
I'll get used to prices in the States again.

Well, it is time for bed again so all for  
now. Sorry I got that sheet tangled but  
I guess you can read it! Lots of love  
and good courage - the war won't last  
for ever. Yours,



July 7, 1944

Dearest Mother,

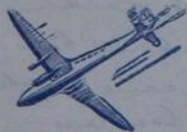
Just a line to say that I am today mailing to the First National Bank at Cassville an envelope for delivery to you. It contains another \$500 bond for deposit in your safety deposit box.

Am sending it this way as you won't have the care of it at home before you are able to get to the bank. I am wondering if the bank has any objection to my doing this. You might let me know if it is ok. worth them for I might like to do it again.

No mail has come in for some time - none has gone out - so I'm afraid my letter to you earlier this week has been delayed. Hope you are keeping well and enjoying the summer weather. Lots of love,

George.





Ordnance Dept, Navy 163  
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
July 12, 1944

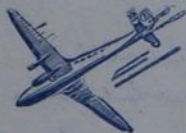
Dear Mr. Mather,

I set aside this evening for trying to catch up on my correspondence. But after chow someone suggested going out hunting & flower hunting - and now I am just back at ten o'clock after a two hour climb. So yours the only one which get written to, far before bed I must get a bath and also do a little laundry. Am still wearing heavy underwear, which I don't send to the laundry because they shrink things so. My usual upper covering even now is double thickness heavy underwear, khaki

shirt, sweater & heavy jacket, double  
thickness with paper windbreak in be-  
tween. Guess perhaps you'd like some weather  
coat enough to make that feel com-  
fortable.

After no mail for quite some time I  
got your letters of the 10th & 20th on  
Monday & Tuesday of this week. Have  
never received the last package I think  
you said Eva sent, as well as one  
from Mary & one from Mr. Hamblin,  
both sent long ago - guess all three  
of them must have been lost. - Trust  
you will have received my letter about  
the bond by the time you receive this,  
and also word from the bank that  
they have received the bond.

I'm sorry to hear you are alone so much -  
but of course you cannot expect much



availability from Milton - he  
always has too many ions  
in the fire to stay around  
home. Sorry to hear too  
that you have not had any calls, but  
that I'm sure is because people haven't  
got the gas to go calling. How much  
gas does one pt new-a-day, anyway.  
You ought to try to get Jessie to take you  
out enough to use up your ration - you  
need to get out that much. I hope you  
will plan to keep the car even though  
you don't use it very much - it will  
help you feel more independent. At any  
rate don't get rid of it without letting  
me know, - after the war I would  
probably like to have the use of it  
for a while for cars will be hard to

get.

Had a nice letter from Eva this week -  
guess she must be feeling somewhat better.  
Also received a guide to flowers up here  
sent me by a man in Washington to whom  
Eva had written. I had known for some  
time it was coming. It is interesting,  
but unfortunately not of as much help  
as I had hoped. I feel rather on the  
spot, for the author has asked me to  
criticize it, since it is being prepared  
for the use of the annual fair - he  
undoubtedly did a lot of work getting it  
up, but I think he went in the wrong  
direction - but I hope to tell him that.

Well, all good - must get my back  
& do my laundry. Lots of love  
George.

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163

F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.

July 17, 1924

Dearest Mother,

In ten days, just about the time you receive this, it will be a year since I have been home - which will be the longest I have ever been away. It is a long time, and I am sure it has seemed even longer to you for you have not had the advantage of seeing new places & new people, of which I have seen so much. I feel pretty sure you have long since passed the midway mark of my long stay away - it must surely be that sometime before another year is up I shall have got back to see you. So you see you are on the home stretch and from here in it shouldn't seem so long as it has.

Glad to get your letter of the 6th today and to hear that you had had two callers - the new minister & Mrs. Moore. Also glad to hear you had been going away for the week-end - Jim, sure, Jennette & Henry were happy to have you and that you feel much better for having got out. - T. Co. had you feel so pleased

about the telephone business. You mustn't  
let it worry you - and you should  
realize that you are dealing with the  
kind of people who won't do anything  
about taking over the problem until  
you make it necessary for them to do so.  
So don't feel that you must attend to  
things - for as long as you make the  
attempt they'll let you. - Am very sorry  
you had a stomach upset, but apparently  
it is nothing to worry about - probably  
the hot weather - just be careful about  
your eating during the hot months.

Have met a very nice fellow from  
Dehony Park up here - a physiological chemist,  
who knows a lot of zoology & some botany.  
On Sunday <sup>(yesterday)</sup> we went for a long walk along  
the beach and found several new flowers  
and he pointed out a lot of interesting  
things in the water. I hope we can get to-  
gether this way at least once a week. Today  
no work turned up so I spent the whole  
day working over my flower collection.  
It is beginning to get so large that it  
is nearly out of hand - in fact I am  
now way behind on collecting & preserving  
- and shall probably not get caught up -  
the best I can do is to collect & press what  
I have time for - to do it right would take

the first time of several people. Just now  
the iris are coming out - they are blue  
and in size about halfway between the  
dwarf iris we used to have & the large  
iris. Daisies are also coming out -  
they look very similar to those at home  
but are a different species - called  
arctic chrysanthemum.

Since I last wrote you there has been a  
regular monthly general promotion in the  
Navy which this time took me in - so  
now I am full lieutenant. It means  
very little, except more pay and an  
added duty, which isn't hard but  
is an annoyance. I wouldn't mind if it  
amounted to anything, but it is simply  
a chore which interferes with my other  
work and which could easily be done  
by a petty officer.

I guess that comes reports from here -  
in so far as report can be made. My innovation  
gives no trouble and very cold which  
hangs on is not, however, serious - it is  
just hard to get rid of colds here once  
they get started - but few are ever  
very severe. Take care of yourself and  
get some fun whenever you can and  
don't worry. Love to all & best to you, George.

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the plain letters and use only the provided blue spaces, each ink or pencil. Write plainly. Post mark nothing in red ink.

No. 21198 15

To: Lt. (jg) George B. Van Seters  
Ordnance Dept. Navy 163  
P. O. San Francisco,  
California.

From: Mrs. G. B. Van Seters  
West Co. 832115  
New York  
July 18, 1944

POSTMAN'S STAMP

Post 57  
My dear George: Received 3 letters from you last week June 22  
July 10 & July 17 some date don't matter. So glad to hear from you  
after such a long absence most 3 wks. I can't get close in from  
the Hammond since I finished first book by Somerset Maestri -  
you recommended - substituted 2 last. Will buy again, finally  
left for Albany before 9 am. I had nothing to say but I would  
relate the truth if I had been asked. Betty still nice so much  
that because she is spoiled. It's getting on my nerves - she  
is really spoiled. Before cut much letter on other ways she  
does not know what to do. The question says. Had a letter  
from Anne to show. The first one read as they. She said not  
know about Tom. Would like letter recalled they about their work  
and Henry got about Harold's death. Maybe he won't love  
me. Harold for flower. You had pick a time since I know  
them. I had a very nice time at Leamington from 1st till  
home till Monday after they. With me like a person and  
would let me to stay all week - my one has been so good to me  
since you went away. One day recently I was going to travel  
Sunderland. The fact I had had time to write with they for this  
about may not be good for the. Harold she had saved  
the Harold's life to name and so much go on 27. I had some  
now. I would not know how to do anything. I was not  
in bed to 12th. They have had a number of letters from a  
myself. I wish they really want to look in. I have to go  
after narrow and than the house. I hope to go with about  
middle of 12th. Hope to be with the family things have still  
over. I'll be later in Oct. I had going to see the post office  
I had had trouble with the. I had had a lot of trouble  
again and both of the. I would much to see you. I have  
got a much more. Much love from  
Mother.

V - MAIL

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the space below, and your return address at the upper part of the space. Use typewriter, block ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Every word written is our address.

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(POSTAGE GUARANTEED)

To  
To Mr. J. J. George Allen Shreve  
Clematis, 10111 N. 163  
P. O. San Francisco  
California

From  
Mr. W. B. Van Sickle  
West Caspershire  
New York  
July 28, 1944

No 58  
Dear George: I wrote you two days ago but I felt like writing again today though I have not much to say. First I must tell you that I had had word that the envelope had come to the Mr. Bank is down here in safety. I will go down as soon as I can and put it in the express box. We are still having much colder weather and so windy and cloudy. It is not nice to be out. Paula will be out again soon. Today I had a letter from Cor - she is spending a month in the hospital in Camp. She had a little cough and she would be here about next week. I have you in my room most all the time today. The label was and scribbled so much that I can not read it and there is on edge most of the time. But tonight we all went to bed in the house to a picnic. We went to get out some but it was too cold. Today we had dinner in the kitchen and attend a luncheon. You are having chicken - it was very nice but we did not have much. We did not know how to go to see some things today. It was very nice for me. Today I had a letter and a good time. But I will look to you. No word from Harold today. I am at home and I will be out in about 10 days. I will be out in about 10 days. I will be out in about 10 days.  
V-MAIL  
Randy, Mother

Place the recipient's address in plain block letters in the space below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, don't ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Every letter written in self-ink.

No. **86803** 1

To: **Dr. Geo. B. Van Schoeck**  
**Orange Dept. Nursery**  
**FPO**  
**San Francisco, Calif.**

From: **Geo. B. Van Schoeck**  
**107 S. Broadway**  
**New York**  
**July 22, 41**

RECIPIENT'S NAME

No. 59

Dear George: This is a special letter and I hope it will not annoy you. For say I had the logic call - she wants to rent the house with knowledge of buying of the block. I do not favor that so there may be someone there to pick up after they go in & I cannot bother with such things. Make sure you write to buy of the block. I had better say as he could have first choice. The few pay he knows of about 25 people who want it but he tells them it is not for sale. Now he thinks this is best time to sell these my lot & before one else - he thinks when market properly will be high. Wilbur does not favor putting on account of so much work to be done but he thinks Red says would be glad to buy it this fall or even now. I have been holding my hand proposition to mail tell you same for I do not know what to do with all the time. I probably might have the bath room upstairs & close till you come. I wish you were coming soon now I'd be happy to see you but give me a chance. I wish folks would just relax me about it. I see some cold all week but day is milder & sunny. Had letter from Miss W. - she must me to go to - plan to give \$100. & spend October with her. I am so glad that it is still wrapped.

V-MAIL

Miss W. Mother

Print the complete address in plain black letters in the plain letter, and your return address in the special printed, pre-registered, dark ink or green. Write plainly. Your postal address is very important.

No. 28205 23



To Lt. J. J. George, O. Van Schaick  
Columbus Dept. Navy 163  
San Francisco, L. F. O.  
California

Miss M. B. H. Schickel  
West Co. Co. 100  
New York  
July 26, 1924

RECORDED & INDEXED  
No. 68

My dear George; Hope you are well. I am not writing to  
 I am at the deck at home - staying here for the morn-  
 ing - Mother brought me a Mel call for one at home. Because so  
 thinking to drive and as she was experimenting with the wheel  
 it made me very nervous, so my first thing on getting the  
 house was to have a good cry - Don't know how long I was  
 sitting up some in the house - but does it a mess but I can-  
 not do any thing about it - Woods are very green. If I had  
 known Sarah was to drive, I would not have come. We  
 had a very large bunch of bees over the front door for some  
 time. Now there is a man trying to capture them - he asked  
 permission I found quite a number of dead ones in the  
 house. Well, I haven't much news to tell. Sunday evening  
 Willie took us for a long ride - had good of me to get out  
 it was the first real ride. Said to me, said to me, in  
 gone to Cam and that will take all the time till Fall.  
 Cannon & another Saturday & yesterday since then. I  
 so very lonely. Not a rest more for me is so worn out.  
 But after a hard day my frequently get out night.  
 Home had a number of birds feed but no other  
 little. Had a black cat that night - it's a long time since  
 the last one. Our new pastor has captured Rachel's nest  
 and they are supposed. Rachel has found the nest & as  
 go to church, I am going to get to my wife in light. I  
 as tried. I have enjoyed most of the time and some so  
 much. If you will let me know I will try to see you  
 I had continued to  
 Mrs. M. B. H. Schickel

V - MAIL

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163  
S. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
July 27, 1945

Dearest Mother,

My record says its ten days since I wrote you - I certainly hadn't realized it was so long. - Have been thinking today of just a year ago - the day I left you to go to Pat, sweetest - and of our picnic lunch on the way to Albany. It didn't seem possible then I wouldn't be getting back so long. But as I wrote you last time, the midpoint must be passed. In fact last week when there was news of the rumors in Germany I began to think that in another year the whole war might be over - and with it all night - tonight the Russians are only thirty miles from Warsaw.

Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> came a few days ago. I was glad to hear you were making plans to get out of the telephone job. I hope your meeting at Stewart's was successful in getting things started. As I have said before, if you fail to do the work they expect of you they'll do it themselves, & that is what they want. Glad

to hear there are such nice flowers still  
at home and hope you are getting  
them often enough to put them & have  
some of them in your room.

Not much to write about from here  
- things go along pretty routine. Had  
all of Sunday off and was outdoors  
nearly the whole day. Had with me  
this bag I wrote of last time. In the  
morning we spent most of the time  
on the beach finding a lot of interesting  
things - in particular many beautiful  
sea anemones - a kind of sea animal that  
looks like a flower, its petal-like tentacles  
folding up when they are touched. We  
fed them some pieces of barnacles. Also  
saw some star fish, sea urchins and  
many hermit crabs - small shell-less  
crabs that live in abandoned snail  
shells. In the afternoon we went inland  
and walked far way up a hill finding  
several new flowers. In particular  
one very beautiful red one - something  
like an azalea - it reminds me strongly  
of the red weigela we had many years  
ago sown by the woodlouse. I think  
this one is called Kamchatka rhododen-  
dron. It grows only a few inches  
high. Spent all the evening pressing

my catch for the day. Am learning better  
how to press flowers than I knew so  
that in getting better specimens - have  
about fifty different kinds now - all fresh  
about a hundred or more specimens.

Just a return receipt from the bank  
this week for the letter I sent enclosing  
the bond. Trust they have informed you  
of its arrival. Don't know whether I gave  
you details of it or not. It was for \$500,  
# D 9948846 E, in name of Eva or myself.

Am keeping fairly well - my card seems  
to be nearly gone - in fact haven't noticed  
it for a couple of days.

Guess this is about all for this time.

Hope you are keeping well and managing  
to get out some in the fine weather  
You ought to get Jessie to take you  
to see some of your friends afterwards -  
don't be shy about asking her - I sus-  
pect she is shy about asking you - ~~to~~  
she's never shy anyhow you know. Lots  
of love,  
George.

no. 61 West Cassachie, N. Y.

July 30, 1944

Dear George:

Your letter July 17 was received July 27 - good service. I congratulate you on the honor of promotion to Lieutenant - I'm sure you deserve it and I'm so glad you received it. I hope the increased work will not be too much. I am not worrying about the telephone business but so far there has been no co-operation. I have given notice that I quit Sept. 1, st. if they do not get busy soon, I don't know who will give them the necessary information after I am gone. Went, probably early part of Sept. Had a talk about it with Peggy Farden - She is puzzled too, but evidently is eager that State Telephone Co. will still get the income from C. F. Tel. Co. She said if no one makes a move, the Public Service Commission will have to be notified - I don't know by whom but I will not notify. I think maybe

before Aug is over some may get  
busy & help out.

I am enclosing clippings I thought  
might be interesting to you - You may  
think back to the days when Rachel  
was most a baby - that was when  
you worked for Harvey. I know  
she is a very nice girl and I hope  
she'll be an efficient Minister's  
wife. I am glad you

have met some very nice men  
and that you can get some  
pleasure out of the landscape  
as well as to work for the war  
or peace. Things are working  
fast in Europe and it seems  
from the news in papers & from  
radio that the end is not far away.  
The flowers up there are later than  
ours - we have some at home but not  
so much as we used to have. I plan  
to go home again for a day Tuesday or later.  
Having plenty of thunder showers most  
every day. Kind saw pass & shrubs so green.  
Jessie drove me down on Friday - to Bank -  
put the Bonds in Dep. box for you till office &  
Library. Bessie is going away for a few days  
and I'll be glad to see her so long. All right.  
Yes, I know there is shipping by & every day bring  
you near home. I am very well. Love Mother.

BO4 EZE (Alp.-Mar.) et le Cap-Ferrat. Vue prise de la Grande-Corniche.  
Le Pont de la Moyenne-Corniche. RM  
Road of the Corniche. Bridge of the middle-stage Corniche.



CARTE-POSTALE



Calif. July 31/43

Dear George -

It was fine  
to get your letter from  
Chicago - also had heard  
from Ma - She was so  
pleased you talked to her  
and thinking of you all  
the time & had to-day  
you will reach your des-  
tination fair's name to-day  
Thanks for the gift - I'll  
certainly use it as they say  
It's here yesterday to get the  
Wash. Wash. for Brother

Rm (j.g.) G. B. Van Schaack

Section Base

Port Townsend

Washington



Ordinance Dept., Navy 163  
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
August 6, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Yours three letters of July 20, 22 and 26<sup>th</sup> came a couple of days ago. Be sure I am not worrying about the matter of selling the house - it would certainly do neither of us any good for me to do so. I would regret your having to go through the ordeal of clearing the house before I get home because I think I could help you more easily than Nelson can, writing as I know he is. However I simply don't know when I can get home - I surely ought to be there sometime before next summer, but it is quite possible that even then I would be granted only a very limited leave of few days, enough to help some but not to clear everything up. I think the best I can say is simply that I leave it to you & Nelson to do as seems best and that whatever you

So I will consider as the best that  
could be done. But I want to repeat  
what I said last spring - I would  
be opposed to selling for less than  
cash - after the house is cleared of all  
things you want to get it over and  
for all of your hands. If the pur-  
chaser can't raise a bank loan &  
his own cash sufficient to cover the  
price - then he is simply not a  
good enough risk for a private party  
such as yourself to finance. On  
this I want to be very clear. I  
think it might be worth even as  
much as a thousand dollars to make  
sure of getting cash - unless of course  
the mortgage on the basis of original  
price asked by you were less than  
a thousand. That is - if you figure it  
worth \$4000 and \$3000 plus good  
mortgage is offered that would be  
at least as good as \$3000 cash -  
probably as good as \$3500.

Now as far packing up. You must  
not try to do the packing yourself -  
and I doubt Wilbur will have the  
time for much of it. Furniture doesn't

need to be packed or crated for storage. Books etc need to be packed. I strongly urge you to get a storage warehouse company to pack what needs packing and to store what you wish to save. As far as my own things are concerned I want you to have this done and send me the bill for it. Keep such track as you can of which cases contain my things so that I could get them out of storage without disturbing your things. I don't know what I once wrote about the vehicle, but I am inclined to want to keep it, so have it stored. — Of course it is possible you could find a buyer who would allow you to park the upper floor back rooms for storage for a year or two. That would be an easier & cheaper solution at present — but you'd want to know the buyer to be reliable. — I think you would be foolish to see

much of the furniture - that is  
more than you can use in a small  
apartment - and your buyer might  
be willing to buy what you didn't  
want.

Was glad to hear you had such a  
pleasant time at Franck's - I'm  
sure it did you lots of good. And  
now you can look forward to your  
trip to Cleveland & Holland. Trust  
that if you are going to sell you'll  
be able to clear up matters early  
enough to get to Holland before  
fall.

A new thought occurs to me regarding  
my own things at home. Why don't  
you have them packed up right now  
by an Albany Storage Company &  
stored by them. In fact I would  
like to have you do that - that  
would clear out a rather big item  
and make it much easier for  
you to clear out other things  
later. Had you to do everything  
at once you'd be much more  
conquered. So do that, please -

Get everything together in one room -  
say the big front room upstairs  
& then when the packages come  
you can be there - it would  
take them less than a day.

Not much news from here - have  
been out on three botanical  
expeditions this past week and  
found a lot of new flowers. This  
job of collecting has taken on major  
proportions & I spend many hours  
at it - sometimes all day & evening.

Hope you are getting out more - how  
bad you feel so shut in and wish  
I could be home to take you around.  
But still you know you are much  
better off than millions of women  
in Europe & China!

All for now - keep up your courage -  
the war is going well and will be  
over perhaps sooner than we hoped.  
Lots of love,  
George.



Ordinance Dept., Navy 163  
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
August 11, 1944.

Dearest Muehlen,

Have had two letters from you this last week of the 30<sup>th</sup> & the 4<sup>th</sup>. The letter a V-mail. I am wondering why on your recent V-mails, my address appears in a different handwriting from yours. Are you leaving out and then it is put in at the photographing place. I wonder they do it.

- Thanks for the clippings about Rachel Trussell. She is the youngest, isn't she. Of course I remember where she was born - I was working for Harv. - Glad to hear you had an outing recently to the Mauns and then a ride with the Mauns. The country must have kept quite green this summer for you have so often written of thunder showers. We have rain from time to time, but never a thunder shower

defiant.

Tonight I am going to try to fix a piano. Some fellows I knew got hold of an old battered one that I think I can fix up. Anyway it will be fun trying - especially trying to tune it.

Am glad to hear you are so well & hope you will keep so. The good news from Europe should help to raise your spirit.

Well, all for right now - nothing else to report from here. Shall be interested to hear what you do about the house - and the telephone company. Lots of love, George.

P.S. Tell Mother I appreciated his note & will answer soon.

and I rather miss them.

Have not been very busy lately with floral work, but have been very much occupied with my flower collection. Sunday a friend & I went to a totally new area where I found the vegetation rather different and managed to collect twenty plants which do not grow right around here. So I have been quite busy with them today. The friend from New Jersey I wish you'd met was sent away last week - I was very sorry to see him go for he was the most congenial fellow I've met in all my Navy experience. He may be back later, but I doubt it.

Am wondering if you have gone ahead with the packing of my things as I suggested. When you do have them stored in both your name & mine and be sure to put the

No 64 West Caspachie, N. Y.,  
Aug. 19, 1944

Dear George - We are having quite a cool spell after a long very hot spell. It feels like Fall is nigh here. Milbur is home as he always has Saturday so he can catch up with the numerous details in & out of doors which need attention. Have not heard yet from Harold about a reservation on Empire Express so I don't know yet just when I will leave Lev. Will let you know when I know myself. Had a long letter yesterday from Eva mostly about the trains and prices etc. She is so interested in me. I can leave Albany at 11.49 a.m. & reach Cleveland 8.40 P.M. The trip from Cleveland to Holland is more difficult but guess I can make it alright.

Your letter of Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> received Aug. 16  
Milbur & I both read it & have discussed

the situation - It is really pleased  
to get the place ~~to~~ sold. Of course  
I'm sorry you can't be here to advise  
on various subjects or articles, but I  
feel perhaps it is better for you for  
even a 10 da. furlough would be  
so short and you'd get so tired out  
and have no fun. I have been so  
much thinking about the breaking  
up that I shall feel better when  
all is settled. I cannot do much  
before I go away but will sort  
things out that I want to keep and  
also those I'd like to sell. I am  
giving Wilbur permission to do  
as he thinks best & he has some  
good ideas. He will help me get  
four things in Albany Cold Storage  
if possible. He has a number  
of buyers and will not have an  
agent (who wants \$500 for himself)  
till he lasts. I often wish we had

2  
sold out in April 1943 - it would  
have been off my mind then.  
Perhaps the buyer will be will-  
ing to store my things - if not W.  
will find some place. Let me  
know at once if you want these  
letters of yours that ~~are~~ are in box  
in chimney closet in your room.  
If you do I'll put them with my  
things. I'm getting quite filled up  
here but will have more things  
room if I ever get the apartment -  
Mr. Frank they will not stay  
much longer - maybe till Spring  
but they do not talk about it. He  
is tired of his work in Schenec today  
& is anxious to open a restaurant  
if he can get one reasonable. I do  
not think W. will really sell the  
place before I return early in '44.  
I wish I could talk to you, I could  
do better than write. Hope by now

You have the three letters I wrote  
July 30<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>  
(61) (62) (63)

I do not feel I ought to change plans about going to Cleveland & Halland. You & Harold & Iva would be too disappointed & so would I. I need the change and Milbu is willing to take charge of everything except perhaps the cleaning up & outdoors that will be an after consideration. I think maybe I can get a woman to sweep the house. Mark Scully wants to buy - he is going to be married. I told him he could have 1<sup>st</sup> chance. Milbu will see him soon. Fred Sager is also eager for it & he is second - I do not know the others but W. does. What do you think about the piano? W. thinks I ought to sell it - if I were moving now into apartment, I'd have it at once. It may be expensive to move & store it. Of course there is no one to play it except you & I'd like to keep it for that reason. Tho' you will not be home much I suppose and you could use Jessie's as it is like mine, no one to use it - Jessie gave it up & does not care;

Perhaps you met <sup>3</sup> Pres. Roosevelt  
when he was in your section. I  
cut this clipping out for you for  
maybe you have not seen it in  
any paper - I often wonder  
if you ever see any newspapers.  
I see my last letter was  
written Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> - it seemed so  
long between letters, I watched  
every day for the mail. Milburn  
& family returned from Lake  
George last Sunday afternoon -  
they were fortunate to get 2 cabins  
& 3 nittles from the lake - guess they  
had a swell time. Monday &  
Tuesday I was here all day. Sunday  
Red drove me & his wife to church.  
Wednesday our new pastor took  
Fannie & me & 2 others to the  
funeral of Mrs. F. Farman - it  
poured on my back - I wanted  
to go see Belle Cooper who is stopping  
at the pines recuperating - I had  
not seen her since Pa died. So

Rev. Clements drove me  
up there + Milton came for  
me later, so I had a  
afternoon out. Thursday I  
was here all day + yesterday I  
was up home all morning -  
I have managed to clear out  
lots of odds + ends + will go  
again some day next week.  
Be far no co-operation about  
the telephone business + I wonder  
(but do not worry) what the end will be.

Well I guess I've written all  
there is to tell. O yes - had a man  
pick the pears in shares - only  
3 bushels - Jessie is to can them.  
Apples are very scarce on our trees  
as they have not been sprayed in  
2 years. Better not say anything  
about selling home - it may  
upset her + I can tell her when I  
get there. Most noon now and I  
can't think of anything else. I'm  
glad you enjoy your flower job -  
much love, Mother

I am having all your letters for you.

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the space below and give return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, on plain white paper. Use small letters in red ink.

No. 26234 129



To: Lt. George B. Van Schaack  
Ordinance Dept. Navy, 153  
P. O. San Francisco,  
California

From: Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack  
West Covington  
New York  
August 24 1944

(POSTAGE GUARANTEED)

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My dear George: I have just completed cleaning my room so I'll  
not do this as a <sup>trick</sup> party, chilly day, better day I was home and had  
the house more presentable so I thought it is to see if I might  
but I do not think it'll really hurt it. So the father had had  
time to do things yet but maybe he will on Saturday. I have things  
to say and write articles but and am getting confused. Dad  
has brought out a statement on PW. I hope it's some good  
thing but it is still in G. B. Had a 1934 paper law from  
Mary - she and Harold went to go to Buffalo, N.Y. and  
Wednesday she would go to Los Angeles & Boston and would  
return to Washington. Harold has a reservation for me  
for Sept. 13 - from Berkeley so that he would go if  
nothing happens. Jim's case rationally - I hope he came  
with them and if they visit for the month of July he had  
had a good time last night. I'd like to see you. You don't  
partly like Jim and was and I think to see Mrs. White  
at Caith - she is very natural & witty as we thought & good kids  
I stopped due to go over to the house with the office. He was  
happy and it especially the paper that the "good"  
for some friend. I wish Mark & Betty would see the class  
Dinner for a number of things. I don't see how I can do  
much more on the 13th. I hope you received the 1st issue  
my book as both of I guess you should see that. I don't  
know how to have a happy birthday and wish you love & see  
we can write to it. I was to Dublin for a day  
up and off in it. I will have "around" come but I prefer  
to speak about it. Now I must write to you. I hope you  
enjoy it. Write as much as I can. I have a number of things  
I'm in out now.

V-MAIL

From love from  
M. B. Van Schaack

Ordnance Dept, Navy 163  
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
August 28, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Glad to get your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> yesterday -  
Pretty good time for a change! I had to get  
this off to you hoping it will answer your questions  
before you go on your trip. First as regards the  
frames - I realize well how strongly you are tempted  
to keep it but for the use it is likely to have I really  
think you would do best to sell it. Storing it would  
be quite expensive and then moving it back also  
expensive - I doubt you can get very much for  
it, however, right now with no frames being  
manufactured you should be able to get more  
for it than you could have for many years  
past & more than you can get again. It would  
be nice to have it to play on when I visit you  
but as you say Jessie's frames would be right  
then.

I hope you will be able to have my things  
packed up & moved to storage before you leave

at least to have them collected in one room  
so that they are separated - far as willing as  
Mother will be he won't have the time or  
the knowledge to get it as straightforward as you  
will. Yes, I do want the books covered. So far  
as I can remember my things consist of the  
following: In the front bedroom upstairs -  
various odd things in the 3 corner cupboard,  
the chest & contents behind the bureau - a few  
things in the bureau, the book cases and books,  
in the back middle room several boxes of books  
& the contents of the corner part of the old  
Dresser. <sup>(Probably back bedroom)</sup> <sup>(new)</sup> Somewhere is the large packing case  
with cover that used to be in Mrs. Deef's room.  
Also a box of books that used to be in the  
upper front hall - probably that is in the  
back room. Also my book case in the living  
room. I have a lot of books in the living  
room - you needn't separate them for I  
assume you are saving all the books.  
Finally the wickets which I want to save.  
I am enclosing a list of all this so you can  
check it off easily. There is nothing I want

My things to be packed & stored.

1. In front bedroom upstairs.  
Bed items in 3-camered cupboard  
Chest & contents behind bureau  
Book cases & books  
Bed items in bureau & letters in chimney cupboard.
2. In back walled bedroom  
Victoria  
Several boxes of books  
Contents of lower part of old dresser
3. In back bedroom  
Large packing case with lined case & contents.  
Trunk and contents.
4. Perhaps a box or two in the clothes closet off  
Mrs. D's room.
5. Perhaps a box of books in upper front  
hallway.
6. All the magazines & journals which have  
been coming since May 1943.
7. Book case in living room.

discarded except: any old Harpers & Atlautics may be thrown away and also any rocks or stones which I have lying around.

If you share any things at the same place as my things I suggest you have the two lots entered separately so that I could have my things moved without disturbing yours.

I had quite a lot of outdoor exercise this last week-end, climbing two mountains - one on Saturday and the other yesterday - both about 2000 ft high and both steep enough to make me sweat & puff. Had good views from both of them and also found a few new small mountain flowers. But summer is coming to an end here and there are now very few new flowers.

Otherwise no news. Hope you won't have too much trouble getting ready to go away and that you'll be able to go feeling everything is in order to be taken care of. All news, & last plans, George

West Gaysackie, N. Y.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1944

Dear George:

Received your letter a few days ago - written Aug. 22. It is so good to hear from you and to know you are well & happy. I just wrote a few lines to Eva. Had a letter from Harold lately and then a registra containing reservation and ticket for the 13<sup>th</sup>. Wilbur will take me to Albany to Empire State Express 11.49 a.m. & will get to Cleveland 8.40 where H & M. will meet me. Don't worry about me for I'll be safe and will enjoy the change.

I have taken 2 parties around our house - Mack Scully does not want it now - I don't blame him for he is so tall. He has to bend his head in most of the rooms - he did not say why but his future wife & her mother & sister were with him. - I guessed at once the woman was too particular & did not want it.

The second party was Fred Page -  
& wife - she had been there once  
but still likes it & he was satis-  
fied about most everything - he  
has not yet given a definite reply.  
Wilbur has moved some of your  
boxes in your room but the rest  
are so heavy he'll have to get  
some one to help him. He says  
he'll attend to the storage - I am  
not capable of doing so. I am  
putting all the things I want to  
keep if possible, in the living  
room and in kitchen is a quantity  
of odds & ends no body wants. After  
dinner gone Wilbur & Jessie will try  
to sell the dresses, chairs, tables,  
etc - it is a relief to me not to be  
bothered with them for I can't  
stand as much as I used to. I  
had Jessie to help me yesterday AM,  
but she has no initiative - I may  
go again to - tomorrow morning -  
still have the dress closets to look  
over - can't keep half the stuff

and its very trying to decide which.  
Have done nothing with store  
room <sup>in</sup> upper back hall - many  
of those things can be thrown  
away. Will get Wilbur to de-  
stroy all trash but I cannot  
attend to cellar or barn - Wilbur  
will take what he wants and  
either destroy or leave the rest.  
I confess I'm tired of the whole  
business & will be so glad to  
get out of town. Just now  
Wilbur spends sometime help-  
ing Blossom put the concrete  
on road west of house & put  
up the back porch & steps for  
the apartment. I hope every day  
they will say they are moving  
but so far no such thing.  
Had a pleasant evening Tuesday -  
invited Rev. Clements to come  
after supper to play Croquet

So we had partners with Milton  
& Jessie & we all enjoyed it.  
When it got too dark we visited  
in the house & then had ice  
cream & cookies. He is really  
only a boy (25) but very pleasant  
and jolly. We gave him the  
information of the church of  
the past and he was glad to  
hear about it.

You must be having an  
interesting time with your  
flowers, I wish I could see them.  
We are having another warm  
spell but a little windy this after-  
noon. I'm glad you had some  
sun baths. How sweet of you  
to fix one an old piano - hope  
you will be able to use it. Yes,  
the War News is encouraging but  
I rarely read it as I'm tired of  
it. Now a letter to Harold -  
guess Maize must be home too.  
Much love, my dear boy, I so long  
to see you. Mother.

Ordinance Dept., Navy 163.  
J. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
Sept 4, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

Your letter of the 20th came today. Am glad to hear that you are still planning to make the trip to Cleveland + Holland. This letter would probably not reach you at Corsairie before you left so I'm directing it to Cleveland. I hope you'll have a comfortable ride on the train - it's really not at all bad with a reservation on the 'Empire'. Getting to Holland will not be so easy. But you should be able to get an early train to Detroit, early enough to catch the same train there which you caught a year ago April. You'll have to change stations in Detroit, but it's very easy if you're traveling light - take a taxi! - the taxi man will know the right station - I seem to remember it's Fort St. I'm not sure you can get a reservation on the ~~PA~~ train to Holland - but be sure to if you can for there'll be a rush for the train. Wish I could be there to meet you!

I hope that Dad's new business will bring about his moving so that when you come back from your trip you'll be able to move into the apartment.

The box you mention from Eva has not come yet, but it takes a long time for packages to get here. It may easily get here by my birthday, however, - that is nine days yet. Thank you for wanting to send me something. There is very little I can think of that I need - the best thing you can send me is news that you are keeping well and as happy as possible. Am glad to hear your check at the doctor's was good again.

Climbed another mountain yesterday - about 1500 ft - to get the best view I've had so far - and to find quite a number of new flowers - being mountain varieties. Some I found growing within twenty feet of a snow bank - but winter's snow still here! Spent some time last week trying to tame the grasses I spoke of - but not with very much success - however I shall try at least one more. - No other news, I guess. Hope you find Harold & Marge in good health & spirits. My best to them - Have a good time & travel easily - Lots of love, George.





Ordinance Dept, Navy 163  
J. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
September 18, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

I have been thinking of you today on the 'Empire State' - and now before our day is over here you have reached Cleveland and already fast asleep in Myrtle. I do hope you had an easy journey and a pleasant one. And that you have left your cares back in Caspar. I trust you were able to get enough done in the way of clearing up so that you felt easy about leaving Mother to do the rest. You are going to be in Cleveland in a beautiful time of year and I hope you'll be able to get out to see some of the country around there. When I used to drive East I always looked forward to getting to Cleveland because it was there that the scenery really began - and when driving West I'd always stop at the top of the last hill and take a good look before going on to the flat country beyond.

By the way, before I forget it, I had a letter

from Louisa saying that you would not have to  
change trains in Detroit - so I reckon they  
have figured out a way for you to go that  
I didn't know about. That will be much better  
for you to be in the Michigan Central Station - where  
there'll be lots of room and you won't feel so  
crowded, although there'll be lots of people there.

My birthday today has not been very exciting - but  
then I wasn't expecting any excitement. The package  
Eva sent came a couple of days ago - I have  
saved it to open until I go home tonight  
so I'll add a word about it later. - My zoologist  
friend has been back for a few days since I  
lost wake. He spent one rainy afternoon looking  
for crabs along several miles of shoreline but  
was completely unsuccessful. On another after-  
noon we had a good walk part way up a mountain,  
finding a place where the snow has melted late  
so that the flowers were late - we saw all birds  
that elsewhere were blooming in June July & August.

Hope you found Harold & Mary well - I know they  
were in good spirit to see you - I have a good  
time & forget your troubles. Lots of love, George.

Sept. 14 Your V-mail of Sept. 6 came today.  
Am glad to hear you had things so well  
organized at the house. In regard to  
my book case in the living room - I  
only mentioned it for completeness - you  
are of course to keep it for your own  
use if you want to - I just didn't want it  
to be forgotten since you remember it was  
a Christmas present from all of you  
and the first book case I ever had. If you  
have room for and would like two book-  
cases why not take the two in the upper  
bedroom - they match for they are identical.  
If you drop a line to Mother right away it  
will probably be in time for you to keep them.

I opened the package from Lou last night.  
I was delighted to find in it things to eat  
which I like so much - stuffed dates, dried figs  
and wafers cookies. I think you wrote that the  
package <sup>was</sup> from the two of you, so many thanks,  
my dear. — All now & again love of  
George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Lt. George B. Van Schaack,  
Ordnance Dept. Navy 163,  
F. P. O. San Francisco,  
California.

Wickliffe, Ohio,  
Sept. 14, 1883

Dear Geo. - Hope you received  
my last letter written this week.  
Had a stormy day to Wrentham  
but sun was out soon after  
leaving Syracuse. W. & I took  
me to train & saw me safe  
in my reservation seat.  
Enjoyed the trip about 9 hrs.  
Scenery fine - Howard & George  
met me at Cleveland on time.  
Just received your letter sent  
here - also one from Eva - I  
expected them as usuals.  
Have started work to day  
& W. & I visited. Beautiful  
day - I am going out to look  
at the garden - this is a nice  
situation. Will write letter -  
a few days.



Ordinance Dept. No. 163  
S. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
September 22, 1905.

Dear Mother,

Glad to get your V-mail saying you were already to set out for Cleveland, and shall look for word soon of your arrival. Also glad to hear you had everything organized at home.

You didn't say what kind of terms you gave Sage on the house, but if they were cash I think you did very well on the price - it is as much as I expected you could get - I am afraid I must confess that knowing the house it is more than I would want to pay myself for it will soon need considerable repair. However, it is a nice place and Fred should be very happy there.

Apparently you are expecting to be back before he takes possession. I think you did well on the water tax - it had been used a good many years. The stove should also bring a lot.

There isn't much news to report from here - in fact nothing. The days go by one by one much the same - the weeks seem to go faster rapidly, but

The months seem quite long. But soon I shall have eleven of my eighteen months behind me. And of course there's always the chance that it won't be eighteen months anyhow. The daylight hours seem very short now after the long light evenings of the summer. The hills are getting quite brown as the vegetation dies - of old age, though, and not of drought - one never has that here. So far we have had two hoarfrosts, but on the whole it is little colder than it was all summer - which, of course, wasn't very warm - I have worn my long woollen underwear ever since I got here and have been uncomfortable only a very few days. - My flower picking is over and now I am getting my collection ready to send to the man in Washington - it is going to be quite a package.

Tell Harold I was glad to get his letter the other day - also tell Marge I got the package she sent and that I'll write soon. Now have a good vacation & get relaxed. Best to all & lots of love,  
George.





Advances Dept. Navy 163  
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

October 1, 1944.

Dear Mother,

I was V-mails & a card from you since I had  
wrote, reporting your visit in Cleveland.  
Am glad to hear you enjoyed it - I feel  
sure you would like it there - the area where  
Howard & Marge live and south of there is  
especially nice. Sorry to hear Marge is  
not feeling so well. She certainly has  
a lot of energy for a person always  
seems to have something the matter with  
her.

I suppose you are in Holland now. I'm  
wondering how you enjoyed your trip.  
I was surprised to hear you were going  
by plane - I would never have thought  
of suggesting it myself, but it was a  
good idea, for it made an easy trip  
of a rather long & hard one by train.  
You are probably spoiled now & will  
always have to go by plane. I hope  
it was a good day so that you were

able to see well and take everything  
in. Make me all about it.

I'm sure Eva & Laura were delighted  
to see you and I know they are giving  
you a good holiday - including breakfast  
in bed. You haven't said how long  
you expect to stay there.

I'm wondering what you have heard  
from home - especially whether the  
hurricane struck there. I would wonder  
that it hit Daubury very much worse  
than did the one in 1938 - but <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>fact</sup>  
it seems not to have done anywhere  
near the damage the former one did.  
Hope you won't hear that it did any damage  
at home, but if you do you must not  
worry over it.

Nothing much need to write about from  
here. Had a chance recently to buy some  
good phonograph records, so have  
been enjoying some real music these  
last few days - the machine we have  
is rather punk, but memory helps  
to fill in when the machine doesn't.

Met I could run over from E Laving  
for the week-end! Have a good time  
& forget your troubles. Best regards to  
Laura & love of love to you & Eva.  
George

No.



To: Lt. Geo. B. Van Dine, Jr.,  
Columbus Dept. Navy, 165  
F. O. San Francisco,  
California.

From: Reader G. Van Dine, Jr.  
27 West 25th St.  
Holland, Michigan  
October 21, 1944

My dear George: Yesterday your letter, written Sept 22 and  
sent via airmail to Michigan, was received here and I was  
so glad to get it. So far I have had only one letter  
from Paris and I am sure that I am not sorry  
just what is going on at home. I am not sorry  
any about it. I had just seen that paper but I don't  
think it would have the middle of August for the  
killing his horse and so ran for the black. He  
will about to come Friday. I was in the  
very good. I wonder if you are. I was in the  
had a picnic on the Michigan. I was in the  
miles long but no one else was enjoying it. I was  
till you had had the letter from you. I was  
any time since she had a letter from you. I  
2-276-180. I was very busy. He was just  
the plants and thanks for what you did for  
to do so nothing was wrong. I was just  
Grove me with a message. I was just  
and I am not at all. I was just  
more than the other. I was just  
and I will have a very good day. I was just  
and I will have a very good day. I was just  
I will not be very long. I will have a very good day.  
I will not be very long. I will have a very good day.  
I will not be very long. I will have a very good day.  
I will not be very long. I will have a very good day.

V-MAIL

Reader

No.



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Lt. George B. Van Schaack  
Ordnance Dept., Navy 163  
F. P. O. San Francisco  
California

From Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack  
(Sender's name)

27 West 25<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Sender's address)  
Holland, Mich.

October 13, 1944  
(Date)

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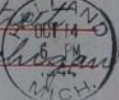
My dear George: I am surprised to find it is 8da. since I wrote to you - time passes rapidly. Your letter written Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> received an October 9<sup>th</sup>. Glad you received letters + card and probably more letters by now. Had a nice letter Tuesday from Willson (but he did not tell me much - he has been working on the new boat and said they were going to sell the things this week. He did not mention the hurricane so I guess I did no harm in Cassachie. He said everything was ok and Sager was ready to pay. Some times I wish I were there to help out but I fear it would be too much for me. I thought I'd go home about the 4<sup>th</sup> but Eva is coaxing me to stay longer - I really feel I should go for several places. This has been a full week. Sunday I went to church morning and night - both very fine services. Monday I attended with Laura a party for her Bible class - it was at home of one of the members. Tuesday I went to a meeting of Ladies Literary meeting in a big hall which was packed. The speaker was a Chinese man who is teaching at Mich. State College. He had a good talk on China but could not understand all he said. Wednesday attended Missionary Conference morning and afternoon - one of speakers was a Japanese Minister from New York. I was glad to hear him as I often hear about him. Quaker County Conference was held to-day in Kiskatom - I always like to go so I was glad to go to one here - Laura was presiding officer. Yesterday I staid in except a short time Eva + I took a walk. To-day Eva and I walked down town and met Laura at noon. We had lunch in restaurant and did some shopping. My feet are better owing to rubbing with absorbine. I manage to pass the time and am feeling very good. No breakfast in bed though Eva wants to do it but I refused - it is not necessary. We watch the children going to school every morning - they are a nice lot in this section - I have talked to some of them. Supper time now.

V...-MAIL

Much love  
from Mother + Eva

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J. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
October 16, 1944.

Dear Mother,

Glad to hear from you on Sunday from Holland, and to hear that you are having such a good vacation - I can believe the days seem to be flying by - and when you get this it will be almost time for you to go home. I don't think you will be unwise to go by train, for it is an easy journey without any baggage - if you can get to sleep!

We had the movie 'Mark Twain' up here but I missed seeing it.

from home by now and that the reports are that everything is going along well. Certainly hope Fred Sayer won't change his mind - I don't think he will. I'm glad his bringing the plan, for I think he thought quite a lot of father and that he will keep it up well.

There is very little to report from here. Winter keeps coming slowly but steadily. Had a little ice some days ago - and sometimes in the mornings all walks are quite slippery with a frost. Am beginning to feel quite an old resident here - in scarcely two weeks it will be a year since I left Port Townsend - we call passing the Luelai-mouth mark 'going over the hump' -

Yes, we have movies all the time - a new show every day, but I seldom go - we get some of the better shows but they are rather constantly spaced. But the movies are generally very popular and there is seldom an empty seat. Except for reading there is of course very little else to do. - but I prefer to read.

I got my flower specimens packed up and mailed last week - two wooden boxes totaling twenty five pounds and a pound & 00 half of notes. When I paid the postage bill I felt as if I were subsidizing the postal department! I really felt rather sad to see my collection go - it had been so constantly on my mind for so long.

I trust you have had more word

so soon I'll be on the down grade.

I hope your foot is feeling  
better and that you are able  
to take some walks - better wait  
now while the weather is good  
for it won't be so easy after  
you get home again. Give my  
best to home - lots of love  
to your Eva. George.

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From

Mrs. H. B. Van Schaack  
(Sender's name)

27 West 25<sup>th</sup> St.,  
(Sender's address)

Holland, Mich.

October 22 / 44  
(Date)

No. 34

Dear George: Time flies so fast - it is over a week since I wrote to you. The weather has been beautiful in spite of the cold and wind. Had snow first a week ago and a gain last night - now everything is frozen. The Sun is very bright to-day - in fact it has been every day. I try to go for a walk every day usually with Eva. On Wednesday this week I was invited to a luncheon in the chapel by Laura's cousin. Thursday was quite a mild day and we drove over to Lake Michigan and ate our lunch there. It was so nice to see the lake and the waves were high. We walked down the beach quite a ways. I have read 2 books here and some magazines & news papers. Had a nice letter from Jessie a few days ago. Guess they have had a busy time at the house. I will know more about it when I get home. I have requested reservation for Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> but no reply yet. Laura & Eva will take me to Grand Rapids and I will not have to change my plans till I get to Albany. Feeling very well & hope you all same. Love  
Mother.

Dearest George, Mother and I are having such a good visit. A week ago two packages tied with red string were sent, one from Mother, one from me. I mailed them and afterward I remembered I had not marked them as Christmas packages, so if they reach you I hope you'll know what they are. The package  
Word is lovely.

Love and gratitude and  
an awful of Hugs. Eva

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Ordinance Department, Navy 163  
F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.  
October 24, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Am going to address this to my Cassville, for you may easily have returned them by the time it would reach you. I hope you will have found everything at home satisfactory with all papers completed for turning over the house to Sager. When you think of it and all fees & other demands check up on what Mother did with my things, have the receipt put in the safe deposit box and send me the bill. If it has not already been done will you pay the storage for a whole year - that will greatly simplify matters, - and it is unlikely I shall withdraw anything before a year has elapsed.

Glad to get your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> and to hear that you were feeling so well you could get out for all these events. You like to go to meetings and it is too bad that at home you are not able to go more. Perhaps this winter you can persuade Jimmie to take you now & then - I hope so.

As usual there is very little news. Yesterday one of the Officers in the hut got his orders back to the States - I have never seen anyone more tickled - in honor of the occasion you & I had a special dinner with the most excellent fried chicken - the best meal I've had here. - Today I met an officer who turned out to have been a student at M.S.C. from '38 to '42 - he remembered seeing me about the campus, but I had not had him in class & didn't remember him. This only the second I've met from M.S.C. and curiously the other one was up here too. My zoologist friend was back for an evening last week - we had a good talk & played some of my records.

Am wondering what you did about the telephone business - hope you were able to clear it up before you left so that you are not having to come back to it. - Now that you are home again you must plan to keep occupied this winter - I strongly suggest you try to do a lot of reading - just make a regular thing of it and you'll be surprised how easily the time will pass. - In another 190 days I have good reason to suppose I'll be back to see you. Lots of love  
George.

No 75

Holland, Mich.,  
Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1944

My dear George:

We are at the end of the month and most every day has been sunny, some times quite mild, and again cold & windy.

Received your letter dated Oct. 16. -  
Oct. 23 ~~1944~~ - and was eagerly devoured  
by both of us. How wonderful that so  
many months have passed and every  
day now brings you nearer home. I hope  
you will not have too severe a winter  
and do be careful and don't get a cold.  
My foot was bad again for a few days -  
I guess I walked too much some times.  
Ira has rubbed & rubbed and now they  
are better. Laura will not be here to lunch  
ton for afternoon, so Ira & I are going down  
town to do some shopping. Last week I  
bought a new winter coat for I am tired  
of the brown one and it is shabby - I can  
wear it week days. I bought a black one  
for that is what Ira thought was best. I  
will feel that I look better with a new  
coat - I had the other one 6 years!  
Last week Thursday and Friday were

So very mild we took a lunch at  
road and drove to Black Lake - it  
was interesting to watch the waves  
and the gulls. Yesterday was another  
mild day and we had lunch out  
in the back yard. So many big bees  
around we could see no - we  
sat in a sunny place. Eva loves  
picnics and I had none all summer.  
Last Friday Lania & I went to a tea in  
afternoon at Lee Cousins (Margaret), that  
evening Laura took me to the Home  
community at College - at three domestics.  
It was interesting to see how nice the  
girls had their rooms fixed up. There  
was quite a number picnics and all  
very cordial. I was glad to see the  
rooms Eva used when at Vothies & Hall.  
Eva has been crocheting and is now mak-  
ing cookies for the Halloween children.  
They have been calling Lee for several  
nights to get something & we have told  
them Halloween is Oct. 31. Last night Laura  
was out & we answered bell 5 times only  
to see a group of boy & girls with false faces!

Last week Harold sent me some  
copies of Cal. Union - I was glad  
to see the home news. I cut out a  
few clippings that might interest  
you.

I am definitely settled to start  
for home Saturday (Nov. 4) I have  
reservation for berth in Pullman  
car. Laura & Eva plan to take me  
to Grand Rapids Saturday morning  
as train leaves there soon after 11  
AM. I will not have to change cars  
anywhere and will reach Albany  
at 3.52 AM same as other times. I  
have written to Mebur to meet me if  
not too inconvenient but have not  
heard from him yet. I can wait  
in depot till a 7 AM train for Cal.  
if necessary. In Cal Union I re-  
ceived yesterday (not last week) I saw  
notice in paper of sale of articles at  
our home - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 1 to 5. The  
Folks W & J. have had quite a time

and it will be a relief when all  
is over and settled.

It is now 11:30 AM & Eva reminds me  
it is time to get ready for our  
walk downtown. We'll take it  
easy - I can walk on grass along  
the walks for that is better for my  
feet. I have been lame 3 or 4 times  
with no harm - several times as  
far as college.

I may not write again before I  
get home so don't worry. You  
may get a package if we can  
get it off this week. Eva  
kinds love and much love  
from Mother.

Ordnance Dept, Navy 163  
F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.  
November 1, 1944

Dearest Mother,

Well this is almost the 'hump' - it's a year ago yesterday I called you on the phone and a year from tomorrow that I left Seattle. In some respects it seems like a long year though I'm sure it has seemed much longer to you than to me. But it has passed and nothing very terrible has happened to any of us - and there are plenty of signs that the next year will be much better than the last - so take courage.

Your letter of the 24th came on the 29th - fairly fast time. Am glad to hear you are feeling so well - your vacation seems to have done you a lot of good. Am wondering if

J Pella. Also met another fellow  
who remembered me from Exeter - he  
was a senior there the year I taught  
- I had not known him however. And  
last met just one from M. S. C.

Went to see a manie tonight - 'The  
Conterville Ghost' - not a very good  
posture to my way of thinking, though  
laughable enough - and it did have  
a very nice little girl in it.

Had a letter from Betty today. She  
said she had been feeling fainter well  
again. She didn't mention their going  
south for the winter - but Duval  
wrote last spring that he didn't  
want her to go through another  
winter in the north if they could  
possibly go south. His mother is  
much the same though fainter &  
weaker. It is too bad she must  
suffer so long, for she is com-

you got your reservation for  
Saturday - I would have thought  
you'd have chosen the middle of the  
week - but I guess you probably  
wanted to get home to vote! I  
wonder how the election will come  
out - but in a week we shall  
know. I hope you're voting for  
whom I consider to be the  
right man. - I guess Nathan isn't  
running for anything this time  
for you haven't mentioned it. Has  
he given up politics.

Met a young captain here yesterday  
by the name of Gylstra - sounds very  
Dutch & is - he's from Linder, Washington  
and told me that that town is a  
settlement of Dutch - some from  
Groved Rapids & Holland & some from  
the Netherlands itself. I had not known  
there were any such settlements west

blatly out of her mind most of the  
time & it is very hard on all of  
them to see her so.

No more news, I guess, - of what I  
have written can even be called that.  
Mickey has not come in since yet,  
for which we are all thankful -  
and every fairly good day past means  
one less of the worse kind. - Hope  
you have found everything well  
at home and that I'll have  
news of you soon from there.  
Lots of love, George.

West Coxsackie, N. Y.,  
Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1944

Dear George:

Have just started the day after washing the dishes - my first intent is to write to you. I have been here since Sunday and have kept busy in my room + not half through - has a big heap of mail to look over + not finished yet. I have been in all the time except Long evening Tuesday to Vate and at Missionary Meeting yesterday. Weather has been cloudy and cool - partly cold. Laura and Eva took me to Grand Rapids Saturday morning + train started 11.35 AM. I had a reserved berth in Pullman and was glad to get to ~~at~~ 8 P.M. Reached Albany at 4 A.M. + Melburn + Jessie were there to meet me. I spent most of Sunday resting - every one thinks I look as good - I've gained at least 5 pounds. Eva was very brave and tried not to cave in but she felt so sorry at my leaving. She treated me like a child and waited on me more than was necessary but she wanted to do all she could for me to make me have a good time. I feel almost as if I've

Had enough to last all winter. I can see I will not get out very often unless I walk! I did quite a lot of walking in Holland but when I got here my right foot cut up again. I guess it is rheumatism - it does not pain much but is bad enough when it does. Eva kept me rubbing every day with Absorbine and I neglected to do so Sunday but now I rub twice a day & it is normal again. Yesterday Milton took me up church and after the meeting I called on Epith Dayh and then walked home without any trouble. My room is most like a stock shop but I'll get it straight before long - I have more lace than room but need most everything. Don't see much of Betty Sue as they spend most of time up at their restaurant. She was glad to see me and hugged & kissed me real hard. But she demands my attention so much when here, that at present I'm glad to be alone & get settled. I found Lou's letter waiting for me when I arrived - that is the

one written Oct 24 - Yesterday I received the one written Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - was so glad to get both of them. As far as I'm concerned the Telephone business is out of my line. Before I went away a young man came here and wanted to buy the Telephone and I was glad to encourage him. I talked to Francis Smith & we both agreed the best thing would be for him to buy out each person who has stock. He got busy and now has most of the stock which he purchased at \$5 each. He is capable of managing the line as he is mechanical and understands electricity & I hope he will be successful and I'm glad the Farmers on the flats may still have service and I am relieved tho' I do miss or will miss the clerical work. I will read a good deal thro' the winter have a heap of papers & magazines now to catch upon and I see some books on shelves I have not read or forgotten. I guess Jesse & Milton had quite a time moving things and selling things. I wish there could have been an auction sale

which would have meant more cash.  
As it was I feel things went cheap  
but I'm not going to worry over that.  
There is little Kiffin the house & I think  
they have been spoken for. W & J. do  
not tell me what they charged but  
I don't care now it is over. Yesterday  
Jennie sold the small bear bed for  
\$12 1/2 - that was to as we paid only \$15  
for it. Sager is having great alterations - I  
figure bear to go there & think it best  
for me to keep away. This afternoon we  
expect (W & J) to go to Francis' office - Peggy  
is very slow about business but she is  
very particular. So we hope to soon to get  
the deed ready & then we can settle all.  
I'm glad you have met some new  
friends who recognize you & I hope the  
miles will not be too severe for you.  
Let me know if you want anything. Did  
I get the books that I sent 2 for Christmas  
& one for now. I had to leave Holland  
on a Saturday because it is the only time  
Laura could take me to Grand Rapids  
and there are no accommodations to get there  
unless one stays over night in hotel there.

I am glad election is over (right  
or wrong) My main objection is the  
election of Democratic Vice presi-  
dent who does not have a very good  
record from what I have heard.  
But we must take it as lump it  
and go on our way rejoicing -  
and I hope the future will be  
better than the past. Milbur has  
not seemed to be much interested  
in politics this time and he ad-  
mitted he was going to vote for  
Dewey. No, he was not an any taker.  
He has been so busy with our affairs  
and his insurance business, he  
could not spend time otherwise.  
He has our living room carpet  
on his living room here - Sagar wanted  
it but not for the price, \$35 - So  
Milbur sold his rug & bought mine.  
I gave him some things he wanted &  
I see them here & here in this house.  
I was glad to hear about Donald &  
Betty for I've wondered how they were.

Sorry about Donald's mother - hope  
I'll never get that way. Did I tell  
you Mrs Delp is working in a large  
aristocratic house (big family) in Sea  
neck very near Leania. She must get  
high wages and says she likes it, all ex-  
cept washing the kitchen floor. Her mother  
Dan has sold Rhinbeck house - bought  
one in Leania.

Now in regard to your belongings -  
Wilbur could not get storage in Albany.  
Of course he could not go all over ev-  
erything to being so busy. So he put my  
things (I hope some day to have in alone  
or they gone) and your things in one of  
his apartments in house by garage - it  
was empty & Jessie told me nearly the  
whole place is full of our things. I am  
very sorry we could not carry out your  
wishes - of course I am no good for such  
work and have to depend on Wilbur.  
I hope this movement will not provoke  
you. I'm sure everything was well  
packed for and we'll try to take good  
care of them. Hope Magsy Mores well & sorry  
if not better. I am looking forward to see  
Miss Ann - we can take care of you.  
Much love,  
Mother.

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163  
S. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
November 11, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Your last letter from Halland came  
a couple of days ago and it is sweet  
now since you left there. I hope  
you had a comfortable + uneventful  
trip home and that you found  
everything o.k. I trust in a day or  
so I shall have heard from you  
from home. You apparently had a  
very pleasant + useful time in  
Halland - I am the weather was  
so good that you could get out  
frequently + even have a picnic  
or two. Also glad to hear that  
you treated yourself to a new  
coat - it always sets one up to  
buy new clothes.

Halloween didn't make much of a  
thing here - but the children did - and

last Tuesday it was rather late around here. I suppose we began to get the return much earlier in our day than you did so that before bed time we knew the outcome. As far as I am concerned I am relieved in deed that J. D. P. was elected again and the more satisfied that his majority in Congress was increased. I can't deny I feel he has made many mistakes & he surrounded himself with many figures I'd rather not see in power, but twelve years in the White House have fitted him to carry on so much better than any one who could have run against him.

I was glad to get the clippings which you sent. Donald Griffin has gone up pretty fast - less than two years ago he was only a private first class - though I suppose he should arguably have been appointed as a lieutenant.

As usual there is little news to write

from here. As with your winter keeps  
coming closer, but still it is  
not very unpleasant here. However  
for some time now the wind do have  
been blowing again from - they  
contribute the feature I find  
most difficult here - I mean tilted  
wind anyhow - and these long hours  
of high gusty winds irritate me.

I wonder if you have remembered  
back to twenty-six years ago today.  
I remember it very well - one sitting  
at breakfast (breakfast table) down  
on the farm and suddenly hearing  
the whistle blowing in town. I  
had thought for a while they might  
blow again before this anniversary  
day, but I'm afraid now it rather  
looks as if it will be quite some time  
before they do. The Germans seem  
to be putting up a very strong light  
on the west front. However they  
must blow some time & until then  
we must go on keeping & doing

what we can.

All for this time - keep up your  
courage and keep as busy as you  
can so that you won't worry too  
much. Lots of love, George.

Ordinance Dept, Nov 16 3  
P.O. San Francisco, Calif.  
November 18, 1964

Dearest Mother,

No word from you in something  
over a week - in fact none since you  
reached home. I suspect you pro-  
bably found a lot in the packet  
when you got there - and then  
with winter coming on the mail  
service seems to be less regular.  
There has been one mail I haven't  
collected and perhaps there's a letter  
from you in it. I trust the news  
will be that you finished everything  
in order with Sager ready to go  
through with the sale - and  
that now that business is behind  
you. I am sure the job has not  
been a very happy one, but I  
feel that since it is over you'll think

less + less about it and get your  
mind on other things.

This week there is no news at all  
- I have literally done nothing  
not of a duty nature worth writing  
about. Next week will have a slight  
excursion - Thanksgiving Day - I  
reckon Jessie will probably have  
a crowd to dinner and you'll  
surely have a heavy table of good  
food. I wonder from time to time  
how you get on with the rationing  
- we have so much here that I  
suppose you see little of - meat  
three times a day, plenty of butter  
for lunch & dinner - an African recently  
out from the States said he had  
seen butter there only once in a  
long time - I hadn't realized that.  
All for now - Hope I'll have a letter  
to answer soon. Keep well & best  
love. Best to all of you & kids  
of mine. George.

Advanced Dept. Navy 163  
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.  
November 27, 1944

Dearest Mother

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> came a couple  
of days after I last wrote you, and  
I was glad to get such a complete  
report of things at home. I guess it  
is just as well you were not there  
during the moving. I don't think  
you should worry over what the  
things were used for - one can't  
expect too much for things second-  
hand. It is too bad Father was  
not able to get my things stored  
for that would have disposed of  
the problem once for all. I trust  
they will not have to be moved again  
until I get home - it would have  
been so much better for all if you  
if it had only arranged for it when  
I was last home - I should have

seen that far ahead. — I think the  
master of the telephone company is  
well-served — though I don't  
particularly envy the fellow who  
bought it — it's true he got it  
cheap, but I can't see how he  
can make very much money out of  
it unless he can charge more  
& that's unlikely — but that's his worry  
now.

Thanksgiving here was not much  
different from any other day, except  
that we do have a real 'feast' — as  
you can see by the menu which  
I enclose. I wasn't particularly  
interested in the turkey — in fact I  
never have been — but we had a  
very good & generous fresh vegetable  
salad at one end of the meal and  
grapes & lots of nuts at the other —  
it was there I chiefly went for.

Last night I saw a U. S. O. show  
— 'The Hole Animal' — a very amusing  
play centering about a museum's be-

But I know Jessie + Wilbur will  
try to make up for your not having  
all of us there. The little  
chick enclosed is for you to buy  
something to commemorate the  
occasion. Many good wishes  
must come. J.

between a college professor & the  
trucker of a mid-western college -  
it was quite daunting, and not  
too badly acted. The night before  
I had an interesting time looking  
over a lot of flower specimens made  
by an officer here when he was at  
another station last summer. Most  
of them I had collected myself, but  
he had a few new ones & some  
new data about some of the others.  
Although I sent my own specimens  
to Washington early in October  
I've heard nothing from them so  
far.

Am glad to hear you have found how  
to keep your feet in condition to  
walk out some. However, I don't  
you'd want to walk much from  
now on with the snow coming. Do  
be careful & don't fall.

None of the packages you write  
of has come yet, but most all

the Chuzzlewicks mail that is not  
surprising.

Guess there's no more news this  
time. Love & love,

Gray.

P.S. Will you please call up Frank  
Worben & have him note the change  
of location of my thing as regards  
fire insurance. I don't <sup>know</sup> where the  
policy but I think you have it  
in your deposit box. If you don't  
find it, it would be in fact <sup>hanging</sup>  
where it will be got. If so ask  
Frank what to do about it.

P.S.#2. Now that I have finished this  
letter it occurs to me that it will  
probably reach you only a very short  
time before your birthday. I  
hope you will have a pleasant day  
and happy anniversary - I wish I  
could be with you to celebrate,