



The store
Tuesday 12 o'clock.

Dearest Eddie.

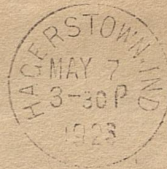
I just back from
lunch Dear and while I
ate over at Durbin's I
listened to the dinner hour
concert from the Hotel Gibson
which made me remember the
night you and I attended
the style show up there. More
memories.

That certainly was a
short letter I got from you
this a.m. just the kind I like
to get from you. (Yes) You
must have had a rushing date
last night from the hurry
you was in.
You know, Eddie, I'm

glad that M.G.R. broke that date
with Charlie for C got him a
much better date yesterday. He
has one with Mary Louise B. now.

The Night Hawks are to be
at Athletic Park tonight and
about a half dozen of us fellows
are going over.

Stan and C are back in
that darn play. They kept after
us until we finally consented
rather than make them sore.
We are in the Charleston Chorus
of six fellows and six girls. C
suppose you can imagine me
doing the Charleston. So can C.
We practiced the steps for about
2 hours last night though
under the direction of the
coach and I guess C do it
about as well as the rest of
the dozen. The coach sure is
a hot looking lady. She is the
one that was wearing the red
coat the other day.
Bye till tomorrow. Dear.
With love forever.
Brownie.



Miss. Edna M. Bernhardt.
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ad Design.

Garber H. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana

Tuesday
About 12:45 P.M.

Dearest Pal,

Thanks for telling me about
sure for you know I never am sure about
sure when I go to spell sure. If you
find other mistakes like that tell me
please for that's the way we will get
them corrected.

That Brookville score was 37
to 34 C. that I told you. Too bad you
couldn't have seen the game. The
seconds beat the Morton seconds Sat
night 17 to 16 at Trueblood field Richmond.

You didn't write me Sunday
did you? What was the matter were
you all tired out from the dance, too
tired to write? That's all right though
for I wouldn't have gotten it till today
any-way.

Richmond is having an Auto Show at Athletic Park this week and I had such a good time at that one last week I think I will go over one night for this one. Stony was in at noon and said he and Doc were going over Thurs night and wanted me to go with ~~them~~ them.

No, Eddie I didn't give them the band for your watch. Its here in my desk.

I'll bet that was a good show you saw Sunday Eve heard a lot about it.

Every bodys sick at home about. Mother and one of my sisters and Don are all in bed and most of the others have bad colds. Gene and Doris came up yesterday and that was the first time I had seen them since the day they were married. I guess Gines going to work at the grocery again Monday. Eddie I would give anything if that hadn't happened. One minute I'm sorry for them and the next I'm just disgusted. All for today. Just as ever, Brownie

H-town
Thursday 12:20

Dear Eddie,

Well at last Dear C got that letter you wrote Sunday. It had been sent to Grover Brower instead of to me and at noon C was eating lunch down at Parsons and he came in there and gave it to me. He said he got it Tuesday and had meant to put it back in the office but never could think of it.

Now then C'll try to answer some of your many questions. No, Eddie. Gordon has never said any thing to me about Frieda not writing very often. He did tell me once though that once a week was often enough for him to write to any girl. Well if C had my way about it you would come up every week end but since you can't do that I want you

to come as soon as you can and then
you can come up on the 4th of July and
for Commencement and for Decoration and
for your vacation too. That's when I
want you to come. Sorry to hear you
have such a cold I wouldn't have
such things myself. Well Buck
didn't say much about Knapp's nothing
that would interest you any way.

You say what would I do if
you were boy crazy. Why I wouldn't
do any thing. Just hope you have
enough sense not to be that way is
all.

Say Eddie I think I ought to
make a good office boy. Would you
give me a job. You are the employ-
ment agent aren't you? Must stop
now as I have thing to do.

With love

Browne.

Widespread just came I'll send it too.

Friday - 12:30 P.M.

Dearest Pal.

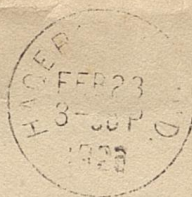
I received your Special this A.M. "Eddie" and I think you are getting all excited and worried over nothing. You know I want to keep on being Pals just like we've always been Dear, never thought of being any other way. I think Eddie that I have been just about as true to you as you have to me. Don't you think so? No, Eddie, I beg your pardon but I didn't have a lot of dates down at School and since I've been home just the one with Ginny for the Club dance (if you want to consider that a date. I don't care about having a quarrel, Eddie, so

lets dont. I'm not sore because you went to that dance. I hope you really had a good time. I'm only sorry that I couldn't take and then I think you might have had a better time.

Big game tonight Greensfork plays here. I guess I'll go since its the last game of the season. The tourney is next Fri. and Sat. and I want to go if I can. I rather think though that I'll work till noon Sat. and then Charles and I will go over and stay till Sun. evening. Elmer came home yesterday evening but he went away again this morning. He just went to Richmond today however so I think he will be home this evening.

Your Dad didnt say when he thought he would be home, Eddie. I expect he'll be home by the time you get this though. Enough is enough so I will stop till next time
As ever your "Brownie".

After five days, return to
ELMER CRULL,
HAGERSTOWN, INDIANA.



Mrs Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio



The Store
Tuesday at One P.M.

My Dearest Pal,

We got home at about 7:00 o'clock last night. It was about 5:00 when we got into Richmond and we fooled around and then took the 6:00 o'clock bus for home. We had a peach of a bus from Linay to Rich. yesterday dear and C. really enjoyed the ride. There were three traveling men and we three fellows came all the way and one of those men was drunker than seven hundred dollars and the things he did and said were funnier than a circus. He had a lot of lead pencils and passed them around to every one on the bus. Then he wanted the bus driver to stop a while ~~while~~ so he could get off and get one more drink.

Elmer went up to Indianapolis this morning and at my lunch time I got busy and didn't get to go out till about 12:00. Boy I sure had an appetite when I did go for I didn't have time to eat any breakfast this morning and talk about work I'm sure I got plenty to do today. Eight cases of shoes came in this a.m. besides two that came yesterday so I have all those besides my other work to get out today.

Say Eddie George Leavelle asked me at lunch today if I wouldn't find out that Rowboat's girl's address for him so he could write to her about his pin. So you tell me what it is will you Dear.

Dearest I had a rather funny experience this morning. You know Bill Wudikind the fellow that lives just next door. Well he came in here this morning and asked me to do some typing for him. And Dear it was his will that he had me type write for him. You know

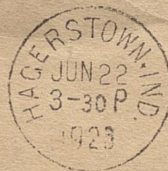
he has been sick for a year or more and I don't suppose he expects to get well. He asked me to keep every thing ⁱⁿ it a secret, said he didn't want his wife or any of the family to know what was in it till after he was dead. He told all about how to dispose of all his things and to whom they were to go and how he wanted to be buried and where and the kind of a tomb stone and everything. I felt like I was talking to the dead when I was doing it for him.

I think I'll go out to Foulke's and try to sell some more insurance tonight. They promised me last week ~~that~~ that I could write a policy for Paul this week so I'm going out tonight and see if I can't get it done.

Dear Pal I guess Cive told you all the news now so goodbye till tomorrow.

Your Pal always,
Brownie

P.S. Mr. Whitwell became much worse last night and isn't expected to live.



Miss Edna M. Burnhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Garber F. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana



My Room
Tuesday Night
about 10:30

Dear Old Pal,

Mr. Lockwood and I
just got in from making
our last call and I left
him up town and came on
down to go to bed. Eddie
I sure am ~~tired~~ and sleepy.
and I've heard so much
insurance today I expect to
dream about it. That man
certainly has a line of sales
talk and he has given
me a lot of good pointers.

I think that damn
rotten of Ginny not to
meet you as she said she
would Eddie. I wish Dear

it were any other day except
Sat. I would meet you if it
were any other day but on
Sat. why its just impossible.

Dear Pal I wish this
was Sunday night and I
was with you instead of being
80 miles away as I am. That
distance seems the same as a
million miles sometimes.

Sweetheart I'm too tired
to write any more so I'll
just say good night with
a big kiss for your picture
Yours with lots of love
Brownie

P.S. Excuse this rotten writing
Atterville

E.B.



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INDIANA BROTHERHOOD OF THRESHERMEN

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HAGERSTOWN, IND.

Store, Sat. 12:10

Dearheart,

*I just got back from lunch
Eddie, and it certainly was a good
one. I went up home for lunch
today and Mother had roast beef
and lettuce and all the other
trimmings.*

*We've been rather busy so far
today and I'm glad I have for
the time goes so much faster
when we have to keep busy
waiting on customers.*

*You spoke about hearing the
electric orthophonic at the Theatre
the other night Dear. Aren't they
great? Just like the real orchestra.
Did I tell you the other day that
Frank & I have one of them?*

Boost Your Brotherhood - Your Brotherhood Boosts You!

Yes, Eddie, Elmer is planning to move if he does sell the store. His wife is kinda nutty you know and she won't be satisfied I guess until she gets him to move to Richmond.

The worst part about that mess Charlie got into the other night Dear was the girl. Charlie says he heard a damn good lemon and he don't know why in the devil he ever took her for a ride any way. I'll tell you who it was when I see you. The fellows sure are kidding him about it.

I spose I'll see Benny either tonight or some time tomorrow and then I'll find out all the news.

It's cold here today Sweetheart wish you were here to warm me up. I do want it to warm up by tomorrow for Stan and I want to go fishing. I think I'll go to the show here tomorrow night. It's Dance Mad. Good show I guess.
Bye with Love A.B.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HAGERSTOWN, IND.

*The store
Saturday aft.
About 12:30*

Dearest,

*That was a plenty fine
letter I got from you this
morning Dear. The nicest one
I've had from you for a long
time.*

*I didn't do any thing much
last evening just fooled around
and then went down to the
house and went to bed at
about 9:30. Got lots of sleep so
I should be able to work a
lot today.*

*Saw Bulah just after she
got home last evening and*
Boost Your Brotherhood — Your Brotherhood Boosts You!

talked to her for a while.

Ben went to Tuna Hante
last night to stay over the week
end and for his sister's wedding.

C don't know what C'll do
tomorrow but C think now that
C'll get up and go to Sunday
School and then C expect C'll
play tennis in the afternoon.

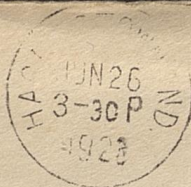
Bye Dearheart till Mon.

With love

Brownie.

P.S. This time next week. Then C'll
be a lot happier.

L.B.



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"Eddie" Dearest:

Well Old Pal I
spore you are still working
so very very hard. are you
not? & You know I'm
just afraid that you're going
to hurt your self working so
terribly hard like you do.

No news today
Eddie only it rained last
night and every thing got
all wet and its hot as
the dickens today.

I worked till 8:30
here at the store then
went down to my room
and worked another hour
and a half making out a
report to send to the Co.
After that a hot tub and
bed now wasn't that an
exciting evening.

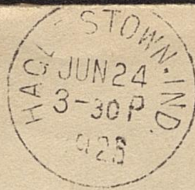
I am going to play tennis
with Stan and Mr. Horn
after work this evening
and I don't know what
I'll do the rest of the
later part of the evening
probably go over to Stans
for some cards or some-
thing.

So But got first did
he Dear. How in the world
will you get along without
him Eddie?

Love long for today.

Yours as ever,

Brownie.



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About 12:20 P.M.

My Dearheart:

I don't believe you wrote to me yesterday at least I haven't received a letter yet today. When I went through my letters this morning looking for yours it wasn't there. You know I always read yours first.

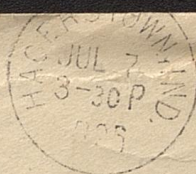
Well I went swimming last night at De Hays Doc, Stony, Don Martin, Punt, and I went down about 9:00 and I guess it was about 9:30 when we came home.

Did I tell you yesterday about that Mitchell girl and Daisy Cox and Gots Parsons and some

other fellow having that wreck
Monday night. They ran into
some car on the west C.E.
road and completely wrecked
the car they were driving.
The Mitchell girl has three
teeth knocked out in front
and her face cut up and
the other girl has a cut
on her head. I guess
guess the fellows were
cut up quite a bit too.

I saw in this morning
paper, Eddie, where Jyle May
and Bernice Beard were
married yesterday.

Elmer went away this
morning and left me
about a hundred printed
letters to fold address and
mail and I've got them
to work on between
customers. Now listen Dear
if you want to get a
letter each day don't for-
get to send one this way.
Yours as ever.
Brownie.



Miss. Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

H. - Town

Apr. 8, 1926

12:30 P.M.

Dearest Dear,

This is a pretty nice day today sweetheart. The suns shining but still it isn't so warm but, thats better than having it rain.

C. went to the Play last night and it was pretty good. Charlie and C went. Charlie has had pretty good luck, Dear. He has been advanced at the shap and is now working up in the advertizing department. C's a lot better than the work he was doing and C'm sure glad he got changed. Boy R. is here with me C guess he isn't going to school this afternoon. Says he wants to

rest up for the play tonight.

Well no, Eddie, I didn't work Wed. night. They have decided to put that off till next month. Glad of it!

I'm going to a party Sat. night too. Eddie, it's a ^{Demolition} party at Richmond. It doesn't start till 10 P.M. and who knows when it will end. Charles and I are going over and I'm going to get off work about 9:30.

Wish I was going to be with you again this Sunday don't you sweetheart? Well I guess I better close for today as I have plenty to do this P.M.

With love

Forever

L. Brownie

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HAGERSTOWN, IND.

Noon - Tuesday.

Dear Eddie:

I'll say you must have had a few kids up Sunday. That list sounded like the roll call of an orphan's home.

There's sure lots of work to a sale. I worked all day yesterday and last night and Elmer and both worked this morning and still it seems we are only started to get ready.

I have a dinner date with Mary Louise tonight and Dad has a date with Ginny. We are going some place for dinner then out to Beechwood for
Boost Your Brotherhood — Your Brotherhood Boosts You!
the opening dance of the year.

Mary is leaving for Chicago at noon tomorrow; where she is going to a dancing school for the rest of the summer. So this is just a little farewell party.

I suppose Dear that you have heard about all the fellows that are out bumming around. Buck Parsons is in Los Angeles. Bud Martin, Kenny Thornburg, and Dick Winking are now over in Canada north of Detroit and headed for the east coast. Sue Hardwick and Hazy were in Topeka Kansas last week and were going on to Denver Col. and Charlie's someplace in Kansas. Hazy's towns spreading out.

Must close for today Dear.

Yours as ever.

Brownie.



Miss Edna Benhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio



The Store
Tuesday 12:15

Hello Dearest:

Well how are you today
sweetheart and did you get home
alright?

We got home last
evening at about nine thirty and
Bill and I went right to bed. Bill
came home with Char and Ben
and he didn't have any way
to get on out home so he
stayed all night with me. It
was raining when we got in to
Cambridge and from then on
until I finally went to sleep
it just poured down. That
last sentence sounds like it might
have taken me a while to go to
sleep but it sure didn't.

Yesterday morning we

fellows got up at four, (which was
some job for yours truly) and ate
breakfast and took a Speedway car
at the terminal. When we were
about half way out it started to
pour down rain and it was
still at it when we reached the
track so we just stayed on the
car and came back to town. We
went back to the Y and about
6 o'clock Ben and I went back to
bed in Bucks room, and locking
the door so the other fellows
would leave us alone to sleep.

About seven they came down and
made so blamed much noise
that we woke up and they informed
us that it had cleared off and
that they were going back out.
So we got up and dressed again
and we all started out to try
it ^{over} again. This time it was
about 8:30 when we got in to
the Speedway and from then on
it ~~was~~ was the usual grind. I
think we walked about fifty
miles if I'm any good at



guessing distance and seen everything we could get near enough to see and also about the first 50 miles of the race. The rest of the time we spent trying to get in out of the frequent showers that came down. During the hardest shower, the one after which they stopped the race for an hour, we five fellows ~~and~~ crawled under the wings of an aeroplane that was parked out in the infield.

We left the Speedway about 1:30 and came back up town and went swimming at the Y then got cleaned up and went down to the Y. billiard room and played pool for the rest of the afternoon. We had our dinner at 5 and then got ready and came home on the bus at 6. We had a good time coming home all sat together in the back seat and sang songs and told stories. Then there was a very

~~affectionate~~ couple sat just in front,
and they were better than a movie.

Dear when we came back in
yesterday morning and went to bed
I just supposed the races were all
off so I thought I would sleep
for a couple hours and then come
out and see you but things didn't
turn out that way after all. I wish
it had Dear for I'm sure I would
have had more fun just being
with you sweetheart. No, I don't
mean fun Eddie I mean I would
just have been happier. I'm
always happiest when I can
be with you Dearest Pal. Well
I hope I can be with you some-
time soon Dear Pal. Must close
now Dearheart for I have to
get my statements ^{out} this afternoon.

With lots of LOVE

Brownie.

P.S. Julia D's brother the one that
lives in Muncie committed suicide
last night. Shot himself. He had
been drinking I guess.



Miss Edna M. Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Garber F. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana



H-town
Tuesday
About 12:30 P.M.

My Dearest One:—

Speaking of Collum
moore, Dear, whenever I see
her act I'm always reminded
of you. You do look and act
a lot alike you know. I
guess that's what makes me
like her pictures so much.

I'm really surprised
that you girls went to bed
so early. Did you do that
so you could have your
gossip out without being
interrupted. But you did.

Yes I imagine
marie will be rather puffed
up over being a model. Tell
her I ~~am~~ asked if that

^{picture} she posed for is going to be
in the funny paper.

I suppose I will be out of
town, Dear, before I could get
an answer to this letter and
I'm just wondering when and
where I will see you up at
Cndpls. You know where I'll
be up there sweet heart so
I'll expect to see you some
time Saturday. I'll write to
you from up there.

Went up to Rungwa's after
dinner last night and Paul
and I went to the Chautauqua.
The first part was a musical
program by an instrumental trio
and was very good and the
last part was a lecture and
we didn't stay. I came home
and read awhile then and
went to bed. No more news

With love always.

P.S. "Rocky" Ludwig, Brownie
home for his
vacation almost forgot to tell
you.



Miss Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

E.B.

Garber F. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana



Tuesday
at One P.M.

Dearest Pal,

We got home all O.K.
at about 6:50 last evening. Got
into Richmond at a little before
5 and went up to the yard
removed some of the Skut and
grime we had collected on the
drive up. Boy we sure were dirty
and dirty. We went up to the
Penn. depot then and came
home on that evening train.

C came up town and
had dinner then went around
to Stan's and we radio-ed for
a couple hours. About 9 P.M.
C went over to the room and
wrote a letter to Luther Swallow.

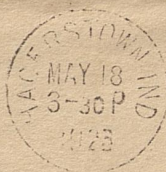
Well Dearest little Pal I must close now and
get to work. We got in several cases of ~~spores~~ this
a.m. and I have to check them and ~~send~~ ^{send} them up.
With love & lots of love
Dorothy

out at school, then went to bed
and oh how I did sleep. I'll
bet you were mighty sleepy last
evening Dear heart after getting off
so early and then working all
day. You're certainly a real little
sport "Eddie." Your wonderful

Dear, just because I love you.
I gave Ben his letter this
noon. I was going to give it
to him last night but he
was working and I didn't get
to see him. He was mighty
glad to get Marie's letter. Ben's
a good scout Dear I like him.

Charlie was in at noon to
see me. Sure he and I will
stay with Buck when we go
up to the races.

George Leavelle asked me this
morning if I ever saw that Row-
bottom girl he used to go with.
Do you ever see her "Eddie"? I
told George he ought to go down
to see her some time. He said
he would like to but you know
he and Fay Whipple have an
awful case and so that's impossible.



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Garber F. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana



The Store
Wednesday

Eddie Dearest.

This is an awful
blue place around here today
Chmer was beaten in the election
yesterday by several votes. Mr.
Thornburg Kenny's father was
more fortunate however he was
nominated for Wayne Co. sheriff
by about 30 votes over his
nearest opponent. Mr. Gilmore
Ginny's father was nominated
for trustee of Harrison Twp. at
Jacksonburg yesterday.

I didn't go any place
last night Dear just stayed
down at my room and read
and studied till about 10:30
bed time.

So you have an

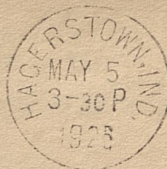
assistant now. Well thats fine. Wont
be long now till you own the Schmidt
building will it?

I've got to tell you Dear
that Mary June is still Mary June.
She broke the date she gave
Charlie the other day.

The story of you and your
friend and the fireplace sure
did bring back fond memories
to me as well as you Dear Pal.
We have a gas grate down at
the house in the living room
that burns every evening and
every time I see it I think of
the times we used to have. I
always go and sit down there
when I read.

I'm supposed to be in a
play a musical comedy the Legion
is giving and I have to practice
for that tonight. Stan & I are
going up to practice together
and then we are going down
to his house and radio awhile.

Not for just a day, but always
P.S. Lots of LOVE Yours, Brownie



Miss. Edna May Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

ad Design.

Garber F. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana



The store
usual time

Dearest Little Pal:

In your letter
this morning Eddie you asked
how I liked this hot weather.
Well this weather today isn't
so hot. We had a big rain
yesterday started in the afternoon
and lasted almost all night
and today its pretty cool so
cool that I've worn my coat
all the day.

I am by my self
today as Elmer went up to
Indianapolis to a convention
last evening and won't be
back until tomorrow. I have
been busy too since today is
pay day at the shop and

We are planning to go out to the races on
mon. at least for a part of the time. If we get
tired we aim to leave.

that always makes a lot of
business on Thursday. Last
night C worked until about
8:30. C was getting two hundred
letters of special advertising ready
for the mail this morning.
We are having a foot specialist
at the store tomorrow for the
benefit of our customers having
foot troubles and those letters
were special invitations. C gets
10% commission on all foot
remedies and believe me C works
it hard. It almost pays my
room rent.

C don't suppose Dear that
we fellows will get out to the
city until about noon Sunday so
if you girls are planning to go
on a picnic why we will just
wait and come out after you
get back from the picnic. You
know we would feel sorta out
of place going to a picnic
where we didn't know any one.

Yours with love

J. and B. G.



Miss Edna Bernhardt
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Cincinnati, Ohio.

Garber H. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana



H-town
Fish-Day
About 11 P.M.

My Only One:

Got your letter
this A.M. Dear and it sure
was welcome news to hear
that you people got home
O.K. and with out any trouble.

I'll bet you are
busy, Eddie, for I know
work al ways does pile
up when one isn't right
there to do it up as it
comes in. You enjoy your
work though and that
makes work a pleasure.

You can't guess
what I have today. It's
a nice big wisdom tooth
and I certainly know I have

it too. I think that is what made me feel bum for the last few days. Soon be a wise man.

I went over to Stan's after dinner last evening and Gordon was getting ready to go over to see M.R. and so Stan and I parked in on the bed while he was dressing and kidded him about this case. Then when he was starting over there we gave him our best wishes and lots of sympathy. Gordon said. Oh, Mary Jones all right for a change of pasture and makes a pretty good date. Said he really never got acquainted with her until the other night. I told him from what I saw he must have been pretty well acquainted by that time we left that night. Stan went over to the house with me later in the evening and we fooled around a bit then went to bed and it was a quarter of seven before we got up this morning. Stan's a good scout, Eddie, and I sure hate to see him leave for school. God. Eddie it's hard to see all



my best friends going away
to schools and to think
I've just got to stay here in
this place and endure it.
Boy it wouldn't take much to
make me quit here and go
away some place. I guess
Dear there's a lot I should
be thank-full for but some
times there doesn't seem to
be much.

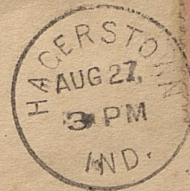
Well my plans for
vacation have all gone to
smash. I didn't get to go
home with Ben and the fellows
and since Elmer isn't through
threshing I had to give up
going to the Convention and
the other fellows are going to
Bedford tomorrow and I guess
I won't get to go with them
either. I've been disappointed
so many times though that

it doesn't ~~do~~ hurt much
any more.

Had quite a time here on
the street yesterday afternoon.
Jim Hay and Gae Tuttle and
this fellow that Winogene is
supposed to be married to all
quit at the shop and were
getting ready to go to De troit.
They were over here fixing up
this fellows car and Winogene
came down and made quite
a scene. Just raised heck with
him. I guess she had her
way too for the other two
boys took this fellows car
and went on and he's still
here in town.

Well old Pal must say
adios until next time.

Just as ever,
Yours,
Brownie.



Miss Edna M. Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Garber H. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana

Thursday.

Stoke. About 12:20

Dearest Eddie.

Just got back from lunch
Dad and I stopped in at Piers and
got an apple to top off my lunch
and I'm eating that while I write.
I stopped at the office too and got
your letter and I have just finished
reading it. Your letters used to come
in the morning but now they come
with the noon mail. I guess it
must be because of the Christmas
mail being so heavy that it slows
things up.

I've got loads of work to
do, Eddie, and we'll probably be busy
with customers this afternoon so
I'll just have to make this a

very short excuse for a letter.

Theres only one other important thing
to tell you any way Dear and that is
that you become Dearer to me every day
and I want you and want to be with
you more than any thing in the world.

All for today sweetheart.

With love

Your

Brownie.

P.S. Listen Eddie you dont need to cut
you letters short just because I have too

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Hagerstown, Indiana





Saturday Aft.
At One P.M.

My Eddie Pal:-

I just saw
Kenny go up the street in
his Ford so I guess he must
be home. He told me he
thought he would go from
Cincy over to Indianapolis
but I suppose he changed
his mind. I hope he and
Julia didn't do that foolish
stunt you were telling me
about.

That was a good
letter I got from you this
morning Dear heart and as
for your new coat I know
I'd like it. I like fur
coats of good color.

Dear You can't be as lone some for me as I am
for you. I think we both just ~~forget~~ ^{forget} from me
nothing until the next. Love! What a big word!

I guess Lois Root is married
Eddie to some fellow named
Mahony. They were married
last Saturday. I didn't know
about it until they serenaded
them last night.

Didn't do much last night.
Went up home for dinner
then came back up to the
barber shop and then down
to my room and read till I
went to bed about 10 P.M.
My father isn't very well
again. He has had to stay
in bed for the last two days.

I've been rather busy today
not so much business but
I got in several cases of
shoes this morning and
I've been unpacking them.

Well Dear that's about all
the news for today so Bye
As ever and always

Breakfast this morning. How
several fellows from the Brownie
are down there for the ball game
today. They were leaving when I came up for

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Thursday
After Lunch
(12:30)

Dearest One,

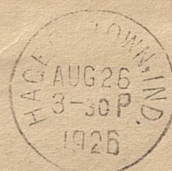
I wish, Eddie, that I could expect a letter from you to day for I'm anxious to know if you got home alright and to hear from you about things. Dear it seems a week since I said good by to you and its really only been just a few hours.

I worked last night you know. Stan and Tony came around just after I came back from dinner last evening and loafed for awhile then they took Butah and Thelma home. Paul also came in and

we talked awhile. I guess he
and I had about the same
opinion of that party that
we had (Where did we have it?).

Stan was up here awhile yesterday
after noon. Eddie and he too
had heard about that disgraceful
stunt we pulled on Ben and
he said, "By God Brownie I
can't imagine you pulling a
rotten trick like that." Well
I can't quite imagine it myself
now. Stan is going to stay
all night with me to night.

Elmer came up at about
eight o'clock last night and
I went home then and went
right to bed. Dear I was so
tired and sleepy and all worn
out that I could hardly walk
home. I didn't mind though
sweet heart, being tired and
sleepy doesn't matter when
it's caused by spending happy
hours with you. They were
happy Dear. Weren't they?
With ever so much love.
Brownie.



Miss Elva M. Bernhardt.
411 Schmidt Building.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ad Design Studios.

Garber J. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana



H-town
Wednesday
About 10 A.M.

Dearest Little Pal:-

I'm writing early today because since it's raining here today and Elmer can not work Bill May and I are planning to leave for the city some time this afternoon. Lockey is going to take us to Cambridge and he is coming up to the fair Sat. so may be you will get to see him.

Bill had a date last night with Cuba Lowers and Lockey had one with Helen some one from Centerville. Those four and Howard & Tony were together.

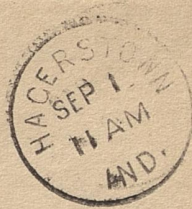
I went to the Chautauqua
again last night with Paul
Green's Band gave the program
and it was fine. I happened
to know two of the fellows
who play in the Band.

About meeting you Sat. Dear
I don't know whether I can or
not. If I can not and I don't
see you before 6 P.M. Sat. evening
I'll call you out at your Aunt's.
If you can though? Dear
please come on out where I
will be. Will you?

Dearnt there isn't any more
to tell so I'll close till next
time.

Your Pal for always.

Brownie.



Miss Edna Bernhardt -
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Garber J. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana



Hagerstown
Thursday 12:30

Dearest Pal,

Got two letters from you in the mail this morning Dear and one from my old friend Luther Swatney. Shure was glad to get them all. Just seem hungry for news from you all the time. It doesn't matter Eddie what it is you write me its always interesting because its from you.

Shure you are queer Eddie. Didn't I ever tell you that before. You ought to know it any way. You're funny too. Awfully funny. Yes indeed. You're all right though Dearheart and I love you just the same. Might not love you so much if you were not that way.

Its rainy and gloomy here

today. Awfully cloudy and just enough mist to make wear a slicker when you go out side. Lots of rubber customers.

Stan and I went to see. Too Many Kisses. last night. It was pretty good too. A play with a Spanish setting. Plot was woven around a rich American "Richard Dix" who was exploring mines and prospecting; and a beautiful Spanish girl of proud and noble family and a jealous Spanish lover who didn't have a chance when the American got into action. Had the usual ending you know. After the show we went down to Stan's and played some new records he ~~it~~ had and ate apples and played cards until after 11 P.M. He wanted me to stay all night but I didn't. We're going to play again Fri. night after the game and I expect I'll stay all night then. The Spanish "Amstad" Club is having a party at Stan's tonight. I think that I will spend the evening reading. I have a good book on psychology or Human Traits that interests me a lot.



Listen here ~~you~~ it doesn't make
any difference when M.J.R. would
rather have you come. You are coming
just as soon as that pass comes
and that better be one week from
this Saturday. Understand!

Hasta manana Dear little Pal
of Mine.

(—) ?

Brownie.

P.S. I'll answer those questions you
spoke of when you see me. Don't
remember what they were.

B.



Miss Edna Bernhardt.
4455 West Eighth St.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Price Hill.

Garber J. Brown
Hagerstown, Indiana

H-town, Ind.
Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1926
About 1:20 P.M.

My Dearest:

You can take the above
H to mean any thing you want
to and from the way you kids
talk & judge thats what you
take it to mean.

Got in to Richmond at
about 8:20 last night and that
was about 15 minutes ahead of
schedule. I fell asleep on the
bus and slept part of the way.
When I got in I called up out
at Grandmother's and told them
not to lock up until I got
out there. Went on out there
and talked awhile then went
to bed. Came home then on
the 8:00 bus this morning.

Well, Dear, I don't know what to write you today for I don't believe any thing new or different has happened since I left.

Elmer didn't say any thing at all because I came home late. Just asked if I had a good time. I haven't done much since I did get home. I delivered some blotters with our ad on them up at the two schools and, took sizes, and the order for new shoes for the basket-ball team. When I got back to the store it was time to go to lunch and I guess I'll stay here in the store this aft.

I think I had a letter from every one I know when I got here this morning except you. Elmer says I have more mail than he does any more.

Sweetheart I think I have written about enough so goodbye.
Yours with love,
Brownie.



Miss. Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

Administration Bld.
Fair Grounds
Cincinnati, Ind.

Dearest Pal,

Well Dear C got up here this morning at about 10 A.M. and Ben and Bill came out from Ben's sisters a little while later then ~~we~~ were busy serving dinner until about 12:30.

C worked over home until about about 7:30 last evening then went over to New Castle and stayed all night with Clarke Reese a friend of mine and came on out here this morning. They had a regular cloud burst at New Castle last night about 9 o'clock. It was the hardest rain C ever saw. Water stood up to the running boards of the cars in many places on the streets and several bridges were washed out. One of the Penn. R.R. bridges north of New Castle was washed

away.

I think Bill and Ben and I are going to have a pretty good time up here. We got along pretty good for lunch today. Received about 55 people. After that we walked all over up here and got the general location of every thing. Mrs. Collier is up here, Eddie helping us. I guess Mr. Collier brought her up last night and they got caught in the storm. I guess we fellows will go up town tonight and see a good show and burn around awhile.

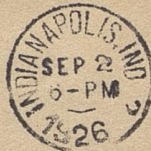
Dearest I suppose I'll see you Sat. (I had better) I think I'll have some good news for you sweetheart. What time do you think you will get in here, Eddie? I'll have to stop now. Bill wants to use the pen to write to Cuba.

There's a Post Office in this building. Dear so address my letters.

Administration Building
Care W. C. Abbott
Yours with love
as ever.

Brownie

I haven't had a letter today so you had better send tomorrow letter I please



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Miss Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

June 14, 1926
At. 12:30 P.M.

Eddie Dearest:

You know Dear C haven't received a letter from you yet today. Whats the reason? C's getting to be quite a habit with you to be tardy with your letters isn't it? C think if C fail to get a letter today C'll just forget to write any more this week. Yes thats what C'm going to do.

Had a big time at the stag party the other night, got home at about three o'clock Sunday morning. C went to bed then and C sure did snooze some didn't get up till 12:30 in the after noon. C shaved and cleaned up then and came up town for dinner then a bunch of we fellows went down to Stanley's and played cards and fooled around all after noon and finally took

a ride when Stoney's folks came home at about 5 o'clock. Stony and Bulah and Dorothy Porter and C went over to the Washington and seen the Robertson players in The Three Wise Fools. It was a scream very funny and certainly good.

For some reason or other Eddie ~~Dorothy~~ Charles Zorkner got fired at the shop and he told me this morning he's coming to Cincy tomorrow to see about going to some school for undertakers, and to see about getting a job. He said he was going up to see you and C told him where your office is; so you can look for him.

Bulah told me yesterday that she too was coming to Cincy this week so may be since you are going to have so much company from Hagerstown this week Dear you won't care about having me come Sunday.

Yours as ever, forever,
Brownie.



Miss Edna M. Bernhardt.
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Friday Oct. 22, 1926
About 1:30 P.M.

Dearheart Mine:-

Will howe my
Old sweetheart today? Still love
me as much as ever? Hope
you do for I wouldn't want
the love to be all on one
side. Sure it isn't is it?

Stony called me about
7 o'clock last night and said
there wasn't any one home but
him and to come on over so
I did. We just fooled the
evening away, listened over the
radio and enjoyed till I went
home about 11 o'clock.

Neither do I want
you to associate with some
of that crowd. Dear, and more
than that I don't want you
to talk and act as they do.

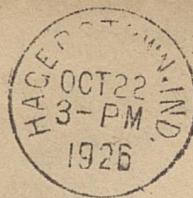
Have lots of friends and good times
Dear but for heavens sake pick
out the right kind.

I'm going to the Washington
tonight to see the Robertson Players
in, Uprain Mables Room. Guess its
a pretty good show. Did you see
it when it was in Cinay?

Must close now sweetheart
as I have lots of work to
do this afternoon.

Just as ever,

Brownie.



Miss Edna Bernhart
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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INDIANA BROTHERHOOD OF THRESHERMEN

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HAGERSTOWN, IND.

Thursday 12:30 P.M.

Sweetheart.

I haven't much to tell you about today. I didn't do any thing ~~la~~ last night just worked till about 8 P.M. Then went down to the house and lit a fire in the grate fireplace and read till ten-thirty.

Sorry your cold is so bad. Dear I hope it soon gets better. They always do make one feel very miserable.

Charlie got in a nice mess last night. ~~We~~ took a girl out for a ride and they went to drive around the school house and he ran into a big

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rock and bent the front axle on his fliver and the girl went through the windshield. Guess it ^{didn't} hurt either one of them much but it will cost about five or ten dollars to get the car fixed.

Elmer is about to sell the store, Eddie, so C may not be right here much longer. I'm not worrying though for C have a contract (written) with him that C am to have work till August so he will either have to furnish me work or pay me any way. I think I shall be ready to change to some other work by August and I expect it will be to some place ^{other} than Hagerstown too.

Well old Pal I think I'll say good by for today and take good care of your feet cold.

Yours with lots of love

Brownie.



Miss Edna May Bernhard.
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Store.
Tuesday Oct. 26th
10:20 O'clock Morning.

Dearest Eddie Mine,

Thats right isn't it
Dear you are mine aren't you? Any
way I'll always think of you as
mine because we really do belong
to each other you know.

(10:45)

Mr. Lockwood from
my insurance company just stopped
in for a few minutes. He happened
to be going through town so he
stopped to have some papers
and give me some pointers
for business.

Say you didn't need
to get so hard just because I
didn't get your letter sat. I couldn't
help it because the thing didn't
come, and besides it was post

marked 10 A.M. lat. I hadn't noticed
my letters being so short Dear. I
didn't intend for them to be that
way you know but when there isn't
any thing to put in them why
there can't be any more to them. See

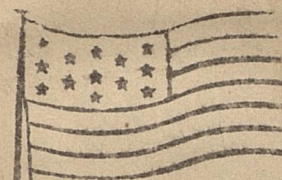
Had a bridge party down at
our place last night. Had enough
for two tables and I think every
one had a very nice time.

There's a Sunday school class
party tonight so I rather think
I'll go to that or if I don't
do that I'm going over to see
the Haunted House.

Well I'm glad you are having
such good times at your parties,
parties, parties. only thing is I
hope you don't run out of
parties. Hope you have a
thrilling time whatever you decide
to do Halloween night.

As ever.

Brownie.



Mrs. Edna Bernhardt.
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.



My Room
Sunday-mite 11 P.M.

My Dearest Dear;

I simply couldn't find time Sat. aft. to write Sweetheart so I'll write now and send it so you'll get it at home tomorrow evening.

I just got back from Richmond a few minutes ago. Stan, Gordon, Don Tector, Rufe Austin, George Razor and I went over to the Murray to see Marion Davies in "Little Old Broadway". It was a pretty good show and the comedy was the best I think I ever saw. I got up this morning and went to Church for a change. Saw Freuda and Laverne H. there also Knappy and her friend. They still

want to come down after you
Dear; then I can see you every
day for TEN days. That will
be like old times won't it
Dear heart. Went home for
dinner today and then play-
ed some Golf this afternoon.

I'm putting a clipping
in Dear that I tore out of
Sat. mornings Item. I don't
know whether its really true
or whether its some more of
Hilda's silly acting.

Howe Ginny and Marie and
your mother & Dad. I just
suppose they're all right although
you never say. Tell them
I said ~~they~~^{asked} they better let
you come up this week.

Listen if that? you have
is very important you better
write it for if you don't get
to come up it may be a
good while before you get to
ask me about it. What close
now old Pal so. Good-night.
Lots of Love.
Your, Brownie



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4455 West Eighth St.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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The Store.
Monday at 12:30 P.M.

Dearest Pat:-

Your letter was here waiting for me Sat. when I got here. I didn't come home Sat. when I thought I would but stayed for the races Sat. aft. then Bill and I came to Camb. City on the car that left at 7:00 o'clock. Helen Rhoades came over on the same car and then Bill and I got to ride up with she and Arthur Carpenter. You know she goes with Arthur now. Sure lucky for us that some one met her there. That was mighty good of you Dear to send my letter on here.

I suppose Linn has told you by this time about seeing me yesterday. After

Stony and I left out there
yesterday we came back to town
foolled around awhile then took
M. L. Bunnell and Thelma W. for
a ride. Mary Louise went back
to Chicago last night. The
White sisters certainly are a
sad trio "Eddie". John and Bud
have gone away to school and
Linn's Horn has quit her. I
just heard ^{about} Linn and Horn yester-
day. You know when Linn had
her vacation she went up to
Horn's home. Well I guess before
she went he wrote and told her
he was going to ^{be} away at some
camp but if she wanted to come
on any way his sister would be
there. Well Linn went on any
way I guess and when she
was there Horn's sister told her
she oughtn't to waste any more
time on Horn for he had
another girl at Indianapolis and
was down there instead of
at camp. Can you imagine
that "Eddie"? I guess Linn



stayed on a couple days then
although I can't imagine why, and
then left. Horn never did come
home while she was there so
I guess Linnup lost her horn.
I feel sorry for her "Eddie" for
I know she must feel darn bad
as much as she cared for him.

Kenny is going back to Butler
Dear. He and Bill drove out this
morning. They came around just
before they left. There's a lot
of kids from here at Earham this
year. Boy, Vic Lott and his sister
and Juliet Smith Rut Wierking
and Marfield and Dud and Chino.

Boy, Doc, Stony and I went to
the show here last night. It
was "Lightning" and was only
just fair.

Well but Dear you are
beginning to think I am either
a big liar or don't know
what I'm talking about.
You know I told you the other

day I was coming home to work lat.
Well I decided I didn't want to
work so we stayed and went
to the races with some snags
and the secretary's daughter lat.
afternoon. Then I told Jimmy
yesterday that I wasn't going back
to work till Thurs. when my two
weeks was up but, Elmer called
me this this morning and
wanted me to come back to
work today so here I am. I'll
be like you Dear for I'll have
three more days for some other
time

We bought several hundred
school tablets with our advertising
on them and I took them up
to school and gave every kid
one. Gosh they were tickled.

It was sure a sight in that
first room where they were there
for the first time. About ten
of them were crying and the
others looked like they had lost
their last friend. Dearheart I must
stop for today go editing.
With a lot of love
your. Brownie.



Miss Edna Bernhardt.
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.



Oct. 1st Day
Friday Alt.
About One.

Dearest:-

First of all I want to tell you I'm really going to send that Widespread today. Yesterday I told you I was then in my usual forgetful absent minded way forgot to and I didn't know I hadn't sent it until I found the thing on the desk here with some other papers this morning.

Now I'll try to answer some of the ?'s you asked me today. Bud, didn't get to move in with me, Dear, because, before his Uncle moved he had engaged another room up town for

him and paid the rent up for two months in advance. Bud didn't know that when he had arranged to stay with me.

Stony, Dub, Doc and I burned around awhile last night. Took a ride in the Dodge and did some serenading. Had a lot of ginger ale and a little wine. Went home about 10:30 and finished a book I had then went to bed.

I think all the wandering boys came home yesterday. Eddie. Jerry Reynolds walked in yesterday morning and he sure looked like a tramp. His hair was long and all the clothes he had was shoes trousers and a shirt. No socks, hat, underwear money or any thing. Gordon Parsons and David Carpenter got in from Calif. yesterday aft. and John Horine came in on the 8 o'clock bus this morning. All the news, Dear, so adios. Your Pal.
Brownie.



Thursday P.M.
About 1:15 O'clock

Dearest Eddie:-

Well Old Pal I
don't know what I'll write
you today because there
really isn't any news.

Went around to
to Dr. Harcourt and had
my neck treated then
went down to my room
read a little wrote some
letters and then went to
bed. Did think I would
go to the show but it
didn't look very good so
I decided not to. Don't
know what I'll do this
eve. usual thing I suppose
read awhile and then go
to bed.

The Widespreads came out
yesterday dear so I'm sending
you one. There's not much
to them, but I thought
perhaps you might like to
see it.

With lots of Love.

I Brownie.

P.S. Please take good care of
my old soap box. Its of a very
rare and valuable make and
I certainly would hate to lose
it for I have used it now
for the last 40 years. Have
it handled carefully so as not
to break it. Please again.
J.B.



Miss Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.
As Design.



Sat. Noon
At the store.

My Dearest Ed.

Extra! Extra! Lady
just shot and killed
herself down the street. Mrs
Jesse Replogle just committed
suicide at their home on
West Main about 20 minutes
ago by shooting herself.
No one seems to know why
she should do such a thing
except that her husband
has been ill for quite a while.
He is about bright now though.

Say Listen! I
didn't get a letter today
and I don't like that at
all. See that it doesn't
happen again please. (Or?)

It rained here again all last evening. Kenny and Scott Benham came home from Butler for the week end. I was talking to Scott up at the restaurant when we were having dinner and he said Ken drove so darn reckless about scared him to death. Went to bed early again last night even before 10 o'clock.

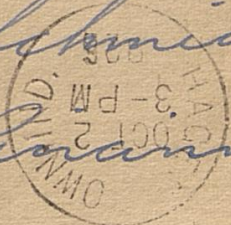
Guess I'll go to church tomorrow ^{morning} and then I don't know what I'll do the rest of the day. There's a ball game and I expect I go to that in the afternoon. then to the show at night. "The Dark Angel" is the show and I think it's considered very good. Have you seen it? Must close now. I'll say so goodbyes till next week.

As ever.

Brownie



Miss Edna Bernhardt
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Cincinnati, Ohio



Monday 20th
Usual Home.

My Only Pal:

Well its Monday
and here I am again. Its
sort of a blue Mon. too
Dear. This kind of weather
always gives my spirits
sort of a sink down. You
^{know} just the sort of a day
that tells you that winter
isnt far away. Whole
flocks of Black birds have
been flying south over
here today and thats a
pretty good sign. Well its
raining now, just started.
Went over to

King but yesterday morning
and played 18 holes of
golf. Gave my new club
club a good try out and
I like them fine. We
didn't get back from over
there until 1:30 so I ate
my dinner then and
went to the ball game
with some of the fellows.

Sister Dear I think
I'll come down next
Sunday. I would like to
see that game Sunday
and more than that I
want to see you. That's one
thing I wait all the time.
I may want you to reserve

some seats for that game
Eddie. I'll let you know
tomorrow for sure. Dear.

Saw Knappy and Howard
yesterday evening and talked
to them for awhile. They were
looking for Bill. M. so they
could get a date for Cuba
but Bill had a date with
M. J. R. C. guess.

Went to the show last
night with "Eli" Prince and
Ginny then Dad had a
date with Ginny after he
had finished playing and
we fooled around for a
while.

(over) Mr. Bull is about

sick with a bad cold.

When he went home at noon he said he wouldn't be back this aft. he was going to bed.

Guess I don't know any thing else today Dear so that's all.

Yours with love.

Brownie.

P.S. Excuse stationary Eddie.
This is all I could find around here today.



Miss Edna Bernhard
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don't know who. said they
would take me if I would
get a date. I just couldn't
find one though....?

See Dear heart if you only
were back in Hagerstown. I
for one would be about nine
times as happy. But then
Don't think your Dad's work

Probably He's just realizing the
success he dreamed of when
he first worked on the road
25 years ago. The too your
Mother is happier there Dear.

There are opportunities for you
and Marie also. They were thinking
of all those things Eddie when
they moved, don't you think?

With love forever your Brownie

Hagerstown
November 16th
12.30 P.M.

Dear One,

Another beautiful day
Eddie. Lots of nice wet
sticky snow which makes
a demand for rubbers and
keeps me busy. I'd rather
be busy than not though.

Got your letter
this morning Dear. Hope
you had a nice time at
the luncheon. Did you?

Yesterday morning I got up
and went to Sunday school and
Church. Mr. Haven had to go away
yesterday so I taught his class
for him. Yesterday afternoon Sub W.
Stony, Sue, Charlie F. and I all
went up to New Castle to a
show. The show was The Danger
Signal. It wasn't so good but
we had a lot of fun anyway.
Charlie, Sue and Stony would
make a good three ring Circus.

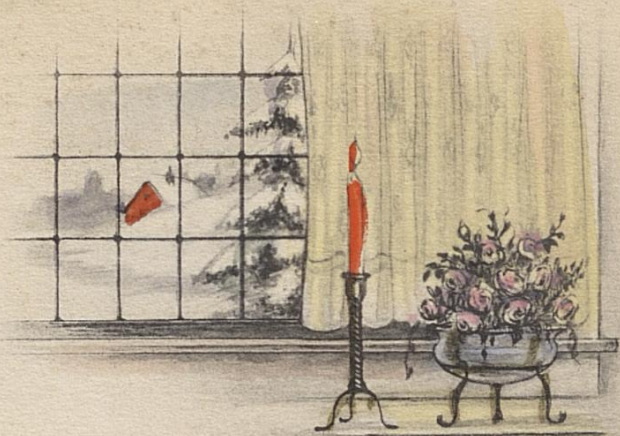
Last night Stan^{and} I went to
the show here. Richard Dix in
"A Man Must Live." No good!
Went home then and read until
about (10 bells and every thing is
well) and then went to bed.

Stony and Bill W. went to
Cambridge last nite to some kind
of young peoples meeting. They took
Beulah and someone else I



Miss Edna Bernhardt.
4455 West Eighth St.
Cincinnati, Ohio.
Price Hill.

A
Merry
Christmas



Talk of the Spirit of Christmas !
I must have caught it ,
for true ,
There's a feeling decidedly cheery
That comes when I'm thinking
of you.

"Brownie"



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INDIANA BROTHERHOOD OF THRESHERMEN

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HAGERSTOWN, IND.

Store 1:20 P.M.

Dear Pal:

Well Dear C just
finished reading your letter so
now I'll try to scribble you a
few lines.

C wasn't in the store
this morning. C took a couple
boys out to pass sale bills
in the different towns and
didn't get back till 12:30.

We went to Huntington, Williamsburg,
Economy, Modoc, Loranville,
and Moreland and put out
bills all over those places.
Had a good time last

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last night over at Beechwood.
Dad Rums orchestra played
and they were plenty good.
He is the old man that
used to play the violin
at the Murray theatre you know.

Eddie Joe Sector had a very
serious accident yesterday afternoon.
He ran into a car with two
men in it on the Newcastle
road and all three were very
bad hurt. One of the men
died at the hospital last
night and Joe and the other
fellow are very bad. I guess
theres no question but what
its all Joe's fault. It happened
at the cross road just this
side of the Flat Rock bridge and
the men were approaching from
Joe's right and of course they
had the right away. Must do
now Dear, very busy.
With love
Brownie.



Miss Edna Bernhard
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Oh.

The store
Tuesday after lunch.

Dearest One:

So Ginny had a wonderful time over at Lexington just as she expected to. Well thats fine but its too bad you especially couldn't have been along too, since they had a new Buick and ever thing. Thats the kind of a friend you should get. one with a car and lots of money so you could really have a good time.

I think its rather mean of you Eddie not tell me what the nice compliment was. You know nice compliments are few and far between in my life and I feel very flattered and am anxious ~~tho~~ to know what your friend Ann had to say about me. Really I am.
I worked till ten oclock

last night typing out a mailing list of insurance prospects to send in to my company so they could send out literature to those people.

Stan is working at the shop now and so is Lur White and I guess Dud Cain is going to work there some time soon. Boy the girls in the office down there are some pined. They only get one weeks vacation without pay.

Well Dear C don't suppose I'll get any more mail from you till Sat. for I'm leaving this evening for a trip through the southern part of the state with Weaver the salesman for the Peters Shoe Co. I don't know just where we are going or to what towns. I'll write from wherever I happen to tomorrow. And I'll expect your letters when I get back Saturday.

Yours with love.
As always.
Brownie.



Miss Edna M. Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Saturday Oct. 23.
At Store
Usual time.

Dearest Only Pat.

What the heck is the matter? I haven't gotten any letter today and won't because there isn't any more mail from the east even if I do have a letter coming.

This is the most beautiful day. Just wonderful and an ideal day for football. Business is awfully dull though haven't had any thing to do all day. When Elmer comes back from lunch I'm going to suggest that he let me go over to the Carlham - Hanover football game then come back

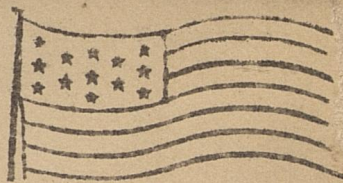
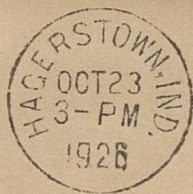
and work this evening. Hope he
consents. I still have a day and
a half of my vacation left so
I feel that I may be he will.

We had a pretty good time
last night. Up in Mable's Room sure
was a scream. I laughed till
I ached all over. That play
certainly is a rare one. The
play next week is The Haunted House
and I believe its playing at the
Cox. Theatre now. Dont it?

Well I'll be yours with lots
of patience till I hear why
I didn't get a letter today.

Just as always.

Browne.



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H - town
Wed. Noon 192

Eddie Dearest:

I don't know what to write you today Dear for I tell you I don't know any news at all. I haven't been very busy so far today and I'm glad of it for it certainly is hot here today.

Charlie was in awhile this morning and he told me he is going to work in the morning on the section. That's on the Pennsylvania R.R. you know

Yes I know how Stony talks about Bulah all the time Dear and just the other day I gave him a calling about it and told him he didn't mean what he was saying,



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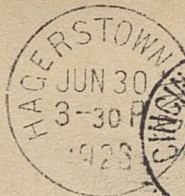
and even if he did feel that way he long t not talk that way about her. He talks that way all time around the fellows

The shop starts working on daylight saving time tomorrow but I don't think that will affect my working hours any. At least not for a while.

Charlie has a date with Ginny tomorrow night but I don't know whether they're going to the party or not.

That all for today
Dearheart so adieu
Your Pal forever.
Brownie.

P.S. Three more days.



Miss Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Store
Friday May 22
at 12.30 P.M.

Dearest One,

No, Eddie, I can't say that I feel so greatly honored just to get a letter. You really should consider it an honor to be permitted to write so many letters to such a person as C. Really you know you are gaining an unusual privilege in being able to correspond with such an out-standing character.

I'm glad to hear Dear that your cold is better and that your Grandmother is getting over her fall alright. You want to have that cold all cured up by next week. You know carry a bottle of Vicks and some pills around with you all time.

Went to Cambridge last night with Rusty W., Sue, and Ben. We went down about 7:30 and Sue had a date and we other three played several games of pool and loafed around till we came home about ~~th~~ 10:30.

Boy we sure did make a quick trip from L.C. home last night just 10 and $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes from the time we left till we stoped here in town.

C got an invitation to a private party dance to be given at Cambridge next Tuesday night. Its given by a young peoples club down there and is strictly an invitation dance. Wish you could be here Eddie we would go.

Well sweetheart I wish we were going to be together again this Sunday but since we can't I hope you have a nice time when you come up to a good state Sunday.

With love always.

E. Brownie.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HAGERSTOWN, IND.

Hagerstown
Monday 1:20 P.M.

Dear Eddie,

Well I suppose you know about as much about Hagerstown or more than I do since Marie is back home. I'm sure I don't know any fresh news.

Stan and I went to the Murray yesterday afternoon. The name of the picture was "Just a Woman" it was pretty good and the vandville was better still. One act was a jazz orchestra of six pieces. They were plenty warm. We met Ben at the Westcott after the show and came back with him. We came back through Cambridge but didn't stop there. We got back about six o'clock and I ate supper at Durbin's. While I was eating Charles F. came in and asked me to go to the show with him so I

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did. It was Agnes Ayers in "Worldly Goods"
Went home and to bed after the show about
9:30. Charley is in here now. He is a barrel
of fun if he will stay away from the dirty
jokes. Pretty hard for him to do though.

Just wrote a letter to Lute Gwaltney
a while ago. Told him to have some of those
pictures I had taken for the Mirage finished
up and sent to me. If you are real good
and send me a new one of you Dear heart
and then come up in a couple of weeks (two
weeks from last Sat.) I might give you one
of them.

Say Dearest remember my saying I doubted
if Cocky's folks were with him that day he
he drove out there. Well they werent but Ben
was. Ben wouldn't come out to the house
though because of Stony I guess. He stayed
up the street some place. Over on Warsaw
at that filling station from the directions
he gave me. What do you think of that?
This funny funny world. And ~~fun~~ people.
Thats you. With lots of love,
Brownie.



Miss Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

of Ad Design Studios.

The Store

Jan 15th

12:45 P.M.

My Only Dearest,

I received both of
your letters this a.m. Eddie and
I see by the way they are dated
that you too have written every
day. Perhaps I was a little
hasty in writing that letter
the way I did yesterday, but if
you think so, why I'll apologize.

Sister, Eddie, I

think if you hire a few more
artists you'll have to take in the
rest of the Schmidt building.
Or do you fire one every time
you hire a new one.

Jimmy's Vincent

House must be the whole
chore. I suppose Jim's in love
with him too. Mr. Gilmore

was in yesterday and he said they got that letter & mailed for you.

I went home after work last night for dinner and then came back down town. I went to the 8d. class meeting at workings and then to the library. After that I went to the show.

The Phantom of the Opera with Lon Cheney. It was even more weird than the Hunchback of Notre Dame. Did you see that?

I'll have to stop now Dear for its one thirty and we have a penny sale at two. About ever two minutes some body bothers and I have wait on them.

I just must stop for today.

Bye Dearest

Just remember how your old Pal.
much I love you
Dearest!

Brownie.

Wish I could see you Sunday just like last week.



Miss Edna Bernhardt.
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

Ad Design.

Wednesday aft.
One O'clock P.M.

Dearest Eddie,

Well its another day
Dear and here I am again
doing my daily duty. Got your
letter this morning but not
until about 11 o'clock for I
was busy taking stock inventory
all fore-noon.

Listen, Eddie, you
brought out a point in your
letter about Ginny staying or
keeping away from that tribe (since
thats what you call them) that just
fitted in exactly with my way
of thinking. You know its none
of my business Dear but I dont
admire the kind of people
Ginny picks out for friends and
I would like it a lot better if
you wouldnt run around with

that crowd. When you and Ginny
were talking the other evening I
couldn't help but get some impression
that I didn't like at all, Eddie.

Listen; You say you don't approve
of those people and the thing they
do and say. Well why in thunder
must you persist in sharing
around with a bunch of hoodlums?
If you run with that sort of
people it's only a question of time
till you are doing just as they
do. I didn't mean to say those
things ~~things~~ but they have been
on my mind and I want you
to know how I feel. You're
not like that. Dear, and damned
if I want you to get that way.
See, Eddie. I want you to have
friends and dates and good times
but be sensible about it and
don't think you have to do
the same things Ginny and
other flighty dumb bells do.
Think it over.

I'm going to Cambridge to
a basketball game tonight.

Jerry Reynolds is taking a bunch
of fellows down.

My kid brother Don is tickled
to death. Coach Dorsett picked the
first and second basket ball teams
up at school and he gets to
play on the second squad. He
was telling me all about it when
he came down to get the coal
up this morning. I give him
75¢ a week for carrying the coal
up for me. He likes basket-ball
about as well as I do.

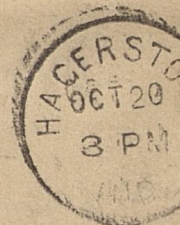
I didn't get to bed till after
11 last night and I aimed to get
in early. Doc Harcourt and I
have gotten to be pretty good
friends and I met him on the
street when I was going home
about 7:30 and he wanted me
to go around to the house
with him to see some new
x-ray equipment he had, so I
did. We talked and foaled
around and I finally started
on home about 10:30 and Mrs.
Harcourt brought in some hot
bran muffins and milk and

so we had lunch before I went home.
Doc sure is a good heart. He worked
his way through a school in Chicago.
He went for three years up there
and part of the time he went to
night school and worked in the
day time. I'm getting some good
~~idea~~ ideas from him so if I
try school again. Well I wish
I had nerve enough to try it
again. I think I give up too
easy. Just because I failed once
oughtn't to be any reason why
I couldn't make a go of it another
time.

Well Old Pal I've wrote about
all I have on my mind today
so I'll have to say Adios.

Yours with love.

Brownie



Miss Edna Bernhardt
411 Schmidt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wednesday P.M.
One Bill - alls Well.

Dearest Pal:-

Mighty glad to hear
you are still getting better sweetheart.
Don't worry about a little work
piling up for some one else can
do that and you know there
never could be but one you.
At least just one you for me.

I had several chances
to see the "Black Pirate" it was over
at the Washington for a couple
weeks but I just never did. The
Robertson Players are at the
Washington beginning this week.
They are playing "It's a Boy" for
the opening week. Guess it's
a good show.

Saw Knappy this morning.
She came over here while she was

waiting on her bus. She had a days vacation yesterday.

Yer. Saturday was candy day every place and I think thats about all I ate on that day. I was just lucky all the way around Sat. I bought a ticket on the base-ball pool for 25¢ and won three dollars with my number 12 and I also won two treats. Then Joe and I went down to dinner Sat. evening and each took a punch on the board and I won a two pound box of crockets.

Thelma White is ill. I guess she has the flu and has been out of school all week. She had a date with Tony Sunday night. John, I guess had been having a few ^{little} Ah. Yer, Men Men they're all just alike. If they look cross eyed they arn't fit to be trusted. Well Adios for today.

Your Old Faithful.
Brownie.



Miss. Edna Bernhe
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*The Store
Fish Day 1:20 P.M.*

My Dearest Pal,

I started to write this about an hour ago Dear but Bill Webb a fellow I was down at Ki-Ro Camp with a couple years ago came in and I've been talking to him. Bills from Richmond and is working for the Bethard Auto Co. selling Dodge cars.

Well its still hot but I spose you know that. Ever body seems to think its going to rain and ever body hopes it will but still it doesn't. I still have hopes that it will. Sometime

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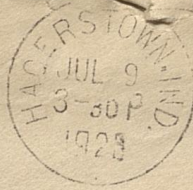
We all went swimming last night in Dehays. Doc took us down in the Buck about 7 o'clock and we stayed in for about an hour and a half. The water was very warm but it rained a little shower and the air was rather cool. So you see we first went in to keep cool and then stayed in to keep warm.

Went around through Cambridge on the way home and then got home before 10 P.M. Cread a while then and went to bed.

Well Dearheart I guess
I'll say goodbye for today.

Your Pal,

Brownie.



Miss Edna M. Bernhardt
411 Schmitt Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sherman House



PHIL M. HOFFMANN, PROP.

BATESVILLE, IND.

June 11, 1926
About 8:30

Dearest Pal,

Well Dear we were
traveled some yesterday and
got back up here at about
8 P.M. last evening. We went
down State road 39 from
Metamora through Blacksville
and on down to Lawrence-
burg and over to (Auda)
and then back up to a
place called Sherman and
ate dinner there last evening
then drove on over here.

Mr. Weaver is over
calling on one of his
customers and as soon as
he finishes why I guess
we will be ready to travel

again. I don't know where we will go from here but we aim to work on north towards home so we will be in there some time this evening.

I'm having a great time and a lot of fun driving the car. Boy it sure does run fine. It will do 65 if necessary.

Well I'll say goodbye for today and then Dear I'll write after I've read your letters when I get home to night.

Yours as ever.

Brownie.

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If not delivered in.....days, return to

Tue Day
Store P.M.

Dearheart Eddie,

Well I'm back
on schedule today old Pal I guess
our gang isn't going to meet
this noon. The fellows went
back to school early today for
Chapel. I've been plenty busy
so far today and from the
looks of things I will be for
the rest of the day.

After dinner last
evening I went around to a
meeting of the basket ball
league and then went over
to Dr. Harcourt's and about
9:30 when I started on home
it was raining bucket fulls.
I sure got soaked (with water)
before I got home.
The first basket

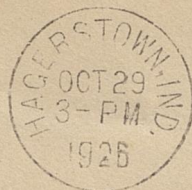
ball game is tonight and of course I'll be right there. Wish you could be sweetheart. Wish it certainly would be great if I could have a date with you tonight.

Say listen you better be on your good behavior. You know what would happen to you if weren't. Probably get a good paddling or something about the next time I saw you. I trust that you are always good though. Dear. Just be good and sensible and sweet Eddie and not like the average run of dumb girls. Please.

Old Pal I've been about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours writing this and its time I'll have to close to get it in the mail so good by till Monday.

Yours as ever,

Brownie



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Wednesday
At 1 P.M.

My Only Eddie.

Stony and Bud have just gone on to school so now I'll do my daily lines. You know Eddie there are just two important times of the day for me any more, one is the time when I get your letter and the other is when I answer it. And if I fail to get a letter or get one that isn't so good well I'm out of sorts all the rest of the day.

This is a beautiful day. It's my idea of a perfect autumn day and I feel like I just want to get out in the open and tramp through the fields and woods till I'm all tired out then come

home sleep like a log and dream
of you. Pleasant dreams.

So Micky and Al are still sore,
maybe they're going to stay that way.
I'm surprised to hear that thing
didn't get sore when you told her
what you thought of her friends,
Dear. Just be careful the kind
you pick out for your self or
you may get balled out pretty
frequently by yours truly. See!

I went to the class meeting
last night and endured it for
a couple hours. There were only
three fellows and about a dozen
girls and I felt like I had
gotten in some sewing circle. Don't
think I'll go any more. It isn't
safe, there isn't enough men to
go around in this town and
some of these women are getting
desperate.

Yer this month is almost gone
Dear. Time flies and I don't know where
Your Pal as ever.
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