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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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

From

Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack
(Sender's name)
West Coosackie
(Sender's address)
New York,
Nov. 30, 1944
(Date)

No 78 - do you want book sent - treatise on theory of determinants.
My dear George: Your letters of Nov. 11 and 18 received the
2nd and 28th. Sorry you did not get mine earlier. We
written two or three times since my return - maybe by
now you have them. We have had a lot of rain lately
and some snow which rapidly disappeared into hole
14 feet deep. Jessie, Bessie & I went to Albany last Friday to
shop. I bought a pair of shoes and a few necessities at drug
store. There was an immense crowd in all stores and we
came home tired and did not get many things. Every
thing is so high priced and what we wanted to buy
were not in stock. I stayed at Jessie & I went to Catebell
but the situation was same. I went to dentist for a
cleaning. Last night we were invited to supper at Sherman's
Floyd has been home a week and returns to Ohio next Tues.
His injured arm is fastened up and reaches straight out from
shoulder. He must have more doctors work on it. He looks
fine and told us some of his experiences. No progress yet in
selling - the deal is delayed on account of boundary lines.
Thank's given as usual. Just we 4 and a neighbor woman.
Rationing is about as usual - better very scarce yet - I don't have
any ration business. I did not remember Nov. 11/1918 especially
the breakfast. Went to see Dr. W's grade Monday - found me in
excellent condition but I must continue medicine to keep the
blood pressure down. To-night Jessie is having a surprise
party for Rachel, Ines & I. - She's home for a week and then
will go to Washington in service. Rev. Clements will be here
too. Jessie is busy all day getting ready. Hope you are all
o.k. and will keep well all winter.
Much love from all,

V...-MAIL

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

From

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

West Coxsackie
(Sender's address)

New York.

November 20, 1944
(Date)

No. 77

My dear George: Time has flown and I have neglected to write sooner. Have had a few nice days in between rain and wind and cold - snow one day but it soon melted. Life is not as it used to be and I spend most of time in my room. One day I spent with Fannie Truesdell preparing some things for Missionary Society - I was writing most of the time. It was a change for me. Another day I called on Belle Cooper who is still at The Pines; she is improving but can not walk out alone. Several times I took short walks. I read quite a little - have been catching up on my magazines. I also do some mending and try to keep things in order up here but it is quite a job as I am so cluttered up. Eva writes 2 letters a week & some postals - she is so concerned about me; she tells me mostly about her plants and what she & Laura do - also gives me advice. Letter from Marge & Harold - they are ok. Occasionally call on Mrs. Blossom across the road & Mrs. Vincent all doing well. My feet have improved but I keep rubbing with absorbine. To-morrow Jessie & I expect to go to Albany if weather permits - I need new shoes & some other articles. Last Thursday Milben went to P. Kuprie to an insurance meeting and a supper. Saturday Rev. Clementz took me down town to help in a food sale for our church - this was also a good change. Yesterday we all went to Sunday School and Church Service. At 1.30 we drove up to Red's new Restaurant and had dinner. My Jessie had car party to supper. All our snow-mops are out of the place but still the deed is not ready - so much red tape. We still have a few things to sell - Milben takes care of that - I feel I cannot. Hope you are keeping well and enjoying some things. I keep looking for a apartment but no sign yet - I would be so much happier.

V.-MAIL

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Ordnance Dept., Navy 163
7. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.
December 5, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Your letter of the 20th came just after I last wrote. I am glad to hear that you continue to feel so well and that you are getting out so much - your letter sounded almost as if you'd been gadding! I hope you had a good trip to Albany, but I suspect you found it very tiring - the shores must be very crowded. The Christmas packages came last week and since then the other packages, which have not opened - saving it a little while!

Finally heard from my flower specimens last week. Mr. Wacker was quite pleased with them and

said he would like to have some
of them for the National Herbarium
- I did not find any new species, but
did find one not previously known
to grow in the Aleutians. He sent me
an complete list of identifications - I
had, in several cases, described as
different species which were the
same - the final count gives 115
different species.

I have started to write my Christmas
cards - quite a job for I try to
write a note with nearly everyone
I am using flower post-cards -
colored photographs made in
New Zealand, which I had sent
from New York. One of them at least
will have travelled half way round
the world & back before it gets to
the addressee.

As usual no news from here Winter
has come and we are beginning to
remember what last winter was

really like with wind & snow. But
so far it has not been too bad
- and it is still beautiful scenery
such as many people would pay
a lot to see. I have been here
a year now and have kept well
the whole time - except for that
brief defective upset just a year
ago - not even a single real
cold. Guess this must be a
healthy place to live - though
I don't plan on settling down here.

All for now - nearly time to turn
out the light. Keep well & don't
worry. Lots of love,
George.

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

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

West Carlsackie,
(Sender's address)
New York.

Dec. 7th 1944

(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

No 79
 My dear George: I hope by now you have received some of my letters. It is just a week ago D-day I last wrote to you. I hear from Eva about 3 times a week. She is so concerned about me she will write often. Had a little cold yesterday she had gone to church Sunday the first since she was here last spring. I think she must be improving. She had only one real bad spell in all the 5 weeks I was with her. We have had some very cold weather this last week but just now it is milder 30° to-day. I do not go out very much but am glad to say my feet are a bit again and I can walk with cow foot if I keep off hard roads. Sunday we all went to S. S. & Service in church - then I + H + B. Went down town to Jo niece who had invited them to dinner. So I got my own dinner + supper and was alone till 7:45 then they returned and we all went to the first evening service in our church in many years. Thursday Eve. I went down town and Tues I went up street in P.M. to help pack a Christmas ball for a Mission Station in Long Is. Yesterday I was in all day except about an hour in afternoon when I called on Mrs. Blossom across the road. She is alone so much, I go there several times a week. I am trying to get some of my Christmas work done but it is not so easy here, as my things are scattered so I have to hunt + hunt for this and that. To-day I was looking over my cushions and to my dismay I miss three pairs of my best ones. I pray they had been stolen at home when the other things were brought home. Am not worrying for it does not pay. Last week I arranged one day about social things and then was laid up one day foolish! I do not seem to get a chance to talk with Wilbur. He is busy about all the time either on the road or at home. Sab is his boy off - he usually makes on the place but last week he + Jessie went to an auction just for fun all day. I am very well except the catarrh. Just had Call from Peggy to go off for to-day - hope to finish up the sale of house.

V...-MAIL

Mother.

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*A
Merry
Christmas*



A Happy Christmas Day,
and a
Prosperous
New Year

To George
from
Mother 1944

P.S. In August or Sept. a
package came here for
you - it is from Syracuse
University Press - I
opened it & found a math
book - a Treatise on
the Theory of Deter-
minants. Do you want
me to send it to you or
keep it here? I forget
so often to ask you this - I
did so once but you
probably have not re-
ceived that letter.
Goodbye Love Mother

No 80

West Cassacker, N.Y.

Dec. 14th 1944

Dear George:

Received your letter of Nov. 27 on Dec 12th.
I hope you have received the letters I sent
on Nov. 20th (77) Nov. 30th (78) Dec. 7th (79)
and I also hope you will soon get the packages
I've sent for us both - I think there were 3 or 4
and we do want you to have them by Christmas.
I was glad to see the menu you had for Thanks-
giving - if you all ate it all some one must
have been sick. I wrote you about our Thanks-
giving so I won't repeat it. This week we
have had snow enough to remind us it's win-
ter. To-day is sunny but snow still lingers
on each side of the Main Highway - not very
cold now but some ice in places. Monday
was a nice day - Milton took me to W. Coast.
There I went for a shampoo at Mrs Sheers -
almost opposite Mill Davis place. Well I
walked home stopping at the Pines to see
Mrs Cooper. I did not mind the walk ex-
cept on the state road which is so hard and
on the sides it was muddy. I feel relieved and
felt I can stand more than they did all
summer. Had a letter yesterday from Mrs.
Belp - she sent me a birthday card, too. She
had a bad fall on the ice striking the
back of her head but she is improving - and

going to Deane's for 2 weeks. The previous
letter stated she was not at all well.
Before receiving your letter, I had
called Warden up about the storage
things of yours and he said he would
find it up but did not ask for the
other paper. I do not know where it is -
I feel sure I mailed it to you when he
sent it to the house last year. I do not
remember seeing it in the post box but if
he wants it, I will look there for it.

Now I come down to my birthday.
Thank you very much for the checks
and I will buy something I want.
Eva sent me a package containing
a package of figs, a box of dates, a cake of
soap and a box of writing paper - this is the
first sheet of it out of box. Wilbur, J. + B.
Wished me a Happy Birthday when I went
down to breakfast + I found a card at
my place. I had a letter, card + happy be-
half from Mary and Harold - the same
from Ben. and a greeting from Laura.
Christmas cards all coming in + mine
all ready to go out.

Yesterday afternoon I was pleasant and

I went to the ³missionary meeting - I
still am president and this time I also
had charge of the program. Some one
let out to was my birthday & then they
all joined in singing "Happy Birthday".
Well I am happy most of time for my
good health and independence etc.
Jessie had a chicken supper, finishing
with ice cream and cookies. We have
so much cake all the time I was glad she
did not make a special one. Jesus & I
had a quiet evening in the living room.
Wilbur had to be out on his business and
Bessie was with the School Glee club go-
ing around town to sing Christmas Refrains
to various folks, mostly School Board
officers, I guess. After the singing they were
招待ed to a swell turkey supper in the
school. It is quite a relief not to hear the
radio as it goes continually most all the
time. Bessie is home - even with my doors
shut I can hear it. I went to bed at 10 P.M.
& did not hear them come home later.
I sleep fine every night - very seldom awake be-
fore 6 or 7 A.M. If there is anything you
want me to get for you, do let me know. I am
still waiting for Harold's I sent you but not come
yet. Glad to say seeing the place is all settled up.
Much love, Mother

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163
P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
December 19, 1944.

Dearest Mother,

Correspondence went more or less
by the board last week in my attempt
to write my Christmas notes, & all
I got off to you was a card. Despite
the longer lapse there is still very little
to report. This is the same old island, the
snow is the same color as last year
and the wind blows very similarly!
Saw an amusing movie last night
and on Saturday night saw the
current G.I. show, as it is called. It
was made up of five or six soldiers
from this sector who had been
selected at various stations for
this show, having put on some
part of their act at their own stations.
One was very clever at playing a
hand with a violin bow, another

at whistling double notes - and in
child part on a very good light note
stunt - so good I believe he must
be a professional. It was quite
amusing and although not perhaps
as good as the U.S.O. shows (which
are rather junk) more satisfactory
to me because done by fellows
just for the fun of doing it.

Two letters from you since I wrote
- of Nov. 30 & Dec. 7. Am so glad to
hear you are keeping well and that
Dr. McGrade thinks you are ok.
I am surprised you are having so
much trouble with getting the
sale of the house completed. By
the way, who is the lawyer at
Mama's now - or is the firm just
going along as best it can without
a lawyer until the boys get back? -
Had a long letter from Lema & Lou
last week - no news in it though
that I wish you didn't have too.

Everything seemed to be going
along smoothly. I believe Eve
is getting a little better from time
to time, but it is very slow. If
only the war hadn't come I think
Dr. Pallen might have helped her
move more rapidly. He is in France
now. No telling when he'll be back.
The latest news from there seems
to point to a collapse, but this
may be the Germans' final push
after which the collapse may
be rapid.

Regarding the book on determinants
you mentioned - no, do not send it
- just put it with my things -
I thought it because the edition
was being sold out & I wouldn't
be able to get it later.

I hope you will have had a happy
Christmas - when this reaches you it will
be New Year - and may the New Year
bring you much reason for happiness -
Rats & laws, George

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

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

West Coxsackie
(Sender's address)

New York

December 19/44
(Date)

No. 81

My dear George: I wrote to you 5 days ago (14) so I haven't very much to write about. Received your last letter on the 15th it was dated Dec. 5th I was glad to hear you had received the packages and hope they are in good condition. Glad, too that you heard about your flowers. How fine it is to be as well and contented and I hope you will not get a cold or any other illness. No doubt you have more sense with weather than we do. There was several inches of snow this A.M. but the sun came out and cars are running as usual. I have not been able to walk to town lately for the sides of the road have been very icy and some muddy - I can hardly stand it to hurry my feet on the cement road; so I'll have to be patient for some time. I have wanted to go downtown for over a week - but Milbur is too busy and Jennie does not like to drive just now. At last I have finished my cards (63) & others come by mail every day. Also have finished my gifts but it has not been so easy as my former ones owing to my situation. The last time I've had in the 16 months while I was here, was last Friday night. I was at Family House and Rev. Clements, Mrs. Lee there and we all played dominos - Julia was there, also Harve. I got home 11:30 - late for me - Rev. C. brought me home. He is nice company. He told us a secret which I have not repeated but will tell you. He has been requested by the Army (maybe Navy) to be a Chaplain with a high salary over 3000 - his compared to present pay. He has not decided yet - I wouldn't blame him to take it but it would be too bad for our church just after getting a new start. Dad is fearing the draft and no one knows what it may lead to - he will know in a week or so. The Sagers moved in the house Saturday last week. I have never been so tired in as I am now and it may be same all winter.

V...-MAIL

Much love from
Mother.

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Ordnance Dept. Navy 163
F. P. O. San Francisco,
California.

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

West Coosackie
(Sender's address)

New York

December 25th 1944
(Date)

No. 82

Happy New Year.

My dear George: Received your letter last Wednesday but I have mislaid it but took check out and thank you so much - I have not decided just what I will spend it for yet. I have been thinking of you and Harold and Eva all day - you all would like to be here and I would like to have you - Maybe some time we can all meet again. Christmas is over and next comes the new year. I hope you had a nice day (we had rain) and I'm sure you boys all had a fine dinner. It has not been a very pleasant day for me as we had 5 ptia for the day. Sabes and Florene are ok but the 2 girls with Etta are very talkative and there has been no let up. Jessie had good meals at noon and supper and I washed all the dishes. I just had to stay in my room after that for the confusion and noise made me nervous - I did not get well last night so rested this afternoon. I was just going to sleep a little after 10 P.M. when a car very blew - Eva boy fished & they visited till morning. Also the baby cried twice - parents at restaurant & Jessie had to pacify her. I usually sleep very well. Eva sent me quite a box full of gifts - also received from others about 12 - Now the days are past I will have to read more. I have not been out in 2 weeks except to call on Mrs Blossom across the street. She has been very ill but is better now. Wilbur has been partly laid up for over a week with 2 boils on face near chin. At last he saw Doctor Saturday and his treatment is helping. To day he has been more like himself & I guess he'll soon be ok. I have very little of interest to write about. Wilbur and I went to the S. S. Christmas party Thursday night. there were 60 there - Jessie and Bessie went other places. Last night Jessie and I went to the S. S. program in the church. I do not think I will get out very much this winter. I am feeling alright but will see Dr. Wt. F. this is his request.
next week for check up;

V...-MAIL

Much love - Mother.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 14

Ordnance Dept, Navy 163
P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
December 27, 1918

Dearest Mother,

No word from you for two weeks now - your last letter was dated the 7th and through that date I had received all you wrote. I hope you had as happy a Christmas as possible under the present circumstances. For the world at large it was not very happy and was surely particularly unhappy for those American families who knew their boys were in Belgium and very possibly in the path of this Robert German drive. My own Christmas was made cheery by the packages from you & Eva - all good things which I cannot get here.

the fruit-cake smells wonderful and
Jim's mince-taste equally so - I had
entirely too much to eat on Christmas
to cut into it! The cheese was a great
surprise and treat - we got a very
little cheese of here now & then
so it's great to have a cheese of our
own. Many thanks to both of you
for being so thoughtful. I spent
Christmas Eve with the Ordnance
Officers, helping to decorate their
hall, playing some records etc and
then staying there over night. Next
day we had a big feed at noon &
received the menu card - rather clever
I think - it was made by the Red
Cross man - I'd like to have you
send it to Eva. Christmas night
I allowed myself to be dragged to
a very poor movie - so the week-end
was successfully spent in being
nothing important.

Had a long letter from Eva just

before Christmas enclosing a lot
of photos - several of you at Holland.
I hope you feel as well as you
look in them. She seemed to be
expecting some activity around Christmas
& not looking forward to it with any
great anxiety - which is a good sign.

Am wondering how you are getting
on with the house-sale - I hope it is
all cleared up by now. Are you en-
joying being free of the telephone
business. I suspect you may have
to keep the new man out on the
tax returns this spring - I sug-
gest that if you do you get
at it early before you forget too
many of the details.

All for now - I am woefully behind
in my correspondence - I must pull
myself together & try to get caught up.
Best to all of you and lots of
love. George

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Ordnance Dept. Navy 163
F. P. O. San Francisco,
California.

From

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

West Coxsackie
(Sender's address)

New York

Dec. 31st 1944

(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

No. 83

My dear George: 4 o'clock the last day of 1944 I have just had a rest after a late dinner. Last Thursday, Dec. 28 I received your letter written Dec. 19. We have had quite a snow storm on the 26th and terrible winds that blew the snow all over - many cars were stalled in drifts. I have not much to write for I do not go out much. We did go on Friday evening to a Church Christmas party and to church this morning. My car has been out of order and a repairman does not like to drive with these snows. I could go with Wilbur down town but he could not wait to bring me back. Buses are not always on time and this has been cold to wait for them. So I have been waiting for a chance to hope to get down to Bank and doctor's help week. I will be so glad when we can go is better so I can walk out - all I do is go across to see Mrs. Blossom. Yvette and Jessie had one of their parties here from Catehell (she is still here) and last night they all went out (I know not where) and I was alone. They were expecting a pig for Cammie's and I sat by window till 10 PM waiting & then went to bed. Wilbur seems to feel better - he was very much white to be sick with boils but he is lively and now. Had little party day from Eva - she has not yet received my package I sent her the one Jessie sent her - hope they are not lost. Red is going to work on Scully's foundation to escape the draft - may be he will and may be he won't. He plays to run restaurant on week ends. Yesterday I got the paper for income tax - I read making it up for this year's West. I shut this year's last spring and paid the tax. Now I have to repeat it. I wonder if Harold wrote you they are expecting an addition to the family this spring - I hope it will be a boy. Am glad to know you feel so well - wish I could see those pits. With the snow - I am looking forward to have ^{so} you write any thing? Much love,
Mother.

V...-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO 14

Ordinance Dept., Navy 163
F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.
January 4, 1946.
[Envelope had 1945]

Dearest Mother,

Two letters from you have come during the last week - both of them written before Christmas. It is good to hear so regularly that you are feeling well - so often one hears of fellows getting word of illness at home. I am glad that you are having some good times, but I can imagine that the days between are very long. Do try to get interested in some long books - you'll find they'll help a great deal to pass the time. Am relieved to hear that the sale of the house is completed. You have never written what the terms were - I hope they were not so

that now you can forget the whole
matter. — Apparently you are
having more winter than we are — at
least colder weather — it is never
very warm here, but now it is
seldom very cold — below freezing
a good deal of the time, of course,
but not very far.

Our New Year was rather quiet
than Christmas — we had turkey
again, but nothing else special. My
Christmas cards are still coming in —
had one today from Anne Halahan — the
first word in two years — she didn't
say much — only that she was trying
to sell the house. She must have
had to give up trying to run it — she
can't be very young any more. Also
heard from Mrs. Beeler — her grand-
son is in France.

Nothing much new to write about
from here. Except that last letter —

day I went out for my first try
at skiing - and again on two more
days. I had a great time even if
not much success. The before
department furnishes the skis and
of course there are plenty of hills!
There is one quite near very well adapted
to beginners, so you need have no
fear that I'll get hurt. I wish
there were some skating, but there
is no rink and the ice on the lakes
is not good.

All for now. I must write some other
letters - I am dreadfully behind.
Keep well & be happy. Love of course,
George

P.S. I wonder if all of my scientific
journals are coming through
regularly - some are monthly and
some quarterly - there should be
eight different ones. Hope you will
be able to keep them together for they

are valuable and some of them
probably can't be replaced.

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January 7th 1945
(Date)

No 84

My dear George: I'm surprised to find it is a week since I wrote to you - how time flies! I just wrote Eva a letter after my rest and now it is now 5 P. M. Today we are having a big steady snow storm but we all went to Sunday School and Church. As there is still plenty of ice, the driving will be dangerous so we will not get out very far. Yesterday Milton took me and Jessie for a long ride on business (around Medway and vicinity - roads were poor and air cold but it was good to me to get out anywhere. Tuesday was the only day I was out all week and that was to the bank and Dr. M^r - Jessie drove me down. Dr. says I ^{have} all ok. B. Pressure, heart, lung, etc. I continue to have cataract but it gets up sometimes. Right foot has been painful at times for over a week but is much better - it was like this several times in last 2 years. I rub it often with absorbine and that is wonderful. Laura sent me a book for Christmas, Dragonwyck - I have started to read it and find it very interesting. Some days I hardly know what to do - I read and I rest and I look over things but don't for my own place. Just now I'm trying to study the magazine and papers - they are as bad as ever, so far, guess I'll have to go to Peggy to find out what's what. Hope you are keeping well and are entering a very happy New Year.

Much love,
Mother.

V...-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 14

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No.

To Lt. George B. Van Schasck
Ordnance Depart. Navy 163
F. P. O. San Francisco
California.

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

West Cochenkie
(Sender's address)

New York

January 12th 1945
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

No. 872

Dear George: You may marvel at my being in New York - I will explain. Had a telephone call 5 P.M. yesterday from my brother Frank that Aunt Addie died about 4 o'clock. He asked me to come here to-day as he & I are the ones to settle things though Evelyn had much done before I got here. Wilbur did not want me to come alone so he came with me and I was so glad to have him. I am getting very timid about being alone in N. Y. City. We reached here at 4 P.M. and brother & Evelyn were here till after 7 o'clock. We are in the hotel 10 3/4 St + W. Broadway where Addie had been living until she had a stroke a few days before Christmas and was taken to hospital. I am in her room here in hotel and Wilbur has one up stairs. So moreover Evelyn & I will sort out the things here. There is probably few that I will want. The funeral will be Monday the 15th at 2 P.M. at Grace Church and the burial will probably be at Sunset on the west side of Hoboken - the fair view - this was her request. Out of ink so secure pencil. Received your letter this A. M. also one last week. It is so nice to get your letters. The sale of home was a cash one & all settled in short time. Snow is plentiful every where & N. Y. is mostly muddy. Glad you had word from some of your old friends. Skiing is good exercise for you. I'm glad you are so well. I'm very good except my foot sometimes bothers me. This is my first time to break up a home. It is quite a trial but I'll pull through some way. Now I must get to bed - it has been a hard day for me - it is now more 9.30 and I am very tired. I always sleep good so I'll get rested.

Much love
Mother.

V...-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 14

Edna's Dept. Navy 163
S. P. O., San Francisco, Cal.
January 12, 1905.

Dearest Mother,

Yours of Christmas Day & New Year's
Eve came this last week. Apparently
Santa Claus did not forget you, but
wonder you had written what your
gifts were. Guess you had plenty of
activity at your home on the holi-
day, but I can believe it was rather
tiring to have so much talking. I'm
very sorry it is so noisy there and
I do wish you could have the apartment.
Maybe Uncle Sam will get Red after
all - I hope so, if he's physically
able - I think he's had his share out
of this war & is no better than anyone
else to go. There has been much
unfairness on this point & I am
afraid there will be much bitterness
over it.

In looking at the Holbein's card
again since I wrote you I found a

note on the back which I had
ruled. Both Anne & Mary had been
sick but both were somewhat
better. They sent their love to you.
Alice had a nice note from Miss
Margan and a long letter from Miss
Bisher. The latter is still living in
Hagdenville, Mass., has a nice young
old son - I don't know that -
and since the war has been doing
some substituting. If I ever
am able to drive through
Massachusetts again I must stop
& see her.

As usual no news to write from here.
Our winter continues good and this
past week has offered some fine
skiing - I was out twice and am
now beginning to feel quite a lot
of confidence, although of course I
still have little skill. - Met another
fellow from Michigan State College this
week and talked over old times. - Glad
to hear you are keeping well - just
be very careful these next two difficult
months & then spring will be coming along
and I might even get home possibly
that. Best to all the family & lots of love
yours.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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

From

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

West Coxsack's
(Sender's address)

New York

January 18, 1945
(Date)

No 86

My dear George - I hope you have received more letters. Since Jan 14th I wrote No. 84 Jan 7th and No 85 Jan. 14 - If you have received the last one you are wondering if I am back home. The funeral was held Thursday (15) afternoon - just a few of us + some flowers - the service was short and then we were driven to Fairview Cemetery on the high hill overlooking Hackensack river. Aunt Addie did not look natural and I would not have known her. Some years ago she purchased 3 crypts in the Mausoleum and she has said once over she wanted to be put there. So the casket was put in and sealed up. It was after 4 P.M. when we got back to N.Y. We had a lunch in Manhattan and then dined together for a while. Then M. + I went to Union Square and waited till 7:45 for a train + reached here 11:30 P.M. I was so glad Wilbur was with me - N.Y. is so crowded and such confusion that it is hard for me to get around alone. The streets were snowy, icy, wet and muddy - hard to get a seat in bus and also to get a taxi. I was very tired but am rested up now. I have a copy of her will and you might as well know now she left nothing to any of my children. Uncle Frank did not know she had made a will in 1931 and Frank Jr. had it and he is executor. Uncle Frank is not satisfied with the will and I'm afraid he will contest it so it may be a long time till it is settled. Her furniture is in storage in Hoboken and that is left to me. I have no place for it but I may have to sell it or give it away. Wilbur + I packed a big trunk of the trunk in my room + I will have to dispose of them when it gets here. Had a big snow storm Tues. and part of Wed. - almost a blizzard but to-day sun is shining. Wilbur thinks he may be drafted. According to news in the paper but he says he rather enlist. I do hope he can stay home for we all need him. Now I will go see Mrs. Blossom - she is still
V...-MAIL
Much love, Mother.

Ordinance Dept. Navy 163
F. P. O. San Francisco Calif.
January 29, 1905

Dearest Mother -

Another week gone - already. The weeks go fairly rapidly - the months not so fast in proportion. As usual nothing particularly exciting to report from here. Our next winter is just about half over and of what is to come is not much worse than what we have had we haven't a great deal to fear. Have had two sessions skiing during the week - one of them of about three hours - which is pretty long, for while coming down hill is easy enough, getting up again is quite a chore - and I assure on wheels most of our time going up!

Are sorry you are having so much trouble with your in com

tax forms. I really think you are
foolish to try to figure it out your-
self - I certainly wouldn't bother
with my own. The government supplies
experts to figure these and free of
charge - there must be a bureau in
Albany - and I have found
they give you more exceptions
than you are likely to claim
for yourself.

Had a nice long letter from Eva
+ her mother. She seems to have had
quite a lot of activity around
holiday time from which she doesn't
appear to have suffered very much.
Also had a nice note from Miss
Van denburgh. Why don't you drop
in + call on her some time when
you are down town - she'd be very
pleased + I know you'd enjoy it - though
she might talk one of your ears off!

Glad to hear the doctor says you
are in such good shape. Please
take care that you keep so.

All for this time - Lots of love, George.

P.S. Mailed a large package of books
addressed to myself at Mt. Carmel
this week - books I have finished
work for the time being but want
to keep - the package can be put
with my other things.

J.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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

From

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

West Coxsackie
(Sender's address)

New York

January 25th 1945
(Date)

No. 87

My dear George: Yesterday I received your letter of Jan 12. It is so nice to hear from you every week and to know you are well and happy. To-day has been the coldest so far - 14° below this morning but we are very comfortable in the house. We've had plenty of snow and wind in the last week - all the landscape is white with deep snow. Jessie and I planned to go to Albany this A.M. with our Pastor and another lady but we had to postpone the trip till better weather. We were to purchase some goods to make articles for one of our church hospitals in India. Mary wrote they have had severe weather - storm door blown off at midnight & 5 windows broken with the wind. Aunt Addie's trunk came today and on Saturday I spent several hours sorting the things out. What I wanted and can use also some things for Eva which I sent in a box to-day. The rest I gave to Jessie and she is economical and will make use of them. I did not see the use in her and I fuming with second hand things. Aunt Addie left me some money in her will and some of her things in storage in Hoboken. The will is very long and complicated - I doubt if she had brief money to pay all she has willed. I have been out seldom as walking is not good for me. Wilbur took me downtown Saturday so I could go to the bank and also see Mr. Fox some information. Severe snow storm Sunday but we went to B. S. School Church. Tuesday night went to a supper in chapel - Jessie & I were the leaders but we had plenty of help - made \$20.00. We are all well. Apartment still occupied. Much love from Mother.

V...-MAIL

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Orderance Dept, Navy 163
P. O., San Francisco, Calif
January 29, 1945

Dearest Mother,

Have had no mail for several days and washing from you since I left coast. I hope everything is going alright - read this morning of the coal shortage in Albany - I agree and felt relieved to know you are living with Mother who will have seen to it that there is plenty of oil to keep you warm. Apparently you are having a very cold winter.

Everything is much the same here with little of interest to write about. Last week had a beautiful fall of snow with no wind which made very excellent skiing, but for one day only, for the next day it was destroyed by a storm.

When the week is over I wonder where
the time has gone - for the evening
are long - dinner is over by 7:30 and
I'm seldom in bed before 11:30 -
however. I'm living with two very
congenial fellows and the three
of us spend quite a lot of time
just talking. Thought at eleven
I'm going out to a party for
Arthur Sanders (the fellow I knew at
Leek) - it's a sort of farewell
party given by his department - he
is to leave here very shortly -
the take home is a bit odd - but
then this is an odd country!

In addition to the package I wrote
of last week you should already have
received a fair sized package for
me from Dover Publishing Co in
New York - it is books to be put
with my things. Let me know if
it has arrived. - All for
this time - keep well & busy.
Love & peace. George.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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

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

West Coosackie,
(Sender's address)
New York.

February 2nd 1945
(Date)

No 88

My dear George: We are having wintry weather every day - two
store snow storms this week and even yet some farmers are
shut in with the big drifts. But time is flying and Spring
will soon be here. I get out very seldom. It is too cold to walk
and my feet will not stand it. Last week I had a sick spell
and was in bed several days - some stomach trouble. But I
am all right again. I had Dr. W. Gade & he always knows
how to make me better. He checked heart & blood pressure
and they were o.k. Guess the trouble was from some thing I
ate. Had Dr. look at my feet and he wants me to go to see
Dr. Dodge and have my Arch supports fixed - they are
getting too flat. I will try to go soon but it will have to be by
bus. Guess - car coupons are fast hard to get now. Last
Thursday Rev. Clements was going to take Jerry & me and Mrs.
Moore to Albany but it was 14° below and very cold all day
so we postponed it till Feb. 12th. The Imboldts are in Florida
now enjoying life. Wish you & I could go but I prefer to have a
car there. Had a letter from Marge today - her mother is very
ill in an hospital with heart trouble. Marge has had the flu
and Eva also wrote she was ill a few days. Jessie has started
house cleaning by painting wood work in kitchen. Red must
have examination Feb. 14 in New York, but he is trying to get de-
ferred again; many of our very young boys have enlisted or
been drafted. I live a very lazy life, not much to do and I
cannot stand hard work. I clean my 2 rooms every Friday
and it makes me very tired. But I am well - take naps most
days, often 2 or 3 hours and sleep right through all night till 6 or 7.
Mrs. Blossom is failing - I go to see her in Green St. Wilbur went to
Kingston this morning early - he just got back. Hope you are keeping well
and will not catch cold. Forward to your father,
Love, Papa & Mother.

V...-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 14

Ordinance Dept. May 163
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
Feb 1, 1855.

Dearest Mother,

Your letters of the 12th, 18th & 20th have
all come within the last two or three
days and not in the order written.

I do not know how to be that you have
the

experience
perked it
a shock;

you were a
her death

nothing for her and it would have
been harder on you. The family
in New York cared much for her, but she
could have been very happy or
comfortable there last two years
and they should be relieved that
her troubles are over. — I a
lighter vein — you were exasperatingly
cryptic about the will — very

curiosity would have been as much
better satisfied if you had told me
how much she left you! As for
us children it had been passed
my mind that she would leave
us anything - as there was no
surprise there. - I hope there
will not be any trouble with the
will - it can't be big enough to
be worth all the nuisance.

with the
age 38
stand his
tell him

that I think he would be very foolish
to let himself in for either dropping
or involvement. The army is extremely
wasteful of its resources and nothing
he could do in the army (or navy)
would be half as valuable as
he can do in a defence industry.
If it appears he stands a chance

If indicated he should get himself a defense job. That between you & me it seems to me he should be in a defense job anyhow - but I don't think you'd better tell him that.

You seem to be having a very close winter - I'm glad you're not trying to weather it with Mrs. D. down at the place. Guess it was a good to clean out of there & sell. Am relieved to hear the sale was for cash - I really think you did very well to get that much cold cash.

Had another letter from the man in Washington the last week - he has decided to take over a hundred of my specimens for the national museum. I am quite pleased as you can imagine - I only wish I had worked harder & made a more complete collection.

Am wondering if you heard from
Miss Hayes last Christmas. I haven't
and am wondering if she has died
during the last year. I have not
heard either from Mr. Webb in
Massachusetts - she is probably very
feeble - I hope she is not living
alone - I would have not written
anything of her.

Nothing else to report - life goes
on fairly manfully - we get
good food & keep well & there's been
no striking lately, which I have
regretted - but one can't count
on the divine here. - So all for
now - Love of love,
George.

February 8, 1945 -

My dear George:

Received from you yesterday a letter dated Jan. 20th and to day another dated Jan. 29th. It seemed so long since I had heard from you, it was good to get the letters. I'm sorry you do not get mine on time but by now may be you have. I hope this one will reach you soon. We have had a steady snow storm all day and again everything is beautifully white. It has been a severe winter ever since about 2 weeks before Christmas. Evidently you are not having as severe a season as we are. Many farmers cannot get out on the main roads and some cars are stalled and most covered with snow. Yes we are fortunate not to want coal but there are rumors that oil will be scarce and just now gas is very scarce - very little now in Cayackie. Situation in Albany was very serious in regard to the coal and all stores, movies etc were closed for a number of days. The last two days have been fine, not too cold and plenty of sunshine. Tuesday I went down to bank via bus and had a ride back with Tom Hallock's wife. It was so good to get out as I have been housed up so long. For about 2 weeks I have wanted to go to Albany to have Dr. Dodge hammer my arch supports. Weather has been very cold & so much ice & snow I just kept putting it off. Melvin wanted to take me on a Saturday but I found out Dr. was not in office Thursdays or Saturdays. So yesterday I made the attempt and took a bus right here at the door at noon & when I reached Albany I got a bunch. Then I called on Mr. Wriston who has been getting rid of a few of my stocks that never yield a cent to me. Thus I took a taxi to Dr. Dodge's. He is always very nice to me and he fixed the arches and didn't charge a cent. The streets were crowded with people - the first day stores were open - and the side walks and crossings were ruddy & icy so I decided

Bus Station on Broadway to wait for 3 o'clock
bus but it was late - 3.30 I was home 4.30
I treated myself in the waiting room to
another light lunch. I felt real smart to
get around & safely all alone. Every one says
this is the worst winter we ever had except blizzard.
Had a card today from Tanny Furdell from
Florida - she is having a grand time - I hope
I may get down there and more some time.
It is so nice you can see - it must be
thrilling when you get used to it. I am not hav-
ing income this winter now for I had Peggy
fill it up for me - that is last year's - and the
first of March she will make out this year's for
me - she is so kind to me always. - Yes, if I ever
have time down town I will see Mrs Van Deburg
it was so nice of her to write to you. I think in
a short time my feet will be in shape for me
to walk out more - the arches are holding my feet
up better now.

Have not yet received the
package of books you sent but it will come some
time - most packages are delayed these days. I
have one package that came several weeks
ago - it is dated in N. Y. Jan 20 from Dover
Publications 1730 Broadway N. Y. - it is ad-
dressed to you in my care - is this the one
you mean? or was there another one you sent?

Jessie has begun house cleaning and she has been
painting the woodwork & furniture in kitchen
for about a week - She does not know how to take
it easy - I could not begin to do any kind of clean-
ing. I do clean my 2 rooms every Friday morning
and it takes the rest of the day to get rested. Dad may
go to New York Feb. 14 for medical examination - so he may
and he may not have to go in service. Hope you will
keep well and I also hope I may have a patient by
time you come. Much love,
M. L.

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163

F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.

February 17, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

Your letter of the 2nd got here several days ago - which is pretty good time. You do seem to be having a very severe winter - nearly everyone I know out here from the east says they hear about all the snow & cold weather guess we here are the lucky ones for weather this winter - since I last wrote have been out skiing twice, both times in late afternoon and on one occasion it was so warm & the sun so bright that even without a jacket it felt warm.

I am sorry to hear that you had a cold spell but relieved to know it was not serious and

that the doctor found everything
important in just shape. I hope
you will not let the matter of
going to Dr. Dodge go too long
- you must take care of your
feet, so get yourself up there
as soon as there is decent
weather.

Am sorry too to hear about
Marge's mother - I hope she is
recovering - it would be hard
for Marge to have to go there
now.

Too bad about Mrs. Gleason - I'm
glad you are able to go and see
her - I know you been her up
although it can't be too easy
for you.

Am wondering how Red will meet
his examination day after to-
morrow - I'm mean enough
to hope till pass it and be

indeeded - I think he has dodged
long enough - but I rather
doubt he won't find away out.

Have had two sessions with
the dentist the last week - had
seven fillings, nearly all old ones
from which the filling had come
out since I came here - now
I am all fixed up for several
months. Am still feeling fine,
getting pretty good food and
eating a lot of it - I often
wonder how I'll get along on
the rationing at home - out-
side of fresh milk there is scarcely
a thing we don't have in abundance.

All for now - keep well & see
Dr. Dodge. Lots of love,
George.

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No.

To Lt. George B. Van Schaack
Oranabee Depart. May 16 3
F. P. O. San Francisco,
California

From

Mrs M. B. Van Schaack
(Sender's name)
West Cathlamet Way
(Sender's address)

Feb. 18th 1945

(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

No. 90 Glad you got my letter - your looks not here yet.

My dear George: I am going to put this in an envelope so you can see how it looks. Your letter of Feb 4th received Feb. 16. It evidently was censored as there were 7 lines in center cut out. In regard to the will, I see I am left \$2000 - possibly more on account of Annie's death and Annie (Charles' mother) there was \$15000 left to Uncle Frank in trust. But if he refuses it, it will be given to various ones in the will. I think you will be quite noted with your plants in the National Museum - Congratulations. We had lots of snow early last week but things have mellowed and there is plenty of snow & ice and water yet. As I write I am also listening to the Mt. Pelham organ orchestra. To-day when we returned from church we heard Mrs. Blaisdell had just passed away. She has been very ill since before Christmas and has faded away so no one would recognize her. I will miss her for I often went to see her & now I have no near friends. I am enclosing the cards for you - I wonder if Laura had written I was quite shocked Tuesday when I had letter from Lucia that she was taken to hospital last Sunday 7 PM. after being very sick a while and all that night. The trouble was too much sugar - however why I don't know but Lucia said the doctor said it was not too serious - She had a good doctor and a prescription. At 12:30 to-day the phone rang and it was Tom talking to me - she had just returned from hospital feeling very good and her voice was very natural. I was not really worried this week but I could not help feeling anxious. I'm in hopes the doctor can and will do some thing to help her nervousness. Nothing yet definite about Red but I do not think Jessie will ask them to move if he does not go to Service. I get more & more anxious to have my own home - it would make me much happier - I need some to do but it must be what and when I feel like it. My last air improving and I will walk out more when the roads get better. Frank Jr. asked me to go down to Mt. and look over the things in storage. I did not think it best to do for several reasons.

V...-MAIL

Permit No. 14

Advance Dept, Navy 163

F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

February 19, 1945.

Dear Mr. Mather,

Your letter of the 8th came on the
7th, making about the overage time.
Mail here does not come regularly
for it depends on the weather - letters
mailed ten days apart may arrive a
week or ten days apart. As for V-mail,
there is no V-mail service at this
station any longer, so your V-mail
letters come through in the regular
as regular mail - the time is the same
as an ordinary ^{air-mail} letter.

I was glad to hear that you had made
the trip to Albany to see Dr. Dodge. I
hope that what he did for you will
help you. From your description I can
imagine you found Albany quite a
modest place. Well I in the States
had not to get into cities three days
I'd stay out except for the west

necessary business.

The package of books from Dover Publishers you wrote of is not the one I first mentioned - that one is sent from here - please let me know when it arrives. The Dover one contained some new books I ordered from here, but what I do not want sent here.

Am planning to move out of this hut in a few days for by then I shall be the last person left in it, some having been sent to other stations & the rest having moved. I've been in this hut now since the middle of last April and have been as comfortable I take to move. But where I am moving is very pleasant, if not quite so quiet, and it will be much more convenient - in particular nearer the mess hall, so I'll be able to get up 15 to 20 minutes earlier in the morning!

Am wondering how Mary's weather is. Also what the news of Paul may be. - By the time this reaches you there will be a blizzard on and I'm not far behind. Lots of love, George.

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To Lt. George B. Van Schaack
Ordnance Depart. Navy/63
F. P. O. San Francisco,
California

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

West Loosachie
(Sender's address)
New York.

February 22/45
(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

No. 91

My dear George: How nice it was to get your letter yesterday and I'll try to answer the questions. The first place that box of books you sent arrived yesterday. Your letters come through in 8 or 9 days. We are having big rain to-day and plenty of ice with it. We have had a severe winter - plenty of snow all over yet. Yesterday we attended Mrs. Blossom's funeral - it was at home & private but we were invited as we had been so helpful to them all. I will miss my calls there but can't be helped. It seems queer it can be so much milder weather up in Alaska - it is nice you can go skiing again. I think I told you in one of my letters that I had gone to see Dr. Dodge (all done) Feb. 7th he fixed the heels so as to fit my feet better. I do not have much pain now but still my feet are not as good as they used to be. I think it is because they got smaller when I lost most 20 pounds 2 years ago now. However I'm glad I can get around without too much trouble. Marge's mother is about the same - they are to move to lower floor so Mrs. Morley can get outdoors. Red faced his arm a.k. - he is trying to get de-furred again, so we are all just waiting to hear results. In Fla a few of your teeth fixed - it is best to take care of them. I must go soon for a cleaning. It's fine you get such good meals and helping so well. These days of bad weather are problems to me but I hardly know what to do - I read & read & then get tired & I read and look over the numerous articles scattered here & there. I'll be more contented if I ever get settled in my own home. Wilbur is going now to mail this. Eva's foot or leg (I don't know which) got hurt by a fall in hospital - she is using crutches - she was at home Sunday - says she is feeling good.

V...-MAIL

Much love, Mother.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 14

Ordnance Dept, Navy 163
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.
February 28, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

No letter from you for eleven days - the mail service seems suddenly to have become very poor! But, there are always compensations, for now perhaps I'll get two letters together.

Not a great deal has happened to write about. A couple of days ago I was ordered from the quarters I have occupied for ten months - they had been & still were very comfortable, but all but one other occupant had wanted out, so there being a chance to move to quarters much more conveniently placed I took it. I trust this will be my last move here for it is something of a job to get all one's stuff moved about, - of course, with such commodious quarters as we have we tend to accumulate

too much - when I finally leave
here I shall have to descend a lot.

Am wondering if your winter is con-
tinuing so severe - I do hope you
will be able to get enough soil
until warmer weather comes - that
should not be too long now with
February gone - perhaps you'll have
an early spring - at any rate it will
be earlier than ours.

Have recently heard of two or three
other men here who are interested
in the flora and next week we will
plan to have a get-together - a sort
of first annual meeting of the
Botanical Society!

All for the time - will write you
as soon as I hear from you. Hello
to the family & lots of love, George.

no 72 West Cassocke W.V.
Dear George. March 1st 1945

Eva gave me a roll of V. Mail letter papers for Christmas and this is the first sheet I am using - I had quite a big supply and used the last one when I wrote the last letter to you. I was just wondering how I would use this as you say V. Mail is out of date in ^{Western} Virginia. So I'll use up most of the sheets when writing to you. I was so glad to get your letter today written 10 days ago. Yes, Dr. Dodge helped my feet a good deal just by padding the arches so they fit better. However my feet are not all O.K. but I am glad they are not as painful as formerly. Yesterday - no I mean Tuesday, I walked to West Cassocke the first time since Dec. It was an awful day, so windy and bitter cold and plenty of icy places to have to walk over. I'll wish a nice day next time. Last night we had quite a big snow storm again but today has been sunny but cold. We surely have had a very severe winter. Sorry I forgot to tell you in last letter that the big box of books from where you are have arrived in perfect order - I did not open it. This makes 3 packages of books have come here and all safe. Too bad to lose your Churns but it may be a better residence.

now about Red - he succeeded in getting another (the 4th now) deferment till July. - I don't call him very patriotic but I wouldn't tell him so. Sunday morning last I heard this news and it made me heart sick & nervous. I don't care whether he gets war or not, if only they would make ^{so} I can have the apartment. I was so hurt with the idea of my being shut upstairs a year or more. When I came home from Church I was so choked up I could not eat any dinner but lay on the bed & cried till my head ached. When I calmed down later I called Wilbur to come up so I could talk to him. He too was hoping they would go away without being told to he hates to tell them but he finally promised me he would tell them and that I can have the apartment. So far he has not said anything to them - Red is either out or in bed but I know Wilbur is just getting it off. I have been in hopes all winter you would come and I would be settled downstairs. I suppose they would have to have a month's notice & I'm hoping I can get in next month. I am anxious to get my furniture here. Well I can't do any more now but wait a while

I don't know just how I'll get out of
for I can't do much hard work but
it is hard to get any help. I cannot
depend on Jessie for she is so busy
with her own work. She does not
want any one to help her so I stay
up stairs out of the way. No today
she comes up here to see me so I
feel quite isolated and very lonely.
I know I will feel better when I have
a home to live in and work in and
also I will be glad to ~~get~~ have less
running up & down stairs. I am
alone 5-nights as they have all gone
out - Jessie to her club, Berrie & and
Gilbert on his business. There are many
people he cannot see in daytime so
must run around much at night to
find them. By this time you must have
my letter telling you about Ira. She is
improving - I hear from her most every
day - of course she cannot work yet
but Laura took her out for rides several
times. I haven't much to write but will
talk you dead etc. When you get here.
Have you any idea when I am leaving
so much to see you but hope will get to
find up much love, Mother.

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP AND SEAL
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

No. 93 March 9th 1945
Dear George: How time flies - here it is Mar. 9th
and it is 9 days since I wrote to you on
had word from you. This is a beautiful
day - I ought to have gone out for a walk
but I can't trust my feet especially on
the cement road. Monday night Miller
both me & Carl. - I had not seen Dr. W. G.
in some time and was out of medicine.
Well he had quite a number in office and
he was suddenly called to hospital so we
could not have him attend to us. He did
tell me to come Tuesday AM 9-10 so I did
and he checked up on me. Heart perfect -
but blood pressure had gone up 10 points
to 150 not bad, but well, and I kept it
down. It probably was due to my being nervous
off and on lately. The Cataract has been
very annoying and he gave me a sub-
scription for a liquid he said it would help
and I think it is. I was glad last night to
have an opportunity to go to Albany to
a meeting in the First Rfd Church to
hear Dr. Bell from W. P. Rev Clements
took 5 of us women - Linnie was one - she
came home from Florida last Monday.
Harry bought a small house down there
and now they will go months for a longer
time. Rev Clements called here this

Afternoon - he comes occasionally to
talk matters over with me. He ex-
pects to be married Easter Sunday
to Rachel Fursdell but then she would
return to the Dranes or Wall, I don't
know which for sure. I get a
postal card from Eva every day,
and sometimes a long letter. She is
almost o.k. But to-day's card said she
had one done and her foot was not so good.
I hear nothing about the apartment from
Wilbur and Jopie is mum - very quiet. I've
decided I'll have to give & bear the pres-
ent situation and try not to get nervous.
Living continually in my room is getting
very troublesome - I don't have much to do
but if I had a home I could help busy. I
find I can't work hard but it would be
a pleasure to do as I want & eat what I want
and have company - hardly any body
comes here to see me. I felt so sure that
I must live this way and I am so
put out with Red for getting a 4th deferred
time. Probably or perhaps things may change
this Spring. I wanted to be all fixed
when Jim came but anyway we'll have
a place for you if there is no change.
One day this week a pamphlet from
the Smithsonian Institution, Washington
came by mail for Eva

I wonder if you had it sent here
and would too if you got one. I
was looking through it - it is all about
the Aleutian Islands - and suddenly
I spied one paper ^{with} your name "It says
B. Van Schaede U. S. Navy" - I soon
read myself to find that you had been
a help in collecting specimens and
sending them to Washington which
was a great help in the preparation of
the accounts for plants & flowers as
Harold used to say "Ain't we noted
these books may be scattered all over
the U. S. A. and you will get specimens."
This week I have been ^{congratulating} ~~last~~ ^{some} ~~some~~ ^{red}
letters & papers and quite a pile of ^{books} ~~books~~
boxes - I ~~detray~~ ^{detray} some needless papers
but I keep the rest to look over again
some time. The radio has been on the
go all afternoon - it is very annoying to
me - I often start mine at such times so I
can hear something worth hearing.
It is supper time and fun out of news. Hope
he will be at the Mac Millan book. Much love
Mother.

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163

J. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

March 7, 1942

Dearest Mother,

Just as I predicted two letters from you came together a couple of days ago.

I was sorry to hear of Eva's upset, but glad it did not prove too serious.

That kind of thing is to be expected and desirable - in one of her nervous make-ups

I think it can happen even if she keeps strictly to her diet. Actually the fall

she had is probably more serious in the sense that it will give her more

trouble - I do hope it won't bring on neuritis in her foot.

Was sorry, too, to hear of Mrs. Blossom's death - I am sure you will miss her - perhaps someone will move into her house when you find a good neighbor.

I can't imagine what the reason was cut out of my letter - I'm positive

I haven't written you a single thing that could possibly be reasonable - and guess whoever censured that day was just feeling mean. We all have to censor from time to time and according to what I observe others doing I am a fairly strict censor - and usually write even less than I allow others to send!

A couple of nights ago three or four of us here who have been interested in the planer had a meeting with a several botanist who is here with several scientists on a special mission. He knows the arctic regions very well and gave us a lot of pointers - in particular, some on lichens in which he is especially interested and which he urged us to collect and send to various institutions. There were also present a bird man from Cornell and a doctor from Mexico - see Moscow. We had a very pleasant time and I suspect we shall get together again soon to exchange notes.

No other news - everything as usual, including my health & appetite. Try to keep well and be careful during these hard days. Lots of love, George.

Ordnance Dept. Navy 163
F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.
March 13, 1945.

Dearest Walter,

I have finally obtained some pictures which can be sent out. Numbers 1 & 2 show the typical living quarters here. Mostly the tents are occupied by the enlisted men although many of them live in Beronnet huts as in #2. This latter is exactly like the hut I lived in from last April until recently. The hut I live in now is of the same shape though smaller in size - and without windows, except very small ones at the ends. The other views show more or less well the typical valleys and mountains here - the mountains shown are about 2000 ft high - about the height of North Lake in the Catskills. Your letter of two weeks ago came today. I am very sorry to hear

that you are having so much trouble
over getting into the apartment. I do hope
that Wilbur will carry out his promise
to ask Red to waive. But I am not too
sure he will and fear you may be dis-
appointed again. I don't know what you
can do about it, for Wilbur is not easy
to deal with. But I do think if you keep
appealing to him he will eventually get
the apartment for you, - it isn't that
he isn't anxious for you to have the
apartment, but he doesn't realize
how much it means to you unless you
keep impressing it on him. - I am
sorry indeed that you must feel so
lonely, but to some extent you are
fortunate not to be more isolated
by living entirely alone. So keep
bearing up and in time things will
change for the better. I would like
to come for a leave to cheer you up
but we must not count on this too
soon. There is as yet no indication
of when I shall get moved out of here.
I had thought when I came here I

would surely get home by early
summer, and it is still quite possible
I shall. We shall just have to wait and
see. So many people here look forward
to their leave in what seems to me
a rather irrational way - it seems to
appear to them as the end of the war -
they don't seem to realize that the
leave is so soon over and that they
will suddenly find themselves in a
new and very possibly a worse station.
Much as you may wish me you can be
convinced with the fact that as long
as I am here I am safe and in a
healthy place - which you certainly
couldn't know of I was in the western
or southeastern Pacific.

I am glad to hear that Leo is im-
proving - I had not realized that
she was so ill as to be incapacitated
for so long - I'm wondering just
what was the matter.

On Sunday last I saw again the
sunbirds I wrote of last time and
some of us went out for a little looking

for lockers, of which we found a large
number of different kinds.

Well, this must be all for now. I want to
get to bed early - I have been in my
quarters all day today getting over a
cold - which appears to be kicked - this
is only the third I have had since
leaving the States - which isn't a
bad record.

Keep up your spirit and soon the
war will be over. Lots of love,
Grease.

No 94 West Loosacpie, N.Y.
March 15th 1945

My dear George:

Your letter written Feb. 28th received to-day - later than usual but I was happy to get it. In Feb. I sent you letters on the 8th, the 18th and the 22nd - hope you have received them by now. In March I have sent you one on Mar. 1st & 1 on Mar. 9th. Glad you are settled in a more convenient place. I know you have lots of things - I, too, so my rooms look like a book shop - soon I will rejoice if I ever can get settled down stairs. The windy weather has quit the last few days and we have seen robblins - Willie gets plenty of oil, so we have been warm here most of the time. To-day was the finest day yet so much like Spring and not a bit cold. I had an appointment for my quarterly teeth cleaning at Harold Gardner's. I stood out on the edge of the road 20 minutes waiting for the bus for Catskill. Jessie did not want to drive me down so I used the bus. It was 9.30 AM. & I reached Catskill 10.15

I had no special businesses except at the bank down there where I have deposits. I did not need a thing from the stores and I dared not run around, fearing my feet might come in as they do occasionally. I was very happy to have the chance to visit at Mrs. Miller's boardwalk who lives near Court house - all alone. I had not seen her since Nov. so we had a very nice visit - I got there 11.15 and then later we had a nice dinner. She is the woman whose husband was County Deputy of Cranes before Pa. & you may remember he was sick a long time & then died 5 yrs ago. We had lots to talk about and can sympathize with each other. It was really one of the best days I've had since I came here. I came back on bus & was here soon after 4 o'clock & then I got a nice sleep before supper. Jessie had her niece Etta & 2 children to supper - they have all gone out for the evening.

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I marvel that Jessie is so different from what I thought she was - she says very little to me & rarely answers when I make a remark. Wilbur could be cordial, if he wanted to but he is so busy with his insurance business that it is impossible to talk to him. I don't understand why they act so different. If my feet continue to be better I shall go out more when the days are spring like. Tuesday, Wilbur took me up street after dinner - I had a Shampoo and then called on Belle Cooper who has been boarding at the Pines - that very day the house was sold. Wilbur came for me before supper. Yesterday Jessie did drive me as far as Pierces where we had a meeting - She said Wilbur told her to take me but I had a chance to ride home later. Last night we both went to a Lenten Service at Meth. Church - it was a Union meeting.

Did I tell you Rachel Innesdell
is going to be married to our pastor
on Easter Sunday. She will have
to return to her job in the Waves.
She is a very nice girl - I think the
best in the family.

Well I have little interest
to write to you. Had a letter from
Marge to-day - they are O.K. only
Harold is so short of help, Marge
helps him at home. Also a letter
from Eva - She is improving and
I hope she will not attempt
so much work outdoors as she
did last summer. Hope this
reaches you soon.

Much love,
Mother.

No. 95

West Caypack's N.Y.

March 18th 1945

Dear George:

I just wrote to Eva and Marge and now a few words to you. I just went downstairs and found every body gone - both cars gone. It is after 6 o'clock and now I hear somebody walking down there.

This is a typical Spring day - snow is all gone - grass is growing and birds are flying around. Jerry & I went to church this morning and all afternoon I have been in my room - had a nap most 2 hours long. Thursday was an ideal day - guess I wrote you since then. Such a short time since I wrote you (that was Mar 6) I haven't much to write. I can tell you that at last I have heard that the Mays are looking for another apartment

and I hope they find one soon. Wilbur told them I wanted to move downstairs. They seem hurt but are not cross about it. I dread the ordeal I have to go thro' but if I can't get any help I'll have to go slow or let some things wait. I feel better for knowing I can move down for I am so anxious to get settled. Jessie is not satisfied but she says nothing to me; she hardly speaks to me about anything. I made a mistake ~~to~~ not to move in apartment 2 years ago. When things get settled things will be better. I will be lonely but not as much as I am in my rooms

up here most all the time. Oh I am so anxious to have you come & see me as long as you can - I do not go out much for I can't walk far and there is no one has time to take me anywhere. What a change in life I've had! I wonder if you have received the letters I sent you about Eva. She says she is quite settled out & is ready to do garden work any day I hope she will not do as much as she did last year. Lamma got quite worn out with Eva sick & they her calling having her leg hurt by a fall on

ice & must be in hospital
a long time.

Well I haven't written much
but I have little to say.

Rachel Musser & Pastor Clement
will be married Easter Sun-
day in the church - May be
I told you that before. Eva
sent me a nice letter she re-
ceived from Mr. Walker in
Washington - he gave you
much credit about the flowers.

How is the Botanical Society?

Guess Eva will have to join too,
I hear voices out doors & down
stairs & I hope supper is ready.
Later - Had supper & just finished the dishes.
Much love from Mother.

Ordinance Dept., Navy 163.

F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

March 22, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

Your long letter of the 9th came two or three days ago - the first for a long time in which you had not mentioned the severe winter, so I gather that your weather is becoming milder - of course by the time this reaches you it will be Easter and spring will be right on your door step. There are few signs of spring here yet, but remembering back to last year, another month should see quite a lot of the snow gone in the valleys and some green shoots showing.

Had a long letter from Marge today giving me the details of her mother's illness. Apparently it is quite serious, but Marge is taking it very philosophically. It is too bad she cannot go to see her mother, but I am glad she had the excuse not to visit of this. Harold & Marge seem to be getting on fine.

I am glad you had a chance to see
the pamphlet on the Allentons. It must
have been sent to Eva by Dr. Walker,
who is the man I have been corresponding
with. I hope you kept it long enough
to read it through - it is a very interesting
account of the history of these islands
and Dr. Walker's account is a fairly good
one of the appearance of the terrain here.
My own copy came a few days ago. These
pamphlets are put out for many different
areas and are distributed to the armed
forces nearly everywhere.

I am glad to hear you had a chance to get
out of town recently - I wish you could
go more often - but I suppose that
even with better weather there would be
much travelling around because of gas
rationing. Soon however the European
war should be finished and that
ought to ease the gas & oil situation
a little in the East - but I don't think
you can look for much easing of
rationing for a long time to come.
For Europe will require great quantities
for over a year yet. - All for this time.
Keep well & don't worry about what you
can't help. Lots of love, George.

West Cassockie, N. C.,

March 24th 1945

My dear George:

Your letters of March 7th & 13th were both received early this week. Letter from you and Eva are encouraging to me for I have very little here to keep me cheerful. A letter from Eva a few days ago said she had received Laur's letter & it made her so happy. I'm glad you have some friends and that you keep so well. I have not felt very well since I upset nerves I guess. One afternoon this week I walked up street just to Mrs. Moore's to have her fix my spring coat; I must go for it this afternoon. I wish often I had some one interested in me but I am an unperson all the time - what a contrast to my life with Pa. As I look ahead I cannot expect care from anyone here but I think I may be physically better when I get settled and if my feet get better. The only foot trouble now is my right ankle and that is usually going up & down

stairs and walking when it is rough-
Thank you for the picture cards you
sent me - some of them are much
like the ones in Eva's book - I have
not sent it to her yet but will soon.
I hope your cold has left you, you
were wise to stay indoors a while.
My catarrh still bothers me, some
days worse than others. I did not
have cold all winter but my nose
was continually being wiped.
This is Milbu's day home and he al-
ways finds enough to do. Jessie and
Bessie have gone to Albany this
morning to get Bessie some things
she will need for the Services trip
to N. J. + Perm the 1st week of
April. Of course Bessie has a
big lot of clothing now but she's
always anxious to get more. I
would like to go to Albany to do a
little shopping but I must wait

till my feet improve. I have
plenty of good clothes yet and
will not suffer, if I do not get
more soon. I like to have some
one with me for I have so long
depended on Auntie, Pa + Mrs Delp
and now I have no one. Jessie
is so reserved I hardly dare to say
a word. I can't understand her
acting as she does just because I
want the apartment. I think it
will be a good thing for the Maags
to move for they are very troublesome
quite often. I like Betty Sue but
she is getting ~~so~~ to be so much
trouble, it is amazing. They
have been looking for an apartment
but I don't know if they have one
yet or not. Sue told me last week
they would move out as soon as
they could. She is pleasanter than
I to me but does not visit with
me like she used to.

We have had several spring days - much like summer. The last few have been very windy; regular March breezes.

Thursday Jessie & I went to the annual conference & annual meeting in chapel. I was glad to have a chance to visit with my old friends which is a rare treat. I never saw any of our pastors conduct such a meeting as good as Rev. Clementy did. I take great pleasure in visiting with him but do not often have a chance - he is a very busy man.

I am looking forward to having you home with me - how I miss you and Harold. Mayer is looking for you to visit them in your way home or coming - she wants you to see the baby which is expected May 1st or soon after. I am now reading "Burma Surgeon" & find it interesting. It has been highly recommended - I sent for it to N.Y. first as a loan. I hardly know how to kill time except to read & write but that is often too much. I wish you a happy Easter with love from
Mott.





*W*ishing you a
blessed Easter

Ordinance Dept. Hwy 163
F.P.D. San Francisco, Calif
March 29, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

I was glad to get your two letters
of the 15th + 18th a couple of days
ago. Apparently you have come to
the end of your winter - rather
suddenly - it is sort of hard
to believe it here - and I guess
after your hard winter it is
hard for you to realize that
spring is actually with you. Next
Sunday will be Easter - I hope
you will have a fine day for it
- as good as we had here last
year, warm + sunny. Don't know
what we'll have here this year!

Am very much relieved to hear that you may get the apartment soon and I hope to hear before very long that you are moved into it. I trust you will be able to get some help in giving the place the initial cleaning and in moving your things - I could imagine Jessie not helping you do this.

I am very sorry you are so lonesome living with Mother & Jessie and I wish I could come home for a good visit to cheer you up. I feel pretty sure you will find yourself less lonesome when you live alone and see M & J from time to time only. After all their interests are vastly different from yours - in fact poor Jessie has no interest, except her housework,

and Mother is just too busy with
making money. I suspect they find
it really quite difficult to be enter-
taining all of the time and have certainly
given up trying. When you have your
own place and they come in to see
you, you will find it more like it
used to be. So I do hope that very
soon you will be settled in the
apartment.

I hope, too, you'll be able to get out
more now that Spring is here. But
I don't want you to take any risks
walking along the highway into town.
When you walk be sure the walking is
good and that you feel up to it -
and don't necessarily try to walk
both ways - take a taxi back - you
certainly can afford that!

There is just about no news at all
to write from here. My duties remain

the same. I sleep well and more or less
honey. I spend quite a bit of my time
on botany and am now planning the
organization of such interest as there
may be here. I plan to write a pam-
phlet on the flowers, and also to have
some sort of exhibit at the 'Hobby
Show' to be held here in about a month
- ~~since~~ I have sent all my stuff to Wash-
ton, I shall get an army sergeant to
show his collection - something to
stimulate interest. - Last week I
helped advise on a garden project here -
we have ordered a quantity of vegetable
flower seed and I think we may be
able to raise some decent Victory
vegetables - though if we don't hurry
up they'll be post-Victory, the war
is going so fast. - All this time
- keep up your spirit & try to interest
yourself in something outside the box of Love Gorge.

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No. _____



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No 97

West Cassackie, W. Va
March 30th 1945

My dear George:

I have just finished cleaning my two rooms. They are so cluttered up with suit cases & boxes etc. that it is a job but I do not try to move everything - I get tired enough with just an hour's work. This has been a hard week for me and with my upset nerves it is hard to keep from weeping. It seems a long time since I heard from you but it is only 11 days. I have not much to write for every day seems the same. The Maays are still below - they go out often but don't say whether or no they have found a place. It is hard to be patient but it looks as if I must. I have been in my rooms here most all the time this week. I get so tired of doing nothing. Yesterday was really a hot day and after supper I sat on the porch till dark. Milton & Jessie went out somewhere and Jessie to the house sauce - I was asleep when they returned very late. Monday afternoon I walked up to Mrs. Hoar's with several dresses I wanted her to fix for me. Next week I may go to Albany & get a few things. Jessie took Jessie last Saturday to get her rigged up for the Senior trip next week. Her Jessie went on Wednesday night after breakfast and was gone till after 6 - she is all set for Easter but I have not seen the things. Wednesday night Milton took me to the Union Lutheran Service at the 1st Church - It was good for me so I could forget my sadules. Just had a package from Eva, a book, some figs and a small box containing a small amount of 2 rabbits. Jessie is entertaining a girl friend - She often has girls here. To-day is fair but very windy and chilly. The wedding Sunday at 3 P.M. in church and every body invited also to the refreshments in chapel. It will be a relief when that is over. ^{farmer had all the children at home now and} Rachel comes to-day.

V...-MAIL

Wishes for this is in bloom

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You will not have to go to another camp - I do rejoice that you have been in a safe place. I look forward & wonder how I will get settled for it is no easy job for me - if I can't get help I'll have to do it a little at a time. It is most dinner time - the girls have just eaten breakfast. My car doesn't get out much - we do use it to go to church and last Sunday Wilbur took us all for a 2 hours ride in the Park and - we went over the hills & came to Albany reservoir. I would like to go often but Wilbur is so busy & Jennie does not seem to want to take me and I don't trust Bessie yet - she is begging her father for a car. When you come you & I can go somewhere.

Guess I better quit or you will be worn out. Hope you are ok & will keep well. Much love from Mother.

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March 30th 4 P.M.

Dear George:

What a surprise I just had. I've been lying down as usual and did not hear anyone enter the other room. When I got up & walked in there, I saw a big package standing on the floor - addressed to me & I wondered why & who - I opened the envelope and saw your name - My dear boy, thank you again and again - there are 5 beautiful lilies and 2 not yet open - I can't get over it to think you were so thoughtful of me and it makes me feel more cheerful & happy. I will try to make them last as long as possible. Thank you again and much love.

Mother.

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No. 98

West Coxsackie, N. Y. April 3rd

My dear George:

Yesterday I received your letter dated March 22nd. It is so good to hear from you - I do not get many letters except from you and Eva and Harold & Marge and Evelyn. We have had some cold & windy days after a few very summer days. Today is sunny but there is a strong wind. It is remarkable how the lawns have grown, also the bushes and smaller trees are full of leaves. Melba mowed his lawn Saturday & it looks fine. Bessie is away for the week - started Thursday AM at 6.45 with 23 Seniors for the trip to Philadelphia, Atlantic City & N. York. The wedding took place Sunday & the church was full of folks from near and far. Harve Ingersoll had a heart attack Friday but he was able to attend Rachel's wedding. Later in day he was taken to hospital - some big trouble - blood clot. Rachel must return to her work near Washington for the last of the week. Had a letter yesterday from Marge - they are ok. Had a very fine letter last week from Harold - he realized I was having a hard week. I want to thank you again for the beautiful clips - there were 7 and to date 3 faded but the 4 others are fine. I have the pot downstairs in the hall so we all can enjoy it. Father lies at his desk in the hall when he is home which is quite often. I have enjoyed looking thro' the pamphlet but have ^{not} read it all. I read so much now as I have hardly anything to do. I get tired of reading. My feet are not yet good enough to walk well so I have not walked since a week ago. Saturday Melba took us all to Catskill - we separated & met again at 5.30. I was glad to have a chance to buy Rachel a wedding gift - it was a very nice dish for baking. I don't believe the Mays are trying to get rooms - they say nothing about it and so I am just waiting - I'd like to get settled home at last. I'm getting very tired of this kind of living. Much love,
Mother.

V...-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 115

Ordnance Dept, Navy 163
P. O. San Francisco, Cal.
April 6, 1945

Dearest Mother,

Your Easter card came only a day late,
which is pretty good reckoning for
such a long distance. I wish you
didn't have to send it so far! I
hope Jessie got the flowers for
you which I asked her to get, and
that you enjoyed them as much as
you did those last year. Needless
to say we didn't have any flowers
here. But we did have an extra
special dinner served in candle-light
- scarcely sounds like a war! I
can't remember though what we had
- we always have so much to eat
and of such variety that even an
extra special meal scarcely stands
out from the standard of the food
itself. When you can't get meat +
butter + cheese etc. you can realize

that the service men are getting it in
all parts of the world where it is possible
to serve it - of course in actual battle
as in Germany now the soldiers don't
fare so well, but at any place where
they settle down for any time they get
plenty of real old fashioned food.

As usual there is practically nothing
to report - I have essentially only two
activities - my work of which I can't
write - and my salary - on which I
am now spending all available off-
duty time. Last Sunday afternoon I
spent with a sergeant at the Army gunnery
over the flames he collected last
year. Right this week I have been working
on the notes I am writing - I was home
back from Washington all those I
wrote last summer so I have quite
a lot now to work with.

I am indeed sorry that you feel
so disconsolate, and I earnestly
hope you will soon have the
apartment and that then you
will feel less unhappy. I know

very well how different your life
is now from what it used to be
but still I think you should realize
how much better it is than that of
literally millions of women all over
Europe - they have lost their husbands,
their children, their homes, everything
that they possessed - many of them are
literally living in holes in the ground
with little to eat and only the clothes
they are wearing. Beside this you are
very well off. I don't say this in
criticism, my dear, but in the hope
that when you think it over you'll
feel better.

Had a long letter from Eva the other
day - she didn't report much about
herself, however, except to say that
her foot was healing. I hope she
is now able to get about society.

All for this time. Try not to
worry and rejoice that the war is
going along so well. Lots of love
George.

No 99 West Coxsackie, N.Y.

April 10th 1945

My dear Geary:

How good it was to get Jones
of March 29th this morning. It is
now past 8.30 but I decided to
write to you to-night. Jessie had
7 of her folks to dinner to-night and
I just finished the dishes. Floyd
Sherman has been home 2 weeks on
Lurlough and returns to Ohio to-morrow.
His mother, brother & sister Florence live too.
Also Sister Etta & her 2 children - her
husband is some where over seas. I
went up street to-day at 2 P.M. & back
again after 6 - Was I surprised to
see so many visitors here. To-morrow
night we are going to Catskill to a
meeting in the Reformed church and
supper there first at 6.30. Wilbur will
drive the Packard & take 2 or 3 other
women & Jessie will drive Wilbur's car

and take some of Lee's friends. The
Speaker is to be Dr. Pines from
Grand Rapids. He is wonderful and
is spending the week in Greene Co.
It surely is nice to get out once in a
while. You probably have received my
letter in which I told you Harvey Tres-
dell is in Catskill hospital - he may
have to be there a long time - maybe
he will not recover. Walter has
come home to take charge of his
Father's business.

To day has been like summer and it is
really very warm in my room. Had
a long letter yesterday from Eva.
Poor girl she has occasional upsets
from the diabetes - she says she is not
worried and is gaining gradually.
Too bad she must be alone so much -
Laura is out most of the time.
Have not heard from New York in a

long time - guess Frank G. is
having quite a time cleaning up
about the Mill.

I don't hear anything about
apartments from the May's but
I noticed to-day Sue was cleaning
out a lot of trash. I am trying
to keep cool but it is hard work -
I am longing to get settled and have
things to do then and how I want to.
I am in the house alone very often -
one day last week Jessie went to Parsons
in morning & till 6 P.M. - Wilbur was
away all day too. In a way I don't
mind it for it is a relief to be alone
tho I am lonesome. Jessie does not
offer to take me anywhere and I
don't care - but I don't know why
she snubs me so much. Jessie
got back from her trip late Saturday
night. Last Thursday I went to see

Dr. Wm. G. Miller took me down.
Dr. examined me & thinks I am in
good condition except for nerves
which I try to overcome. I have
a great deal of gas in my system
& he says it is nerve trouble. When
I started this I thought I had
writing paper but it must be blotter.
Jessie does work hard - she wants no
help - she also goes out quite a good deal
day and night. She & Bessie went to
a good movie last night - I would like
to have gone, too, but she did not ask me.
With I could be at the "Hobby Show"
• You will have an interesting time
with flowers & botany and gardens
etc. I'm sure you'll write a good
pamphlet and will be a smart leader.
It is very quiet downstairs - guess they
have gone home. Today I forwarded a
letter from Harvard - I've sent you quite
a few since we were here - do you get them?
Much love from Mother.

Ordinance Department
Navy 163, F. P. O..
San Francisco, Calif.
April. 13, 1941.

Dearest Mother,

Your letters of the 30th March and 3rd April have come this week. I am glad you were so pleased with the letters - tell Jessie I am grateful to her for arranging to get them and for her idea to have them delivered on Good Friday.

But I am by no means so happy to have you write that you are so nervous and miserable. I do wish you could be happier. I know that life isn't very exciting any more and that you are subjected to an atmosphere which is not very sympathetic. But really, Mother, you do have so much to be thankful for that you must try to make the effort not to be depressed. I do think you'd be less restless if you had the apartment, but I don't be -

you were steamed for a time, but
as soon as the Mays have been gone for
a while I'm sure a little more rain
and probably helped they are gone.

What arrangement for rent have you
made with Milton? I think you ought
to pay the same as the Mays and you
might even offer \$1 a month more - I
think that would appeal to Jessie.

I am glad you have had one week
free from Bessie - I'm sure you have
found it a great respite.

Had a nice long letter from Eva yes -
today - apparently she is fairly well
again for she spoke a lot of working
in the garden.

I am keeping very busy these days.
I am at my office every night until late
working on my notes on a specimens
of lichens I have collected. I still
have only about one fifth of my
notes written - and when that is
done there will be the big job of
typing them and depositing. But
I am enjoying the work and it
keeps me from ever becoming bored.

Wish that ~~you~~ you would completely solve
the difficulties. Please try hard
to be happier - I don't say to be braver,
for I'm sure you've been very brave
all through. It makes me unhappy to
have you feel so upset - I wish I could
do something for you more than just
writing you, but here I am thousands
of miles away and I don't know what
I can do. We are all very tired of this
war and all hope it will soon be
over, but we must realize that it
may go on for a long time yet. So
you must not let yourself get so
depressed until there is some chance
of a real change.

I am very sorry you are still waiting
for the apartment. I wanted write to
Milton & urge him to hasten matters
were I not sure he would resent it. He
is probably having his difficulties with
Jessie. But since he has promised
you to get the apartment for you I
think he certainly would not resent
your speaking to him about it again.
It may make relations with Jessie

you had something similar to do.
Ben spring is here though you'd
probably not recognize it - other
than you are having - but as
an old resident here I recognize it
very well.

I was very much shocked to hear of
P. M. Roosevelt's death. I think it
is a very serious setback to the peace
the war will go on much the same, but
I'm not so sure we'll have so good a
peace as if L. D. P. could have lived
to help work it. But perhaps now some
other man will come forward who
have been overshadowed in the past.
I hope so.

All for now. Please try to be
happy - take good care of yourself
and don't fret about the things you
can't help. Lots of love, George.

No. 100

West Caspachie, W.V.

April 16th 1945

My dear George:

7 P.M. - I have been amusing the baby (now 3 yrs.) and she has just been taken down stairs. Sometimes she makes me nervous or tired for she is very independent and wants to have everything in the rooms - so I cannot let her go for one minute.

Your letter of April 6th received to-day and as usual I was glad to get it. You probably have heard by now that the lilies came and I did enjoy them so much. The last blossom was taken off 10 days after it came - the flower pot is still in sight - Wilbur wants to try to save the bulbs. We often cannot buy butter, cheese or meat but I am willing the boys in service can all they get. I'm glad you study botany but I wonder why. You & Eva will be botany specialists. I'm glad you received four flowers back from Washington. Eva told me to keep the pamphlet for Mr. Walker sent her another. I have read much of it but not all.

You misunderstand about my discourdale - one main thing is I haven't much to keep me

Larry and I are not wanted to do anything downstairs. It is a terrible day when I am in my rooms all day and nothing to do. I did have a call this afternoon and that filled part of the time. I am so crowded with my boxes & suit cases and it is very difficult to find things when I want them. It was a mistake not to go right into the apartment last year or 2 years ago. I always said I wanted my own house. My main wish is to get my things together and in place and have only to do so I will not be too lonesome. It would be hard if I were sick up stairs - I also desire a home where my children can come when they want to. I'll not bother you with more but you would be shocked if you knew some of my treatments. Forget it & remember the main.

Eva writes several times a week and always says she is getting better. She works outdoors so much, I fear she will overdo but she will do what she wants to do.

I realize the people in Europe are in such awful circumstances and I know I am much better fixed, but some things are

weighing on me. We had nice weather last week and I walked to West East.

Twice, Wednesday Jessie drove me and 4 others to a meeting in ^{the} church in Catehill. I met so many of my friends there and they were so glad to see me - I think I have more friends there than in Cal. Mr Brogham asked about you - I had not seen him in over a year. Last night Rev. Clementy took me & 2 others again to Catehill church - We heard a wonderful sermon by minister from Grand Rapids. Harvey Truesdell was brought home Friday but must stay in bed - he has improved a little. You probably remember Ben Whiting the Undeniable - he died Friday - July 6, 3. Saturday Ed. Collier died and so they pass out some most every day. Wednesday night at Catehill I was asked to be chairman of a committee to get a vice president - I was busy most an hour & then I had succeeded in getting Mrs Van Nest to come so I had to

honor of nominating her. Such little things are pleasing to me and quite a contrast to being so loveless one. Yesterday I had charge of the adult class in our Sunday school. Rev. Clementy called me up Saturday and asked me to have charge for him. I did not feel capable but could not refuse him - he is very kind to me and he had to be at 2nd church at that time. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. When I am in S. B. I can't forget Father and I think of all the time and energy he had there. I never hear from you about any church services - have you a Chaplain there? I wish you would and could go to some religious services. How are Donald & wife? Had a letter today from Mrs. Delp - she is not very well but is working in same place in Lakeville N. J. near Peoria. Mildred Peave is in hospital but is recovering. To-day I heard the first talk to our nation by our new President. I hope he will be competent and carry us through much love - Mother.

No 101

New Cassack, N.Y.

April 20, 1945

Dear George:

Your letter of April 13th (mailed the 16th) received to-day. I am always glad to get your letters and I am sorry you have been so concerned about me. I am not as unhappy as you think and I hope you will forget it. I am uneasy because I have so little to do and cannot get out very much for my feet do not like to walk very much. When I see you I can explain circumstances. I think the Maeps are going to move soon - maybe next month for I get niddling sometimes from the talk. Sue seems to be getting ready for it - I think they are waiting for some one to move out. Ill let you know as soon as I do myself. I wrote to you Monday after receiving your letter that day. So I have not much to write about. Monday and Tuesday were cold & windy but Wednesday was beautiful so I took a walk to West Cassack at 3 P.M. Went in to see Fannie. Harve is in bed and he may have to be there a long time - I don't think any one expects him to get better - it is heart trouble. I also made quite a call in Edith Bayle - she fell & hurt her foot but she must work just the same - She takes care of Harve part of every day. I started for home at 5.30 but there was a terrific wind hurrycain and I had to wait awhile. I started again at 6 P.M. and it was very cold & windy but I managed to get here all right. Yesterday and to-day have been very cold & windy. The country looked beautiful. Please do not worry about me - I think you would be uneasy too if you were in my situation. I do not know what the rent will be - It might not be as much as Maep pay for they have it furnished and I will have my own furniture. With love
 V...-MAIL so busy I can scarcely get a chance to talk

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to him. I have just got my new Car Liability - I use it so seldom I don't get much use
 much love - Mother.

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Ordnaunce Dept Navy 163

F.P.O., San Francisco Calif.

April 20, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

It was good to have your letter of April 10 sound better - it made me feel a lot happier, for the indications were that you had had some fun + expected more and that you weren't worrying so much. I'm sure you are trying very hard to be cheerful and I think as the better weather comes along you will be more cheerful. And certainly you'll feel a lot better when you get the apartment - as I hope you very soon will. I'm glad you see the doctor frequently for a check-up - he will keep your nerves regulated, especially if you help him by trying not to worry.

I am very sorry to hear about Harv's illness - though I admit I don't see how he had stayed in ill health

to be allowed to drive - even if she
didn't have an accident since she
& her boy friend would do it no good
It would probably be best if Mother
didn't know that I feel this way, for
he might resent it - I hope he will
not ask you to let Bessie use the
car.

Well, this seems to be about all there
is to say this time. - As for the
letters you forwarded, I wish I'd get
them all - don't worry about them, anyhow -
even if I shouldn't get them I don't
know what could be done about it.

Hope I'll have another cheerful
letter from you soon. With love,

George.

so long. Please express my sympathy
to Fannie the next time you see her.

I'm writing this while resting from
my labors of preparing plant specimens.
I was out for a couple of hours today
and collected thirty-two species of mosses,
liverworts, lichens and a few other plants.
It is a big job to clean them, write them
up and prepare them for pressing. There
are of course no flowers yet, but today
I did see the first flower buds beginning
to open on a small heath - I could see
the color of the petals showing through -
it was this flower which I saw first
last year - on May end - so it looks
as if this season may not be behind
last year's.

Some time ago you wrote of being afraid
to go out in the car with Bessie driving.
I hope you won't have to ride with her
at all - and I also hope you will be
very firm about not letting her use
your car - she is far too irresponsible

Ordnance Dept, Navy 163
J.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
April 27, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

Here is another week gone - and how much has happened in it, that is in Europe - and how much more may happen in another week days - I really believe that you may not get this letter before the European war is over. How good it would be if that only meant the end of the whole war. The false news of a surrender today was so much like the false news of an armistice in the last war - but you remember that came only three days before the end.

Your letter of the 16th came through very quickly, about a week. I am glad to hear you had had success

artists - they always seem to make
you feel happier. You know I
really think you are a born gadder
- I am not, and it is ironical
that you don't get out much and
I have to go out more than I
want to.

Tonight I went to see the Hobby
show. There was a lot of stuff
of not very great interest - though
much of it had taken a lot of time
to do, but there were a few very
fine things - some very excellent
water colours, any one of which I'd
be glad to own, some beautiful
jewelry, rings & bracelets and a
large group of fine photographs
of the mountains here. I was very
much surprised to find such
a wealth of real talent on a
place like this. There was one
flower exhibit only - a sweet one

but quite good and I asked quite
a lot of interest in it. My uncle
writing is coming along - I now
have about two-thirds of the
pamphlet written - in another
week I should be typing it
up.

You ask about David & Betty -
I hear from him very infrequently,
he is apparently kept with his nose
pretty close to the ground here, but
I believe they are both fairly
well. My mail has become very
thin - my own fault for I have
written very few letters there each
two months - the messages go so
quickly when I wait - and I get
rather tired for I seem to have
more work day by day now than I
did for a while.

All tonight - it is late and I must
be up very early tomorrow. Give it
up soon that you have the material?
Lots of love, George.

No. 102

West Cassaskie, W. Va.

April 29th 1946

Dear George: No letter from you last week and it is 9 days since I wrote to you. Weather has been cold, muggy and often rainy this last week except Thursday was almost a summer's day. That afternoon Wilbur took me to the bank - I had not been down there since Apr. 5th. It was quite a treat to get out a couple of hours. I have been intending to walk out more but Sunday my left foot gave me trouble and for 2 days I had to doctor it - I don't know what caused the pain - it was swelling around the ankle - have had same trouble several times with right foot. Both have been ok. to day but I know I'll have to be very careful when I walk even up & down stairs to prevent pain. It will seem good when weather gets settled and I get settled. Sue took me last Tuesday they expect to take their little house (ours at Parkers daing) in about 2 weeks. Last night I was at home alone and our father called to see me - it was fine to have him to visit without other folk around. There was great excitement in town as it was reported that the war was over - guess this was all over the U. S. States but it was a false alarm. However it must come soon. Have had 2 letters this week from Marge. She is feeling fine. She has a woman to help at home and later her friend Peg from Troy is to be with her after the baby arrives, for some time. Had a letter from Frank Jr. - he has finally probated the Will, well Frank is in Florida - he has no claim for most \$4000 and also one for over \$4000 besides what in a million. Some days are very long but when I have a good sleep - the time goes fast I have to be

V...-MAIL

I have a good sleep - the time goes fast I have to be

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very patient but it is hard - Hope you are well - Much love Mother.

My dear George:

No 103

West Coxsack, N.Y. May 3rd/45

Monday I received your letter written Apr. 20, also one from Eva and one from Marge. As I wrote to you on Sunday, I haven't much to write about now. We've had fair weather this week, except Tuesday when it rained all day. The Maags went to Albany that day which was very foolish and now the baby is very sick in bed due to the cold weather. Yesterday a truck stopped Lee with furniture for the Maags - Wilbur has come so he took the men down to the apartment where the Maags expect to live soon. I have not been out doors since Sunday until I walked around the premises after supper yesterday - I really found a 4 leaf clover - Beiric had quite a number but I never find many any more as I used to do. I do not dare to start out to walk, much as I want to, but I fear pins in my feet on the way. I think of going to see Dr. Dodge but I don't like to go alone for I may have trouble on the way. I must see Dr. W. made next week and I'll speak to him about it. Probably next week will be moving week - how I dread it - and yet I am eager to get settled as I want to be. I think when I get alone I will not be so nervous - Beiric is quite a trial and having the radio on so much (not worth hearing) is very upsetting. She talks of going to Albany Business College when school starts - that may be a good thing for her. She wants a car but I don't think she'll get it. Wilbur has told her she cannot use the Packard except when W and I are with her which is seldom. I just paid \$51 for a ticket but I rarely ride in the car except to church. Perhaps if the New York guys we may get more eggs and sometime get a real ride. Had a card from Mrs. Belp this week from Virginia - She seems to go anywhere. She wants to any time. I'm glad you have time for recreation and hope the present will be a success. I haven't heard from Alig but expect to to-day and

V...-MAIL

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This is Harold's birthday - its hard to realize he is 38 now. Much love from the three.

Ordinance Dept. May 163
P.O. San Francisco Cal.
May 4, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

No letter from you this past week -
guess the mail must be held up some
place. Am hoping that when it does
come I'll have some good news from you.
I'm afraid this won't reach you by
Mother's day, but you'll know I'll be
thinking of you and hoping that you
will be having as happy a day as
you can separated from all but one
of your children, and hoping that
the year to come will be a happier
one for you than the one past. Am
wondering if by next week you'll be
a grandmother for a second time.

This has not been a very eventful week
here, but I guess we can feel that
what has happened in Europe makes

Well, this isn't much of a letter, but there
seems to be very little to say. Again
best wishes for Mother's Day and lots
of love for it & for all days.

George.

up for it. I'm wondering how people
at home are reacting to the almost
complete surrender. I, myself, feel
no spirit of rejoicing - I feel rather
depressed, as in the face of a great
tragedy - it is a terrible thing for a
nation such as Germany to disintegrate
so completely - a terrible thing that
its government has kept on fighting
until the whole country is a shambles.

I have worked very hard this week, both
on duty & off - and now I have my
notes almost completed, - I shall be-
gin typing them next week. And it
won't be much too soon, for the first
flowers are out - the strawberry - however,
there probably won't be any further ones
until nearly a month yet. Donald
wrote me of the very early season for
jam flowers, how the tulips were
out early in April - a month ahead
of time. You must be feeling as if
it is almost mid-summer.

No 104

West Co Hackie, N. J.

May 8th 1945

Dear George:

This is a special day - I wonder how you celebrated. I heard over and over by various radio speakers about the War being over. School was closed in Calif. also all the stores but there was not much excitement. Now when the Japs are beaten we can say "the War is over". The President's talk this AM. was very good - maybe you read it or heard it on radio. Yesterday at 5 P.M. Harold called me on Telephone to tell me his little girl arrived yesterday morning, so I have grand child No 2 and you have another niece. I wish I could see her but I don't know when I'll be able to - maybe sometime. Yesterday the Maes moved most of their belongings - there are still a few more. This A.M. Sue came and cleaned up so it looks very good - I took care of the baby (3 yrs old) while the mother worked. I cannot do much yet down there till Melba takes out their furniture. He has a bad head cold and he is in bed now at 7:30 I am eager to get settled, but there are odd jobs to do before my furniture can be brought here. Had a letter from Eva yesterday and also one from Lou written Apr. 27. Change you wrote me on Apr. 27 and I received it April 30 - Now I get one written 7 days sooner. Guess I am wrong - the letters got mixed. Don't think I'm "gadder" I have not been away from here in 2 weeks except on Sunday. I would go out more if some one would take me. I may go Thursday to the girl's club contest - Bernice helps to it. Mine has been a trifle more pleasant but not at all cordial - Glad you got to the Show and also that your pamphlet is most finished. Glad to hear of the Times' how you will be affected.

V...-MAIL

Don't overwork. I wonder by the close of Europe War.

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Much love from Mother.

Ordinance Dept, Kang 163
F. P. O., San Francisco Calif.
May 13, 1945.

Dearest Maxine,

I was very glad to receive your two letters last week and especially pleased with the news that you are soon to leave the apartment - in fact, I guess you have probably already moved in. I hope you were wise in not trying to move all in a short time - take it easy.

I am sorry to hear you have so much trouble with your feet - I hope you will soon be able to get up to see Dr Dodge - I wish there were some one you could ask to drive you up.

I haven't heard anything from H & M yet, but when I haven't written them for a long time. I'm wondering if the baby was born on Harold's birthday.

be included.

Well, this must be all for now.
Keep well and enjoy your new apart-
ment - some day I'll be home to
see it. Lots of love,

George

I kept very busy. I have finished
writing my notes and am now in the
process of typing them. Today I
was out climbing looking for a
sax. frage which was reported to
be blooming. I got up to about
1400 ft - failed to find the flower
but did see another new one I hadn't
expected - also collected a lot of
other stuff I've been washing and
drying. This evening I saw
three more flowers in bloom on a
steep bank facing south, where
they get the full sun when there
is any - this week five to six
days ahead of last year.

Am wondering about Aunt Addie's
will - what is the fuss? Is Uncle
Frank trying to collect for money
he spent on her - I would sup-
pose that was a legitimate bill
to be paid before the will could

P. S. 4 P. M.

After lunch I did my ironing - it is never very much and I always do it when Jessie gets through but after this I will iron on my own board in my kitchen. Since then I had a rest on the sofa and then read some in one of your books, "The Red Badge of Courage." A short time ago I read "Lewis Rand" by Mary Johnson. It seems impossible for me to get to the library so I am reading some of our own books that I have never read. Some have printing too fine so I can't read them - it would hurt my eyes.

I forgot to tell you in letter about the big snow storm we had last Thursday. It rained very hard all morning and at noon the flakes began to fall. Before supper time everything was covered with snow. There was about 3 or 4 in. The trees & fields looked so pretty but trees lost branches and some shrubbery

was pressed down and broken off.
Wilbur lost some tree branches. It did
seem so odd to have so much snow
a day in May. That evening we all
went down town to a concert put on by
the High School girls singing club - it was
a very nice affair, helped out by a
couple from Saksens ~~study~~ - Berrie was
one of the club. Owing to the storm, Elec-
tricity was off for some time but we
had it before supper & it was quite a
while after 8 before we had lights at
the Movie Hall.

Saturday P.M. Wilbur took me down
town so I could see the Dr. I wanted
to go all week, but Wilbur was busy and
besides he thinks it is all nonsense but
I doubt. Dr. said I was all O.K. & he gave
me another bottle of medicine to pre-
vent pressure rising. Well I guess
I'm finished now - I may write to
Ma, it is quite a while since she
last wrote.

Much love,
Mother.

Ordinance Department, Navy 163
S.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
May 29, 1945

Dearest Walter,

Your May 9th letter came a few days ago with the news of the birth of your new grand daughter - I was glad to hear that everything went well and I hope that your next letter will say that both Marge and the baby are doing fine. I can imagine you are very anxious to get out to Cleveland to see the baby and I hope that you may sometime soon. As soon as you get settled and things are running smoothly again in Cleveland I think you might make a trip out there - it would be a pleasant change for you - and when coming back you would have your new apartment to look forward to. I am wondering,

I read in our paper last week of
a severe & serious blizzard in New
England - I am wondering if it struck
you - it must have caused a great
deal of damage if it were as
reported - your winter has been exceptional
indeed.

Guess this is all for this time -
I hope you are keeping well, getting lots
of rest & taking things easy. By now
you must be pretty well settled in
your new quarters - I hope that you
are feeling relieved to be in there and
that you will enjoy them. Lots of love,
George.

Lamenting, whether you ought to go on
& see Eva - were you not to go she
would certainly feel hurt, but on
the other hand she is not too clear
on how much good it does her to
have these visits - perhaps a short
one of ten days or two weeks would
do her more good than a longer one.
What does Miss Bayl have to say
on this? It would be nice for Miss
Bayl to have a holiday - I hesitate
to suggest that you go to stay for
a while with Eva while Miss Bayl
goes off on a vacation - I think it
would be too hard on both of you,
for you would be completely laid down
without transference. If I were
free I could go and do it easily.

As usual there is little or nothing
to report from here. I am still typing
on my notes - which I hope to get finished
this week - it has turned out to be a
larger job than I expected.

No 106

West Cassackie N.Y.

May 21st 1945

Dear George: Glad to get yours written May 13 this noon. I'm sorry you don't get my letters sooner. Baby Judith (or Judy) was born May 7th. Probably you know that now. Well I am stationed in the apartment. began getting my own meals yesterday morning. I find enough to do but I don't try to do it all in a short time. Saturday Wilbur took me to the storage for I wanted more things. I could not find many of my articles and I fear some ~~of~~ stolen may be back in our other home. I'm so sorry but will have to forget it. Your hints + books etc seem to be o.k. - I don't open them it was too hard. Then I went to the Store and bought a quantity of groceries and a little meat which is very scarce. I am quite lonely but I am glad to be quiet for I cannot stand the confusion at times. Last Wednesday Jessie + I cleaned the two rooms I had used. The wavy beds are both up here and the bedroom is to be a guest room for either my company or Jessie - the smaller room has been fixed for Jessie's rest room. She likes it ~~in~~ evening when she is home which is seldom. Yesterday Jessie had quite a number of her folks and I was glad to be out of the noise. I might she is to have a meeting here, men + women and I suppose there will be quite a racket - they had one here in January the night Wilbur and I came from N. Y. Jessie has not been cordial for over 4 months and this morning I asked her why we could not be friends. She told me a long string about me but it was all a mistake - I did not say or do as she thought + was determined. However we may be better friends but not as we used to be I fear. You were fortunate to get those nice flowers or plants. I took a walk yesterday not far and was glad my feet seemed much better. I think I can walk to N. Y. all one day while I am feeling much better but

V...-MAIL

I am very homesome. My living room is nice

with all our best furniture in it - also my bedroom is like home. Love, Mother

See letter in New York Post

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No 107

West Cassackie W.V.

May 27th 1945

My dear George: Yesterday received your letter of May 26 - a rapid trip in 6 da. Also received letter from Eva some time. Had letter last week from Marge - She & Baby are doing fine. Her friend Peggy & Toby is staying with her for a while - Marge's father was expected to be with them this week end; her mother is not well enough to travel. Of course I would love to see "Judith Ann" but it may be some time before I do. In first place I have not been invited and besides I am not anxious to go anywhere alone. Besides I could not go without also going to Holland but I imagine Eva is still for home married and it may be a long time before I might do so there. Of course Eva keeps busy with her door and window work - I think she over does that is why she is so tired. My apartment is in good shape but I must look all over my things and make an account where each is for I am tired of looking for things all the time. Have been twice to storage & took some things but I cannot find some which I know I had but I don't want; I'll have to replace some. I like getting my meals - what I really want to. It is hard to get some delicacies - meat is very scarce. So far I have had plenty. Yesterday Kerie was away all day Wilbur took me to West Cass after supper to buy some food - also went to store; Miss (Dolly) has written something to me since the day Eva went to hospital. Yes we had almost forgotten I wrote that in a letter to you. I like the apartment but no one comes to see me - not even Jennie or Blevie - Wilbur seldom sees me with my mail. I guess it is not usual up to visit Thursday Mr. took me to bank & then I stopped to see Fannie for 2 hours & then I home at Edith Day's. It was quite a treat for I get out very seldom. I ought to see Dr. Dodge about feet but I am getting too tired to go alone & no one wants to take me. Some days my feet are fine

V...-MAIL

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I was going to walk back there. But Edith drove me here. So tomorrow I must

go to Mrs Moore's and will try to walk it. I may have a ride
one way. Wilbur wants me to let Beenie drive me any where but
I object for this she is a good driver, it makes me nervous.

I am feeling very good now that I have settled out after the
moving. It was more than I expected but no one offered to help me.
I meant to put my curtains up but the windows are so long the
curtains were too short but even so, I could not reach the top even
if the curtains were longer. So for silent I'll forget the curtains.

We have had some very severe thunder storms lately with much
damage some places. Home had rain about 6 days a week for
a long time - it is hard on the farmers for ground is too wet to
start any work. It rained hard this AM but we went to D. S.
and church as usual. We had the American Legion group and
our nice pastor had a very fine talk. I had a surprise early
last week when I received a letter requesting me to talk on the
W.G.Y. Radio in June about Juvenile Prange work. It was quite an
honor (came from Emma Prange) but subject the question for me to
attempt such a thing now. I could have done it when I was Juv.
Deputy but I have given away to new Deputy all my book & papers
and I am also too nervous to attempt such a thing now.

Had a great surprise to-day just after my dinner - the telephone
rang & was a call from distance. I answered & it was a friend of
mine in Woodstock, Sw? He said you wanted him to tell me
about you which he did. It was very kind of him and I was so
pleased. I told him I was going to write you to day & he asked
me to remember him to you. Now I must write to you, and
also to Marg & Harold. Have not heard from Mrs Dill in a long
time. - she was later in

for 100 hrs. day's pass!

V...-MAIL

Virginia - she is now in
Here she is now. I am

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invitations for 4 girls but somehow I don't care to go anywhere. Love, Mother.

Ordinance Dept. Navy 163
P.O., San Francisco, Calif.
May 28, 1945

Dearest Mollie,

I was very glad to get your letter of the 15th with the good news that you had moved and were nearly settled in your apartment. I am sure you are happy to be in it and I hope that it will prove all you have wished it will. I am sorry it is so far from the stores - it will be difficult from that standpoint, - but you must be able to get in to town every four or five days and that is nearly enough for shopping if you plan ahead. I realize only too well what a relief it must be not to have to hear the radio all the time - it would drive me crazy. So far in the Navy I have been very lucky regarding radios - almost without exception my hot-water heater

and I thought our paper had just
got hold of an old piece of news.

Received a card yesterday announcing
the arrival of Judy Ann. Where did
they get that name? The Ann-part
is alright, but I can't say I think
much of Judy as a name - I reckon,
however, it won't make any difference
in her life what her name is -
many people have surmounted the
difficulties of warr-names.

Guess this is about all for now - have
been working hard on specimens tonight
and its now after eleven - so back to
my quarters to 'hit the sack' (which
means 'go to bed'). Lots of love,
George.

could want to listen to the radio so
I have heard little of it - but if
in some ways it gives all the
time.

Everything is going along here more
or less as usual. I keep very busy
in my off-time with my flower work.
I finally finished typing the pamphlet
a couple of days ago and now it is
being scribbled by a woman (the
navy term for stenographer). I ex-
pect that in about a week it will be
in the binding stage, and that will be
that. I shall be glad to have it
finished for the flowers & plants are
coming along so fast that I need
all my spare time just for collecting.
Tonight I was out and found some
methurops and the first narrowness
arenaria - a beautiful white flower
that will be here in profusion in
about two weeks.

I read about the snow storm that
you had in New York & New England in
our paper - it seemed impossible

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.
June 7, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

I am very late with my letter this week. I'm very sorry and hope you haven't been looking for it too anxiously. I could, I reckon, have written something sooner, but for just one week today I have been very fightfully pressed - all day till late every night, falling into my bed quite done in. I doubt I've ever written that I am the so-called summary court marshal recorder here, which means presiding attorney files court secretary - my work comes in spasms, and a week ago tonight I was handed a big batch which has kept me busy every minute - I won't be entirely through for nearly another week yet, but I do now have things in hand so that the running will be smoother.

I did take one morning off when I felt as if I had to get out & walk for

I am glad to hear you are enjoying your new apartment, though I can realize you feel lonesome in it. It's too bad you had to live so long with Mother + Jessie, for that is what is the matter with Jessie - had you not been there so long I'm sure she'd be more friendly - however, I'm equally sure she'll soon come round and visit you from time to time. You can hardly visit on Bessie - and as for Mother, you know how many times he has in the fire all the time.

I'm sorry you didn't feel you could give the radio talk you were asked to give, but I can see how you didn't feel you could, - you have been out of the work long enough to have lost some touch with it - and then the trip to Schenckley would have been a problem. But I'm proud you were asked to give the talk.

a while. So I went some distance away and climbed a mountain, something between 1000 and 2000 feet high. There were clouds on top and I climbed right up into them. On my way up I found a bird's nest with four eggs, the only one I've seen here. On the way down the clouds cleared away and I was escorted by two foxes who kept a safe distance, one on each side all the way down. The next morning I felt quite refreshed.

I was glad as always to get your letter a few days ago and to hear that every thing was going well with Daisy + Judy. I can imagine you would like to go on Judy, but I reckon you may have to wait a while. I'm sure you'll soon be invited, but the problem of Eva is the difficult part. Has Eva lately expressed any wish for you to come visit her - I think perhaps you must wait for that, for if she doesn't feel she can have a visit she won't ask you.

The fellow who called you up was
John Curtis of Warriston, Mass.
I had known him here about a year
and had lived with him for over
three months - he's a very fine fellow.
He was calling you from his 'farm'
in Woodstock, Vermont. He knows one
of the daughters from the place just
below the Lampman farm - I can't
seem to remember the name just now -
I think she married a man named
Rabbit.

Well, this must be all - it's very
late again and I must get to bed -
I have lots to do tomorrow, but
shant be quite so pressed with it
as for the past few days. Lots
of love & keep up your courage.
George.

June 7th 1945

Dear George:

So glad to receive your letter yesterday. I was amused at what you said about the name Judy - I do not exactly like it myself - I think I'll call her Judith and will never have to object to either name for both M + H. like the name. Yesterday I carried out my plan to go to Albany - I dreaded to go alone but would not admit it. I asked Jessie if she wanted to go - first she said no but later she said yes - she always likes to shop. We started at 11 AM - it was a beautiful day after two very rainy days - it rained hard in Albany several times while we were there. After we had lunch we went to see Dr. Dodge. He is ~~the~~ cordial always to me and has not changed me anything the four times he's been there. He examined my feet and told me a number of things about my trouble some of which I forgot. There is no way for my feet to get normal again - he said many women have much larger swellings in ankles than I have. The trouble is caused by my age and circulation. The arch supports are stiff + do not hurt the feet at all. He said using a brace (as I do every day) was good but the rubbing part is most helpful. He says I must try to walk more - I can do better on the side walks than on this hard road + rough places on the side. I must also use cold water for my feet + not hot. I'm glad it is over and settled. I resided in Albany yesterday + am suffering for it this AM. I plan to go to W. Col. this afternoon to have my dress made up. It is one I used four yf for - also a sweater I bought yesterday. Last night I had three callers and the others were all gone out.

I am very much alone - they like to go out but I am not eager to tho' I'm seldom asked. One of my problems now is to get food - Many folks find it hard to get necessary food. I have had good meals so far but wish I could get some more foods. The apartment is very satisfactory - I frequently sit by the front window and often in evening listen to Radio if there is something worth hearing. I get to bed before 10 P.M. & go to sleep quietly until morning. Milbur's road work on the west side is not finished yet - He is waiting for Harry Blossom to help him. The lawns and flowers are fine but I long for our grand old home which was so very nice indoors & out. Dazai is very much pleased with it and has made many changes but I have not been there - he asks me to see them every time I meet him.

I'm glad you have the pamphlet finished and will be glad to see one some time. You certainly keep very busy and though you get so tired you seem to keep well. I am having some trouble with my right knee. Doctor thought it was some connection to the foot. However it is not too bad now - I think rubbing helps to heal it. Have to get some bandage. Some times I wish for a maid but after all I'm better off as long as I'm well.

Much love, Mother

My dear Gene -

I sent you a letter yesterday but I feel like writing again tho' I have little to write about. Yours written on June 7th received to-day. I was glad to hear every thing you wrote, especially "Summer Court Ward, re-Castell" - Congratulations - No wonder you are kept so busy. To-day has been a very hot day, the first I went out without a coat. I went down town this after-

noon - to bank, Drugist and Bakery - Jessie drove us down - She always seems to have 1 or 2 others as she did to-day. I almost got roasted sitting in the car waiting while the others did some shopping. On way back I stopped to see Mrs Hubbard - her girls went back to N. Y. I can sympathize with her but she is standing up bravely. Jessie could not wait for me so I let her go and walked back stopping at Mrs Moore's a while.

There is some company on
other side of house - I don't
know who but I think it is
Mrs Roberts - I knew she was
in town but I was not in-
vited in there. Life is very pe-
culiar these days - When I can
get out and meet some folks
so I did to-day I fell better.
Last night we had a supper
in Chapel - I hoped to make \$25
& we made more than that
I was obliged by visiting with
several people especially with
the Pastor - he always likes to talk
with me and stay over.
Ever send me ^{some} of better paper
like this. none, Mother.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE

THROWN



Ordinance Dept. Navy 163
A. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.
June 15, 1915.

Dearest Master,

No letter since I last wrote you - guess the mail must be held up somewhere. There is really very little to report, for life goes on here much the same and while there are events I would write of, they are not supposed to be mentioned.

Today was my last duty on carrier mailboat - I finally finished up the big job started two weeks ago and then learned that I am to be replaced by someone else for that duty. I am very much relieved - I have been connected with the carrier mailboats here for fifteen months and I think that is long enough.

Last Sunday night I got out for a long walk to a part of the island I had not visited before - found quite

a few things of interest. During the
past few days I have run into an
officer who is something of a botanist
and who is very much interested in
what I have been collecting - we hope
to be able to make several trips to-
gether. - Some copies of my pamphlet
are bound and have been distributed
- I shall send you one soon, but as
far I haven't been able to find a time
to send any out.

Have had word from Mary of her
mother's death - it must have been
a hard thing for her - she had not
been able to see her mother since
her illness + couldn't even go to the
funerals

Well, this is about all the news - I
have been working all this evening on
my specimens & am tired enough to
go to bed. I hope you are still finding
the apartment a joy. Trust I'll hear
from you soon, when I'll write
again. Lots of love, George.

No 111

West Casperie Hwy

June 23/45

My dear George:

Was so glad to receive your letter this morning - too bad you had not received the ones I sent you June 7th, 13th + 14th - now another one. Saturday morning - I have been cleaning up and now resting by writing. Weather is little sunny now + we hope the rainy period is over I have had rain + terrible thunder ever since 1st of April. I'm glad for you that you have been relieved from a hard job. You have been very busy and deserve a change. Letter yesterday from Maize - she is going to Boston with Judith early in July but no stop in March. So best for her I guess. Well I am quite upset again because Miller told me yesterday that he + his family + probably some of Beech's family are going camping in Adirondack for 2 weeks going July 28 - of course they do not want me + I would not go if they had asked me. But my problem is staying all alone - I never had that before in my life - bad enough as they seldom come in ^{too} on the weekend. I've been in here, Jessie has not been in ^{quite} since when her sister was here. Well I am puzzled! Had a letter from ^{Maize} (repeated) Maize wants me for 2 weeks sometime but she expects other folks at certain times. I am anxious to see Judith + if Maize agrees it would be a good time for me to go while Miller etc. are away. But I won't know till Maize writes again - I have just written to her + told her. I am alone often all day and most every ^{evening} night. What a queer life I lead - I suppose have some things to do - I read a good deal and listen to radio but can get only 2 stations. Went to Dunell in Catskill yesterday - Jessie done + did all shopping. Miller was in Kings on all day. I do not think Eva wants me there they remember - she is too nervous + I would not want to be there either while she is not very well. I know she was so laid but she seems to like it. If I can't go to Maize for those 2 weeks, I have to stay here for I don't know any V...-MAIL other place to go - after

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all I've done for folks - they seem to bring me down - you are my main play - no one else but ~~me~~ I'd seem to care - much love, Mother.

Bellevue Dept, Navy 163
P.O., San Francisco, Calif.
June 25, 1945

Dearest Mother,

Yours of the 7th + 14th have come since I last wrote - I can't seem to remember when that was I have kept so busy. - I am sorry indeed that so much of the time you must be alone and that Jessie is not more pleasant. Of course with your own set-up it is natural you will be alone quite a bit and that is certainly preferable to being in a noisy place all the time. But it would be nice if you could have more callers and go out more. Perhaps as the post situation eases you will be able to get out more and I'm sure more people will be able to get to see you. - As for Jessie there is little you can do except to grin & bear it until she is tired of being 'do-or-hut' - I really think she'll get over it in time. So keep up your courage.

well. I guess this is all - there just
wait my news - and I'm very tired -
I must go straight home to bed.

Hope you're having some nice weather
now, not too hot. - Lots of love,

George.

I have kept very busy since I last
wrote you. Last Thursday I went on a
long hike to a new place, starting
about six at night and not getting back
until midnight. Then on Sunday I
climbed all afternoon, and again
last night made a real climb, starting
about eight o'clock, climbing to nearly
7000 ft and not getting home until
after midnight - Don't worry, I always
have someone with me. I collect
so much stuff it takes all my evenings
to take care of it, and I am still
way behind. - Last week I mailed
you a copy of the pamphlet which
I reckon you will have received by
the time this letter reaches you.

As for the rent you pay, - I think
you ought to pay the same the boys
were paying, even if you are furnishing
the place - I know \$35 seems a lot, -
but you do have a lot of room and
the place is well fixed - the furniture
I took out is really of little value
to them so that they would really
lose if you paid less than \$35.

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163
P.O., San Francisco Calif.
July 6, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

Your two letters of June 23 + 29 have come since I last wrote. I am very sorry that you have been worried about the time Mother + family will be gone on the trip. It would be nice if I could be home for that time, but that we cannot count on - in fact I'm afraid we must rather count on my not being there then. There is no sign of any orders for me yet, and even should some come tomorrow it is doubtful I could get home in less than a month. So I guess the problem will have to be solved otherwise. If you must stay alone I don't think you need worry about it - it's far different from staying alone out in the country. You are in good health

Life for me is much the same -
I keep very busy collecting. Monday
night I was out in a rain, Tuesday night
for a walk in a swamp, Wednesday in
a different swamp and last night
along a small river - I find so
much I don't know what to do with
it - tonight I refused to go walking
for I simply had to stay in & get
some things arranged. It is likely I
shall go for a long walk tomorrow
night & on Sunday afternoon I'm
scheduled to go hunting with the
weekly hike arranged by the Red
Cross.

A few days ago I bought a couple
of \$5.00 War Bonds - I have sent three
to the Cassockie bank in an envelope
marked for you. When you have a
chance to get to the bank please
ask about them and if they have
arrived please put them in your
safe deposit box.

Well, I guess this is about all. It is
11:30 and I should go home to bed -

and hence have nothing to fear on that
score. You may be late, but then
you say you are close mind of the
time anyhow. With your refrigerator
you can easily stock up with food
ahead of time, so you don't have
to be concerned there. However,
have you tried getting Grace to come
to visit you then, at least for part
of the time - I know you would
be tied down without a car, but
with the rationing you couldn't go
much anyhow. How about Anna -
she might be very glad to come
for a few days, at least. It is
too bad you can't go to Margie,
but that's that. And I don't you
should go to Holland, unless Eva
should insist on it - I rather hope
she won't because I don't think it
would do either of you much good.
Anyhow, please try to stop worrying
about it - you'll be surprised how
quickly those two weeks will pass.

I shall very shortly, but I must first
change some seeds on my plants.

Please try not to worry - if you
think about it hard you'll see you
have much less to worry about
than a lot of people! Lots of love,

Gray.

No 113

West Coxsackie, N. Y.

July 12th 1945

My dear George:

How glad I was to get your letter (written July 6) yesterday and I will try to follow all your advice. I decided last week that I'd stay right here while Wilbur is gone. I know of a number of women who live alone in a house all the time - so why can't I? I would not ask Grace for she is very busy and has quite a care with Kate and Aunt Nell. Besides I could not take her anywhere with nobody to run the car. I have not heard from Grace since early in May - I wonder if some one is sick there. As for Anna Betts I would be fatigued to death - Besides she cannot go up stairs. Anna has been sick in bed for many months - her friend she lives with takes care of her. - Now don't think any more about me being worried about any thing - I'll try to be good & not bother you any more. I may go to Ohio & Ill.

Sometime but it is hard to plan it.
Besides we are urged not to travel
while the Servicemen are coming
home - I'd hate to get in a fix if
I did. In fact, I'm getting rather
tired to go anywhere alone. If
you get a chance to come here
next month or before it would be
a great treat for me. We get enough
to eat but sorry to say we can't
always get what we want. Meats
are scarce and not so good so we
used to get. Can't get any sugar
till Sept. I was very economical
with the 5 lbs. I bought May 12th and
have about half of it left. Dear Eva
sent me 5 lbs last week - she has the
coupons but doesn't need the sugar
so I am fixed. I tried to get candied
sugar but no body now gets replies.
I wanted to make jam (strawberry) but
could not get strawberries I'll look
out for raspberries when they appear.
Yesterday I started out to call on
Angie Holloway. I had not seen her

since Will died last week. I had
a chance to ride part way. She
was going to Cemetery with Rev Clements,
when he came he invited me to go
too and I was glad of it. I'm sorry
our lot is so mixed up and I'm
in hopes when you get here we
can arrange to have to have it just
right. There ought to be a stone for
pa - so many ask me about it.
Rev C. brought me home after & -
I haven't told the folks where I was
& never know where they go. They
had company for several days but
I was not even introduced - they left
this AM. One of my problems will
be about getting & sending the mail.
So if you don't hear after July 28 don't
worry - I'll probably go to town 2 or 3
times a week. I am so thankful my
lot is so much better so I can
walk out when I feel like it. Lately
it has been so very muddy and frequent
thunder storms unexpectedly, so I
have not walked out much yet.

I have not heard from Marge or Harold in most 2 weeks - Harold may be very busy & perhaps Marge has gone to Boston - She will not stop anywhere either going or coming - Doctor told her not to. If I decide to go to Halland, it will not be till fall (Eva wants me so much and says she is gaining) from her letters she gets out a good deal & seems to have more friends than formerly. She is not coming here to stay with me - I told her not to think of it.

You surely are busy but why go in swamps? You might take cold & be real sick - Do take the best of care of yourself - don't risk swamps nor high mts. What are you going to do with your collections? I will try to get to Lank next week and take care of the boxes as you say. I must not be telling you things that worry me. We have a big story when we meet. Love
mother.

Ordinance Dept. Navy 163
P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

July 17, 1945.

Dearest Mother,

Was very glad to get your letter of the 3rd a few days ago - it sounded good and as if you weren't worrying too much about the bees which you will be alone about the time you get the packs will be going away. I hope you will have good weather while they are gone so that you can enjoy the park and also be able to walk out now and then. As for your problem of getting to town for mail & food - why don't you call a taxi? I know you aren't a rich woman, but your certainty are able to give yourself some of the little fields such as having a taxi now & then. I'm wondering if you've been able to get Grace to come and visit you. Am glad to hear Dr. McGeach thanks you are in such good health, and

out on some identification.

Have had you were pleased with the pamphlet. Dr. Walker wrote me a nice note in reply to my sending him a copy. He asked for several more copies to deposit in the Library of Congress, the Library of the Department of Agriculture, etc.

Had a nice letter from Eva a couple of days ago. She said the weather had been so fine she had not had such good luck with the garden this year. She also wrote of Eleanor's wabbit illness.

Well, I guess this is about all this time. I hope you will keep well - be careful when you walk on the roads. Lots of love, George.

I hope you won't have any need to see a doctor while he is away.

There isn't a great deal to report from here. I keep busy as usual on my collecting. Sunday I had a nice time with a Captain Sharp of the Army who was of here studying Arctic survival. He called me on Saturday and wanted me to go around the island with him & identify some of the plants. We were out about nine o'clock and didn't get back until nearly six - we drove to a large number of places & did some walking. It turned out he had roomed at Harvard with a fellow I knew well at East Lansing. Also he told me that Dan Lawrence, whom Eva knew at Hopkins, was working with him in Florida.

The next day an captain here came to my office with several flowers he wanted identified - and later the same morning an army major called on me to have me slaughter him

Ordinance Dept., Navy, 163
P.O., San Francisco, Calif.
July 28, 1945.

Dearest Mother & Ann,

I have been thinking of the two
of you especially today since this
is the day you reach Casuarie, Eva.
I am glad to know that you are
going to be together while Mother
and her family are in camp. I hope
you will have a nice quiet visit
and am sure the change of routine
will be good for both of you. It
is too bad you will not be able
to go out in the car, but I trust
the weather will be good enough
so that you can be out & do a
lot - with the family away you
will have the big yard to yourselves.
And if you want to go walking I
hope you'll be sensible enough to
call a taxi. It would have been
good if I could have got home

for these two weeks - but that seems
hardly likely now! I'm sure I don't
know when I am going to get out
of here. Of course I don't expect to
stay till the end of the war, but
the way it looks now even I would
think that wouldn't be so very long - I'm
beginning to believe that we shall
very soon see a great change in
Japan.

Your letter of the 20th came this
afternoon, Wash. I was glad to hear
that Harold had been able to spend
a day with you and that he and
you went out on a visit. Also
glad to hear that you are keeping
well - though I do wish you could
report that your feet were better.

There is very little news from here -
have been out collecting two days
the past week finding many new
things. The geese are coming along
now and my former friend is
keeping all about them - he

believe we have already found
several species not previously reported
from here. I don't think I
have written you, Eva, since I
recently spent a day with an Army
captain here on special work
from Florida - he wanted me
to go around with him & identify
some of the plants of food value.
He is a geologist himself, but
said he was working in the same
outfit as Dan Lawrence - isn't
he your botanical friend from
Hawaii. He took Dan a copy
of my pamphlet - I hope Dan
won't be too shocked with its
many mistakes.

Well, I guess this is all for now.
I have a good time together &
remember how much I would
like to be with you. Lots of
love to you both,
George.

Orcutt's Dept. Hwy 163
P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

August 3, 1941.

Dearest Mother & Eva,

Very glad to get your letter of the 29th today - fairly quick time - and to hear that you reached home without trouble, Eva. Am sure you are both enjoying being together again and hope that while Mother was still home you were able to have at least one other drive besides the one of Friday.

As usual there isn't very much to report from here, - except for my collecting, - that consumes all of my spare time. Last Saturday was out by myself in the evening, on Sunday the captain asked me to go working with him, on ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Thursday} I was out with Lt. Gaffney for several hours along the beach collecting.

perplexed moment and then said,
'Oh, you mean Eva; why, we were
very near neighbors, - I used to
take her egg.' It was Lloyd
van Roubt. You can imagine my
surprise.

Too had you were able to go
up & see Howard, Margie & the baby
when they passed through Albany.
However, you might have made the
trip only to find the train so
late that they were there scarcely
long enough to say 'Hello'. That
sort of meeting is never very satis-
fying.

Am sorry to hear about Aunt
Doll's death - at least in some
ways - although the poor old soul
certainly deserved her rest after
all these years of hard work - and
these last of confinement. Please
express my sympathy to Jesse
when you write her. - I still
think it would be wise for you

grasses - and this coming Sunday
I'm expecting to go for another long
walk to a new area - and I forgot
one trip - on Wednesday I hunted ^{mountain}
with Capt. Sault & two others. In these
trips have found me: *Habenaria*
charismia, a species of *Viola*, one of
Taraxacum, one of *Cerastium*, ~~one~~ ^{two} of
Draba, *Bolynchium leuaria*, *Cocloglossum*
viride, several *Epitaphiums*, one com-
pletely unidentified, and five or ten
grasses, - not a bad haul for a week.
Sunday I expect to find *Cypripedium*
guttatum, a very charming & beautiful
lady-slipper which I have seen brought
in, but not in the field.

One day this week Eva, while
hunting a young meadow sign my
dog I asked his name and asked
him where he came from. He replied,
'Hallowed, Wash.' I asked him if he
had gone to Hope College. When he
said 'Yes', I replied, 'My sister lives
with Mrs. Bagl.' He looked

To have Jean up for a week - cer-
tainly if she can go to Chicago she
can get up to Coxsack!

Well, I guess this is about all for
this letter. I have yourselves a nice
quiet useful time - and here
a taxi now & then to take you
about. Lots of love to you both,

Gray.

No 115

West Cassockie N.Y.
Aug. 3rd 1945

My dear George:

I hope you have received all my previous letters. This is a beautiful day - rather warm but a nice breeze. Eva has gone to the beach with Jessie & Bessie - on their return we are going to see Mabel. Eva keeps on the going indoors or out all the time. She always brings me some groceries so I can store them for the winter. We plan to can peaches next week if we can get the sugar. Again Melbur has postponed his trip & now expects to go on Monday the 6th. Your letter received Monday was very acceptable - weather has been fine all week - unless we will not have the awful rains we have had lately. Wednesday was Melbur's Birthday and Eva prepared a birthday supper which we had on the table in the Camp. I don't know how long she will stay - probably 2 or 3 weeks more - she would not have come so soon if she knew they were not leaving last Saturday. Yesterday E & I took a walk to W. Cass. did some shopping & on way back stopped to visit Fanny on Lee porch. Haven't much to report but when Jay comes will have some things to talk about. Hope you keep well.
much love, Mother.

Orderman Dept. Navy 163
P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
August 11, 1945.

Dearest Mother and Eva.

Here it is the end of the west year
and my good resolve to write you
seems not held to. The time goes
fairly rapidly for me - I reckon it
goes slower for you, and I wish I
could borrow a little more and bring
back later. The season is progressing
very rapidly and I am not getting done
all I want to do.

I suppose you are all excited about
the apparent near end to the war. I
~~was~~ very much excited yesterday, but have
cooled off a bit now because of the delay
- I do hope we shall have to wait many
days. How very rapidly everything has
happened this past week - the atomic
bomb is apparently a very feasible
thing, but it will shorten the war
by many weeks, perhaps months - and

elevation. It was pretty cold so I stayed in only very briefly, but I did have a good sunbath for an hour or more. Recently I found some small lakes where the water was about 65°, but the sun wasn't shining so I didn't go in.

Your little *Polypodium*, Eva, came very opportunely - last week I had collected it myself and the night before a friend brought me some large specimens - the same species or genus, but perhaps a different variety. The walk last Sunday yielded many specimens of the *Cypripedium*, a new *Galium*, a new *Habenaria* and a new grass, *Poa* *utahensis* - have also found a new *Quercus* and a *Cochlearia* this past week - oh, yes, also a tiny, trailing buttercup, *Ranunculus* *reptans*.

Very glad to get your letter of the 3rd and to hear you are having a

It's truly fine as that we discovered it first.

I don't know what the use of the word may mean with regard to my getting out of here. Surely the work for which I am trained will be done and at my age with so many months out of the States it seems I should be sent home early. But there will probably be quite a delay all along the line, although I feel fairly certain I ought to get out of here before winter, and when I do I expect I shall be disappointed.

Yesterday was our first this season - a cloudless day till late afternoon. My morning class was cancelled as my man & I set out to climb a mountain - its 2273 ft high and dominates the area so we had a wonderful view of all the mountain ranges. Then in the afternoon my class was again cancelled and I accepted an invitation to go swimming - in a small lake at about 6000 ft

good night, — but I'm sorry you
are kept waiting for Father to go
on his trip. — All for now, — have
been working on my specimens and
must now get to bed for some
sleep. Lots of love to you both,
George.

Ordinance Dept. Navy 163
P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
August 19, 1945

Dearest Mother -

Your & Eva's letters of the 12th
have just come. I am wondering
if Eva is still with you - probably
not, or at least she won't be
by the time this reaches you.
I am glad to hear that the
two of you had such a fine
visit and only hope that you
didn't plan to do so much that
you got worn out trying to
get it done.

I'm sure you are wondering how
the end of the war will affect my
getting home. Of course my work
here is done and I think a
reasonable man would want to
to return me at once to the States
and to discharge. But that is

fine of so many that there will
be some delay. A discharge system
has been announced, but it doesn't
get me out right away. One needs
49 points, of which I have only
40. If the score is not reduced
I shall have enough until next
March, but I rather expect it
will be reduced fairly soon so
that it is likely I shall be dis-
charged by late fall or early
winter. Of course I might never
get home before that, - in fact
I watch each day for
some sort of indication that I
am to be sent back - and now
that the war is over I am
anxious to get back as soon
as possible.

Tuesday was a big day here -
the news came at one o'clock
and you can believe there was

plenty juice & alleviation
from then on - I don't think
anybody did any work again
until Thursday, - except for
getting meals and standing
necessary watches. I was on
duty Tuesday afternoon &
evening, but took Wednesday
off for a long hike - too long
for where I was going - never
got there, but did find what
I was looking for.

I read in the paper that
gas rationing is over - I hope
now you will be able to have
more rides - anyhow when I get
home we can get out regularly.
I hope you will hang on to the
car for I shall need it when
I do get out of the Navy. -
I wish all the rationing were

over for it must be hard for
you to plan meals with only
one book. But I am afraid
food rationing will last for
some time, since there are so
many areas where there have
been no crops and since there
is so much food tied up
in military bases all over
the Pacific. But it will all
pass in time - who would
have thought, two weeks ago
today that the end of the
war was so near.

Have heard from Danard that he
may get a position in Fort Worth,
Texas - it would seem strange to
have him go there, but it would be
good for him to have a job
again -

Well, this is all news. Do keep
well, and let me know before too long.
Lots of love, George.

West Coxsackie N. Y.

Aug. 24th 1948

Dear George:

I haven't much to write about but want to send you a few lines. Have had rain all day to-day which we needed very much - it is quite chilly too. A few days ago I had a letter from Maye inviting me to visit them for 2 wks or 15 days. So I decided to go before Labor Day & I have my tickets to go on Thursday, Aug 30th & return Sept 15th. I will be glad to see them all - especially Judith. We had planned to go on to Michigan Monday, Aug. 27th but to-day she decided to go with me on Aug 30th in Empire State - she will have to change trains at Buffalo - We will leave Albany soon after 11 A.M. and reach Buffalo 5 P.M. I will remain in the Empire State & Harold will meet me in Station at East Cleveland. ^{See} yesterday Jeege & I went to S. School picnic - took 4 other kids in Packard - there were ten cars full - We drove to Tappan State Park in Columbia County - a very nice place & all enjoyed it. Mrs. Delp was here Tuesday afternoon - she is living with Edith - Maurice is in Service. Gordon is discharged & his wife is with Edith. ^{Just wrote Harold & now I'm tired. To-day}

V...-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 115

We crowd^d put up the curtains in living room. Much love - Mother.

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Instruction
Form No. 5

V...— MAIL

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FORM NO. 115

Eva helps buy all the time & goes often to W. Cox
for P. Office or groceries - she likes to walk.
She has canned 2 large chickens for me so I'll have
some meat **DO NOT WRITE HERE** **FOLD HERE** **DO NOT WRITE HERE** coming months. Then I've canned
a bushel of very nice peaches - they are very high but
I will relish them. - Every thing is high priced now.
I'm looking forward to you coming home. Much love
mother

West Cassock, N.Y.

Aug. 25th 1945

My dear George:

I sent you a letter this morning and at noon received your letter written Aug. 19th. I am glad you will soon be allowed to come home. Hope you'll receive my last letter in which I told you that Eva leaves here next week Thursday & same day I will go with her as far as Buffalo - then she must change train and I will remain in Empire State train & reach East Cleveland at 8.25. Harold will meet me. If you come home while I'm away let me know & I'll come right home - I'll be here anyway I hope on the 10th of September. The Packard has just been fixed - hope you & I can take some good rides. Wilbur & family have gone away to be gone till to-morrow evening - I don't know where. Now I must feed the chickens and get the eggs. Much love, Mother.

When Mauna decided to go to Cleveland I put off my
Reaper & George, departures a few days longer.

What I do miss that you will soon be home
and how wonderful that the war is over. It all
happened so quickly at the end. I am so tired
and again in the days of thinking I had decided it.
I am still here. It has past time for me to
have gone and I feel guilty to have left Mauna
with so much to look after for so long. I shall
be here for you over five weeks and she has
had the out-of-door work, paratons and house
cleaning (at least some of it) to look after.
Mauna has seemed to enjoy having me
though she finds my volubility of speech trying
and my nervousness reacts upon her. Mauna
tells me we have been quite gay and you know
that is an achievement! You must be prepared
to find Mauna very, very forgetful and at times
quite confused. At other times she is her best old
self. A week ago yesterday we went to Albany
at noon ~~and~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ a little shopping for Mauna.
Then we took street car to ⁹⁰Call on Mrs Morgan.
She looks very nice although physically she
seemed well. I trust our visit gave her pleasure.
She talked quite sensibly about the war and peace
but on other matters she was vague and disinterested.
Rita Townsend whom I had this morning would like
a little flower from the Horticulturist. I told her of them you
send me in letters and in box. She is very kind. It has
been to see her home at her place above Wood Lanes. She was
just about of the time. had in great measure as always. I've

Carried prints & envelopes are us longer returned but most are burnt and got as they
painted and very scarce.

Ordinance Dept, Navy 163
P. O. San Francisco, Caly.
August 27, 1915.

Dearest Mother,
Your letter of the 20th reached here
yesterday and was delivered to me
this morning. Was glad to hear
about your doing - yours and Lois
justly a week ago Wednesday and
your trip to Albany. Glad you called
on Miss Morgan - am not surprised
to hear she has aged so, she must
be very old. Guess Eva did give
a lot of cunning for you - hope
let her have some to have a
crack at some of those patches!

Life here has slowed down con-
siderably these last few weeks
- I myself have practically nothing
to do, which suits me right now
for I have lots to do finishing

I hope that when I get home
we shall be able to find out
what is the matter and get it
taken care of.

Hope you have heard from
Hazel & Mary - I had a
note from Mary recently -
everything seemed to be alright
and she said the baby was
very well.

All for now - it is getting
late and I am still tired from
yesterday, so I guess I'll
get to bed for a good sleep.

Best of love & good courage.

Joey.

of my collecting. There is still no
word of redrawing the discharge
points, but I don't think it
will be long before I get out
- I hope not anyway.

Yesterday was a perfect day
here - I went on a long walk
starting at eleven in the morning
and not getting back until
eleven last night - walked
about six hours and looked
around for the rest of the
time - had a long sun bath
and something of a nap. Today
the weather is poor again and
rained rather stormy - from
now on we shall have five
days quite clear, but they
will alternate with storms which
get more and more severe.

Am very sorry to hear that you
are having foot trouble again -

Wickliffe Ohio,
Aug. 31/45

Dear George:

Eva + I took Empire State
Express yesterday at 11.40 A.M.
Eva left me at Buffalo and
this AM I had a telegram
from Eva - She reached Hoboken
at 8 A.M. this morning. Harold
met me at East Cleveland last
night about 9 P.M. Very hot to-day.
Margie + I have been visiting and
the baby is fine - she is bright
and ready to smile any minute.
She had photo taken to-day in the
house - We hope it will be good.
I expect to return home Sept. 10th
and then I will be lonely. I'll
have plenty to tell you when we meet.

Sorry I neglected to bring
some good paper but I
guess you can read this.
Eva was very nervous
a great part of the time
with me - this caused me to
be so nervous some days I
could not do much. I think
some doctor might cure her.
Marg sends regards and
wants you to answer her letter.
I wonder what you are doing
now. Hope to hear from you soon
and look forward to your return.
Best wishes & lots of love,
Mother.

Wickliffe Ohio,
Sept. 3rd 1945

Dear George:

I want to write to you to
to tell you I am thinking of your
birthday and wish we could
celebrate it as we used to do. I
send you my best wishes and
hope you may have a pleasant
day on Sept. 13th. I wish I
knew of some gift you would
like to have but it always
seems I do not know what
you need or want. Besides I
do not have opportunities to
get articles, even here there are
only a very few stores, mostly
groceries.

I have had 2³ parcels from
Eva but nothing from home
yet. They are at Lake George
this week end. I have been told
that Wilbur owns Camps up
there & that is why he goes so
often. This time next week I
will be on my home. Harold
will get me a reservation to-
morrow. I have a return ticket.
I will be very lonely again
but I can't help it. Marge
would like you to see Judith
she knows you would be so
pleased with her. She really is
a very good girl. Marge is very
particular about her and that is
right. I have had her in my arms
only once so far.

We had several² very hot days
but yesterday & to-day are
fair, cool and windy. Harold
is home to-day as many other
men are. Saturday afternoon
he took us to Willoughby, the
next town much larger than this.
Last evening he took us on a long
ride; Judith seemed to enjoy the
riding and was very happy & good.
They have a large basket for her
to lie in. It is amusing to see
her smile and talk - she rarely
cries. Today there was a group
of friends stopped here on their
return from a long trip to the East.
There were 5 people & they wanted to
see the baby so much.

Before you receive this, you
will probably ~~you will~~ receive
the short letter I wrote to
you last Friday. How glad
we all are that the War is
really over but there is
much to be done to bring
peace. Saturday & Sunday
nights - we listened to the
President's Talks on radio - I
wonder some times if he is
the right man for the place.
It must be hard for him anyway.
I send my love to you
and look forward to your
return. Mother.

Admiral Dept, Navy 163
F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.
Sept 4, 1945

Dear Mother,

This is my first letter written since the censorship was lifted yesterday - but the substance will be very little different. So far as I know my address remains as above. You must have known of course for some time where I have been - namely on Atka.

I don't know how much longer I'll be here - I'm sorry you got so excited at the thought of my coming home - by soon, my dear, I mean within three or four months perhaps, not within a couple of weeks. It does seem unlikely that I won't be

home before Christmas, but it
is possible - the only thing
we positively know is that, in
my case I shall have enough
points by March 15, but that
even then the Navy is not
bound to release me. However,
I'm not counting on that, for
I'm sure they are planning to
get rid of lots of us by January
first.

So you will surely be home
from Cleveland before I get
there! I hope you are having
a good time and are not ~~frustrating~~
having any trouble with your
nerves or with your feet. I trust
that with the gas rationing over
you were able to see something
of the country south & east of
Cleveland - it is quite beautiful.

We have been having some
fresh fine weather here the
past week, several clear days
- very much the same as last
year this time. I have unfor-
tunately not been able to get
out walking on these days
however for I've been tied up
with a long job of investiga-
ting a fire - I think that
will be wound up tomorrow -

But did get out for a long
walk Sunday under overcast
skies - came back rather tired
and with so many specimens it
has taken me two days to get
them all in the presses.

All for this time - Hope you
had a safe trip home & found
everything in order. Don't despair
- I'll come home sometime.

Lots of love, George.

Ordinance Dept., Navy 163
F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.
September 11, 1947.

Dearest Mother,

Your birthday greetings came today in plenty of time - many thanks for the good wishes and especially the wish that I might be home to spend the day with you. It is certainly a long time since I have been home on that day - three years ago I was in Nebraska, two years ago in Port Townsend and last year out here. Wonder when I'll be next year - at least I think the direction ~~of~~ will be reversed.

At last I can write you something a little more definite about my release from the Navy. The point system changed on Sunday and I now have enough points. It is not

and that you found everything
ok. in West Cassville.

Not very much to write about from
here - we have had several nice days
lately, but the warm weather is
gone and it already feels pretty
cold at night - things are turning
brown - most of the flowers are
gone. I have a big job packing
up my collection & getting it
shipped - but that is about all
I have to do.

All for now - hope you are well
& will keep so - I shall be home
now before you know it. Lots
of love,
George.

definite when I shall leave here, but
certainly within a month and perhaps
as early as two weeks. I expect I
shall return by ship and ought
to reach the U.S. sometime before
November 1st - in fact by that
time I should have been aboard.
My release will probably be made
in Chicago - exactly what my
moves will be after that I
don't know, except that I shall
get home soon thereafter for a
while. Whether I stop to see
Eva at first may depend on when
I get out - but I must go there
soon for she has all my clothes!

I was glad to hear that you were
having such a good time in Cleveland
and that you & Judith were en-
joying each other. Glad you got
out for some miles. I hope you
had a comfortable trip home

West Cox Sept. 13th 1945

My dear George:

Sen 38 now and I have been so busy I'm glad to sit down a while. I am thinking of you so much on this your birthday and I look backward to all your birthdays and especially when you were born. I hope you are having nice weather and a happy day. I received your letter of Aug. 27th when I reached home Monday night - Milber met me at depot in Albany. Tuesday I received your letter written Sept 4 and was glad to get both of them. Also 2 letters from Eva - She seems to be pleased and feels good as usual. I'll have much to tell you about her when I see you. I was very well all the time but something pulled me back yesterday - probably my teeth which must be looked over at Dr. Medicine's tomorrow. I will try to see Dr. W. Wade today if I can for I am out of medicine and have no pep and no desire to eat but I do just the same. I went up to W. Cox yesterday and I felt better until this AM. Dr. W. G. will get me filled up again - Having fair and cool weather. I miss Fredick & H & M but will have to forget it now. I am anxiously waiting for you & I'll try to be patient. Now I'm going to lie down & rest awhile. Hope all is O.K. with you.

V...-MAIL

Much love
and many kisses
from
Mother

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returns. Mother.

West Covasvie, N.Y. Sept. 18/48

Dear George:

Received your letter of Sept. 11th this morning and was glad when I read that you may come home in a short time. I have been longing for you very much lately because I was not at all well since I came home last week. I think I ate too much at Manges and that upset my stomach. I saw Dr W: G. last week and he was surprised to find my blood pressure had gone up 10 points - but he is doctoring me & will get me back to normal. I have done very little except fix me light meals and lie in bed most of rest of time. I had an appointment at Dentist's ~~Saturday~~ ^{Monday} 12th but was too sick to go. Saturday I had to go to Bruch & Milbur took me down & I was gone a short time to get out 2 important papers I had to send to Louise. Sunday I rested in bed all day and same yesterday. Pretty tough to be sick and have no one to help out. I had no appetite at all but had weak bread & milk. I rested this morning & then felt better so I went to Catehell with Jessie to a meeting we were expected to attend. I also saw the Dentist & made appointment for next Tuesday. I feel better now. I so longed for you to be with me and I feared Milbur might get me to the hospital. Now don't worry for the worst is over and now I will help myself but will still do considerable resting. I found a little while ago that I am alone in the house, but that is not unusual tho' it is not very pleasant. - I think I would like to see you and if possible you might see Harold & Family. They may have to move owing to the owner being discharged from War. You must have Harold's address of his office & you could get in touch with him. They are both real ones for they to see the baby. It is

V...-MAIL

It was Jessie at all times. She took the bus and will have to stay over night.

8.30 now & phone just calling

Had severe rain all day & quite cold - Mother's coming. Dorothy's home

Ordinance Dept. Navy 163
P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
September 19, 1955.

Dearest Mother,

There has been no word from you since I last wrote, but that is not unusual, for mail here is not very regular - the last few days have been rather stormy and no mail planes have come in. I hope that you reached home safely last week and that you found everything ok.

There is very little news from here. I have spent nearly all the time since I last wrote packing up - mostly my flower specimens - that is practically finished - it finally came to thirteen packages so you can see I had quite a job, as well as quite a postal bill. Today I have been cleaning out my desk & locker and packing some of my clothes etc. I still have us

orders, but they should come now
in a day or so and I want to be
ready when they do. Of course even
if I'm ready I may have to wait
here some time for transportation
get a nice package from Eva yester-
day - the one she sent from
Cancun I guess. - I am wondering
how she is feeling after her
trip to see you and whether she
will feel well enough to have
us stop there.

I don't know what to tell you
about writing - I guess the thing
to do is to keep writing until
I send you word that I have
orders - after that I don't have
any address until I get back to
Franklin, at least - but I'll write
what I can later.

Well I would like to be home
early enough for the fall foliage,
but it begins to look doubtful
I shall be. - See you now - lots
of love - George.

Ord. Dept. Navy 163 F.P.O.

San Francisco, Calif.

Sept. 24, 1941

[1945]

Dearest Mother,

Your letter in answer to mine of the 11th just came and I was surprised to realize it was two weeks since I had sent you the news that I would be coming home - for I have been so busy packing all this time that the day have passed rapidly. I am finally packed up, though it has been a job. My orders come today and tomorrow I shall be detached - that is, written off the books here, - though I shall probably be here a few days yet awaiting transportation. I still can't tell how long it will take me to get home, but I ought to be in Seattle by the 20th of October and very possibly a week earlier. From there I go to Chicago

Poor weather lately and I have not
been out walking for a number of
days.

If you want to get word to me as
soon as I reach the States write
to Genl. Delaney, Seattle, - I shall
call there for mail - and I shall
write you there of my arrival and
also of my probable time of arrival
in Chicago.

All now - I must write Eva - I
hope you have written her that
I am coming, - for I haven't!
Lots of love & keep up your
courage,
George.

to be discharged - that will probably
take a week - that is, from arrival in
Seattle to discharge in Chicago.
From there I shall probably go
to Holland & pick up my suit of
clothes & a few other things. I
shall not stay there long nor
go to E. Lansing to do any
business - I think I shall dine
out there later to do that
and stop to see Harold & Mary
~~at~~ that later time. So in
weather wauk I should certainly
be home - perhaps in three weeks.
Jim sure this still seems a long
time to you, but it will pass! I am
very sorry to hear that you
have been sick - Jim sure you have
had a wonderful time - I do hope
you are really feeling better and
that you will stay well.

There is really very little else to
write. We have been having rather

West Coosackie, N.Y.

Sept 26, 1945

My dear George:

To day received your letter written Sept 19th. I'm so sorry you do not get all my letters on time. I have written 7 letters to you since first of August. Maybe by now you have received some of them. Eva has written she had a bad cold but is better and getting busy again. You are wise to get your packing done and I hope soon you will know when and where you may go - of course I am hoping you will come here - Maybe you will stop to see Harold + family + Eva - they all want to see you after some very cold days my me having quite a number. Jessie drove me up street on the 20th and I made 3 calls and then walked home. Saturday Milbur was home and spent most of time cleaning the 2 cars. Jessie was in Albany all day. Bertie goes every day at 7:35 - she is taking a 6 week course on fixing hair and waves etc. - I'm glad she likes it - I see her seldom - she is often out evenings. Sunday Milbur asked me to go for a ride with them - I was glad to for I do like to ride in our car. I was surprised to find we were going north and finally I saw we were going to Lake George and there I saw Milbur's Camps, 8 of them. We left here at 2:15 and reached home first about 9 P.M. Monday I was alone all day but I found plenty to do. Today I went on bus to Catskill at 2 P.M. Before I had teeth cleaned. I was home again by 4 - I did not feel like walking around and just caught the bus. Yesterday I walked up street

V...-MAIL

I am feeling much better and visited Fannie.

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Some days my feet let me walk + some times they won't.

Much love,
Mother.