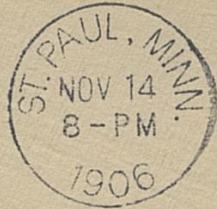


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Wednesday

Mrs Percy Strickland & I  
communicated to me over the  
wire that she was staying at  
the home Strickland's and I  
asked her if I might call  
to morrow afternoon her answer  
was "Yes" so I will go there  
Take your sent love with me.

Now please do not  
Worry For every thing has  
turned out finely so far.

I remain always

Your Loving Son

Harry

and put a shawl  
around them.  
a printing machine  
will be given  
you by  
Xmas.

P.S.  
I received  
your letter  
and letter  
from Bertha  
and I, we got the bare facts

Dear Mother and Father.  
Friday night I joined the  
dancing class which assembles  
every other Friday, next time  
being a "German".

Sunday I took two hours  
out to the lake, every thing  
looks fine out there. Nelse  
has arranged his bed in the  
bathroom, leaving the tub.  
I told him to cover it with  
boards so as to make a table

1 Last night it snowed  
and there was about two  
inches on the ground this  
morning.

Aunt Fanny has  
been at Cousin ~~Earl's~~  
for the last two miles  
and all will be here to  
dinner to night.

Miss Sumner will  
do the cleaning here.

~~Else~~ the cook seems  
to be very willing to  
do ~~anything~~ so we  
will not be left in the woods

and to bring one of the beds  
in to the dining room so when  
I go out there after you come  
back, there will be a place  
for me to lay my weary bones.

Monday I went to school  
as usual, played a game  
of billiards at Alfred's.

Tuesday about the same  
and when I got home ~~Adde~~  
had departed with weak  
lungs, which Cousin Bertha  
will graphically tell you  
in her letter.

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YORK HALL

96 WALL STREET

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

April 15, 1913

Dear Mother:

This is just a line to let you know that everything is going along smoothly in this district and that I am glad that you all have arrived safe and sound in Florida after what must have been a very delightful trip. Father states that he is cutting down his weight and if he gets to two hundred pounds he certainly ought to remain there, for the result will make him feel much better. There are absolutely no events here to become enthusiastic about, except that I am being

drilled to conserve the natural resources  
of this country for the posterity. Rather  
an interesting subject, but nothing to  
become panic stricken about. I  
enjoy taking others persons opinions  
and then drawing my own conclusion  
which in many cases is not  
coincident with some of the  
Puritainical ideas that they pro-  
pound. Give my love to the  
whole damn outfit.

Your devoted son  
Hart.

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O. T. A.  
YALE  
S. S. S.

June 12, 1913.

Dear Mother:-

The Helts dropped in on me yesterday and spent the night at the Taft Hotel. They are just drifting about in a sixty horse-powered machine. I showed them some of the sights of the city and college, and asked them to come up here for the commencement baseball game next Tuesday. They said that they probably would. Mrs. Helt told me about their wedding at the Blackstone in Chicago. She wanted me to send her love to you and tell you that she had some beautiful new clothes which she wished you could see. She also wanted me tell you about a pin that she has gotten and so from her description I shall try to give you an idea. It is a long bar pin set on the edges with diamonds and in the center in an inner bar which revolves on two small trunions. When it is turned one way the pin is entirely set in diamonds and when turned the other it gives the appearance of an oblong amethyst in the foreground with diamond setting or background. They billed and seemed similar to all other honeymoons in fact they were not at all out of the ordinary as I should expect.

There

There has not been much doing here since the college has closed except that I have tried to get in three or four sets of tennis every day. There have been several picnics to which I was invited one was the Rice's and the other was at the invitation of Hilda Sargent. The weather has been delightful so that everyone is happy. Ben can not go the Lexington with me as he has to take his sister West to Minneapolis. Well it will not be long before we shall see each other and have a good long gabfest like those you and Big Aunty used to have and probably do now. Give my love to all the good household. By the way Mrs. A.G.F. sent me a graduation present of



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twenty-five hard iron men. Now was not that very nice and thoughtful of her. Of course I shall thank her to the best of my ability, but the task is rather as our thoughts and ideas are so foreign to each other. However, expressions of thought about the weather and beauties of Tacoma will not come amiss.

Your devoted son,

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June 2, 1913.

Dear Mether:-

I am out of it and am not going to graduate. It is due to that organic chemistry which has always been my bug-a-bear. As you said disappointments come all the time, so this one of mine and now that it has come I am letting it pass and am going to make the best of it and let the matter drop. I have not let up on my other subjects and as far as I can see the marks in them are all right. In a way it is a great relief. Under no circumstances would you get me to do any more college work and now I am prepared to start at once on the first of August for real work. I have no particular desire to see the commencement wakes that are to take place, but on second thought it would be better for me to remain here and see it through. However, after that is over I shall go at once to Lexington via Washington D.C. Now tonight I am sending you a telegram asking whether you are coming East anyhow with these facts (above) before you or not. To tell you the truth, you will not have a wonderful time up here and if you wish I can meet you in Washington D.C. That meeting could take place on the twentieth of this month.

At present everyone is busy packing up their belongings such as pictures, books, and personal effects. Well I have got to hurry to get this letter off so that it will get to you as soon as possible. Had a very enjoyable letter from DuBuque where my presence is expected for a visit. Give my love to all.

Your devoted son,

Hart.

After...~~10~~...days, return to

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



*Harrison G. Foster Esq*  
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Nov 14, 1917

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Camp Lee, Va.

Dear Father:

Your letter and Mother's received.

I thought that I had acknowledged the receipt of the fine warm gloves from Pamphers, if not, this will show you that I certainly appreciate the same and, although I have not worn them, nevertheless ~~will~~ know that they are going to be of great help when the weather gets cold.

Upon receiving the enclosure of Johnny's letter, I at once wrote him saying that I would be glad to send him a picture when they were completed. Also am glad to get a letter from Mother giving Mrs. Hall's address. It has only been within the last week or two that I have had the

Opportunity to get out in the evening.  
After the fifteenth I shall make the  
effort to get in and call.

Last Sunday I was ordered  
to Richmond to act, with about fifty others  
from the Division, as one of the agreeable  
men at a tea given from Miss Margaret  
Wilson at the Jefferson. Although she  
was indisposed I met many very  
charming people etc. At the concert  
in the evening we all acted as  
ushers in the theater and about  
eight-thirty disappeared to a  
dance at the Country Club.

Those who attended the concert  
throughout went to the Hovitz Ball  
which was a charity affair and  
branched to the gills.

But at the Country Club I  
continued to meet and danced  
with many new and old acquaintances.

For George 4/15 and I got a  
room at the Richmond not being  
able to secure one at Murphy's.

After a good night's sleep we strolled up the avenue getting hold of Clarke Coulbourne on the way. We took dinner at the Jefferson and at about three-thirty each one branched out on his own hook.

I called on Mrs. Hickels who had so kindly had me to dinner the Sunday previous. After a short pleasant visit there, I continued on up Monumental Ave. and called on Mrs. Haines who is a cousin of Major Haines the Artillery Adjutant. As I had made a date to call I spent the afternoon and got the seven o'clock train for Camp. She is attractive and agreeable.

If Addison should want some equipment it might be well for me

to get some of it through the Exchange  
here rather than have him get it outside  
as we get better prices.

I do wish he could come  
here before he goes into camp as it  
may be hard for me to get connected  
up later on.

We are all studying pretty  
hard in connection with other duties  
that is school at different periods  
during the day and one for all in  
the evening. So that the one who has  
the most retentive memory comes out  
on top provided he can make  
practical use of his knowledge.

It is not the custom for a  
person to become an aide to anyone  
in different arm unless it is up to a  
division. I am not using  $\gamma$  dummies  
but ray filters.

I have not read Dan Hay's  
book, but expect to sometime. However,  
first hand information from French  
Instructors here probably is nearly



as choice without the readability.

The information we get in a confidential manner gives one a good idea as to what is taking place and what we will be expected to do under expeditionary circumstances

Today I took out \$1,000 of an advance of which I made \$200 payable to Mother and \$200 payable to Dunster and next month when I have made my last payment of \$100 Liberty Loan Bond I am going to lend it to you to keep for me.

When the interest falls due give it to Dunster and should anything happen to me, turn the whole over to her otherwise I will get it at some future date.

Before long I want to make out an approximate statement of what belongs to me and in case of accident what I wish to have done with it.

There is nothing like looking  
no matter square in the face so  
that no matter what happens every-  
one is at ease in regard to the  
wishes of what the other would desire.  
The only thing to do is to remember  
the motto on all our coins etc  
"In God we Trust";

Mother spoke of Fort Pitt.  
Well I have been thinking  
about it.

Any mention of what I  
or other are doing until the  
movement has been completed  
jeopardize me. Be good  
and Careful and Give my love  
to Mother and Sister.  
Your affectionate son  
Wart.

Mrs. Harrison G Foster  
424 West 2nd St.,  
Lexington,  
Kentucky.



March 15<sup>th</sup> →

Dearest Mother:-

The idea of March are come, and if the day is any indication of the weather for the future we ought to be blessed with an infinite amount of sunshine. Yesterday there was a regular winter snow storm and for the past week the weather has been very variable.

As usual I am waiting to get a shooter here and am endeavoring to be patient. I realize only too well how bad the roads are and that coupled with a lack of shooters is quite a handicap.

It is hoped that Addison is getting along in good shape in Lexington and that a serenity prevails in the atmosphere.

From the papers you and Addison are making an occasional speech. Well I am endeavoring to uphold that feature here by having given a speech talk at the Association

Meeting: I flatter myself that I must have  
taken, for they set on paper me on a  
Committee and I think I made one  
friend (a new comer) in particular by my  
discussion of efficiency and economy.

It is the little drops of water that  
wear away the rock and the little  
pounding of the bit on the ground that  
causes a well to be completed. With  
that in view I am going to continue to  
wear the abstractions away by a hammer  
hammer, hammer until I have finally  
arrived at a structure complete in  
itself.

Sometimes I wonder if I have not thought  
too much in the completion of an idea, the idea  
in its totu ensemble, and see too well what  
lies ahead if certain conditions in the present are  
not completed. In the latter I may be wrong  
and possibly it is the impatience of youth  
and a lack of actual experience or perhaps.

My analysis of the problem has been faulty and caused me to be making an estimate of the situation and then again my own faults are most likely to be the main reason for the non-completion of certain results.

However, I smile or laugh for that seems to me to be nature's method for replacing the used up cells in the brain as well as the body. For to be the person in which worry plays a chief part only causes distraction, enervation and will eventually reduce a combative or potential force which might have to be called on at any moment.

The element of pioneering in the blood of my forefathers must have to a certain extent been passed on to me. Either that or a philosophy which I have worked out where I am determined to like, enjoy and thoroughly be apart that which

to being undertaken may be the reason for  
 enjoying the life up here. True it is  
 one sided to one point of view, but what  
 life has not that feature. At any rate it  
 is real. - the surroundings are real; the  
 actual life is present with out any camouflage  
 to hide its shallowness. In other words one  
 gets together with himself and by so doing  
 has sympathy and a desire to help others.

If you get an animal which has not  
 been properly cared for - you feed it properly  
 and scientifically. It is tired with no energy  
 beyond doing its part, but soon you see it  
 fatten. - become restive and kicks up its hind  
 legs. - and what a gratifying feeling  
 it is to see the accomplishment. Others  
 follow your lead. Thus they are helped  
 and so forth.

There are inconvinciences, but in  
 time they can be improved. One has to ride  
 on a cold day, but does he not all the more  
 appreciate the warm fire when he gets

to it than one who has sat about it  
all day.

I feel fit as a fiddle and will  
endeavor to get down to Lexington  
sometime soon.

Your devoted son.  
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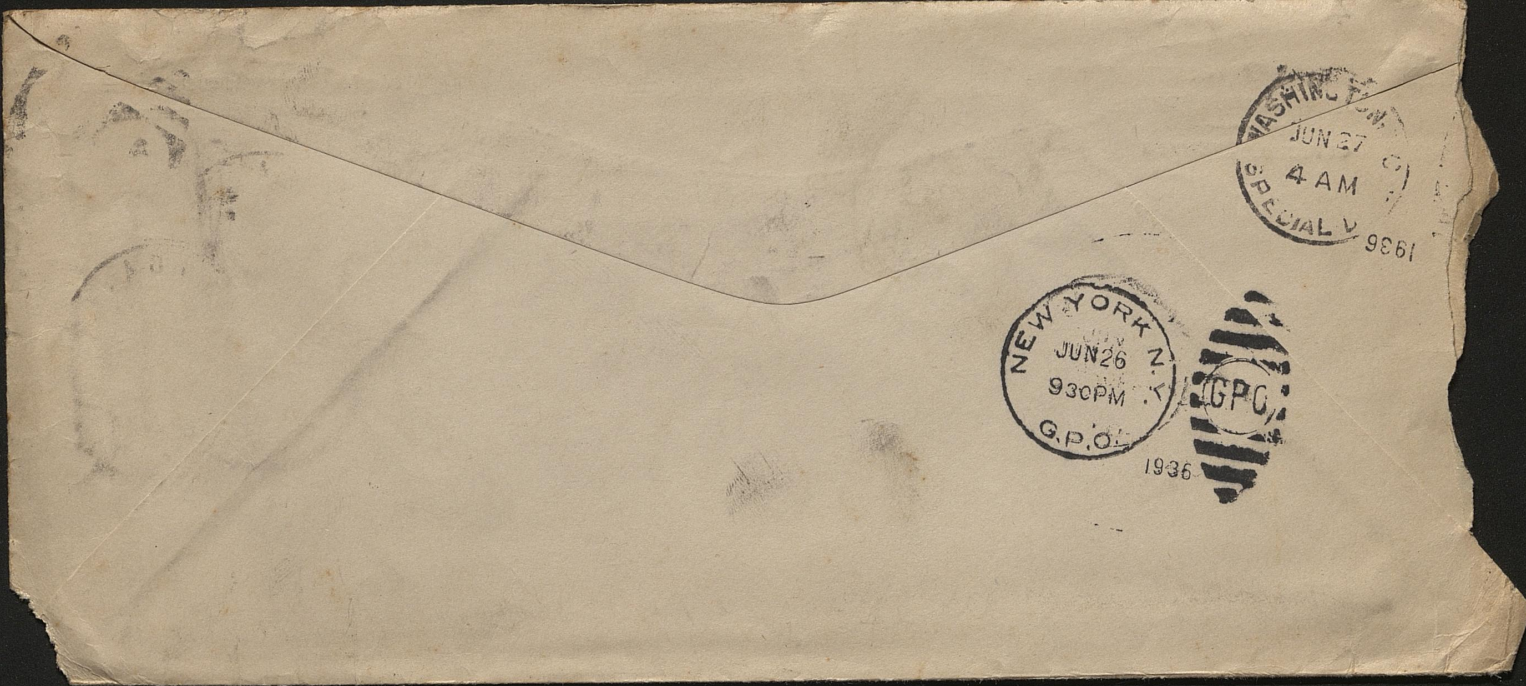


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June 26, 1936.

It certainly was great to hear your voice over the phone last night and I only wish I could call up every night for a chat, but you know that would begin to be a bit wearing on my purse strings up there. As I told you last night I will leave here Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and get in that evening. It takes seven hours of good hard driving, so much will depend upon the time I get away. Otherwise going down on the train I might get there earlier and be able to stay longer. However, I would not have the use of the car which might be of help to go somewhere Saturday or Sunday.

Being in the office Friday I can get a lot of things done which will speed up my return to Washington after July. In this Underwriting Section some of the men have been on three or four months duty without returning to home base.

Right now I am installing a new system of operation which has not been in use anywhere.

This will speed up operation  
so as to give better service. At  
the same time the knowledge of  
this territory will be a much assistance  
in the future when back home  
as I will be conversant in  
connection with conditions in this  
part of the field. Believe me it has  
been a hell of a job. for being alert  
and also find out how much a  
person has studied and retained.

Between spasms I am  
adding a word now and then to  
this tablet, glancing over your  
letter and then putting those  
words down. I am crazy to see  
the presents you have received.  
Tonight I am going to dinner at  
the Whitesides (meat balls + spaghetti).  
then return to the office to work out  
some more problems. It certainly  
is a grand and glorious feeling  
to park the classics in bed, but I  
do miss my room mate. You know  
I am loving you from afar and  
patiently awaiting the days of  
Must meet. Loads of love. Harry.