

April 23d, 1942

Milam, Lodging:

Well, here I am installed in an apartment, expensive, yes but far better than crowding in with somebody when they have no room for you. Your mother & Tommy seem to think I'm foolish for picking up my things and have not even told me I could have them, but I think I'm going to take some tables, chairs & maybe rugs, etc. It may cost \$5 but I want a fairly comfortable place when you get here.

We had a good time in Norfolk - just the same old Churchman as, only not so much drinking, never more than two drinks an evening unless there was a party in the offing - which was about once a week. We played golf twice and I did terribly - but somehow I have no enthusiasm - once in a while Vincent would beat me properly & I would



laughs at him - then he'd say "I was waiting for that - I'll bet Sanderson would have a good smack for that." actually they are the best friends we've ever had - please write them - they kept me from going absolutely, positively nuts, as I'll explain when I see you.

Someday ago Vince was all packed up ready to go to Wake Island when he was told not to go. He has a clinic over there and in his own toes - Did I write you a ft. long one is.

Your letter came when I was completely down & out so I can't tell you what it meant to me. Staying here in this apt is lonely but I like it better than being cooped up with somebody. Am going to look for a job starting Monday - I'm sure I can get one & will if it's only \$20 per week. I wish I had told you to radio me - just a scrap would mean everything -

Honey, when I consider myself, I feel like a heel - so many other people are worse off than we are but missing you is something I just can't help even if



it is a form of selfishness. There are  
so many things to think about & worry  
about that I cannot write you a decent  
letter but now that I'm practically  
~~settled~~ - I will write soon.

I must get this in the mail  
if I'm going to.

Give Shady a big - big hug for  
me and tell the boys hello.

I'm glad you got somebody you  
like to live with and if their  
wives write of course I'll do what  
I can to ease their minds.

With all my love

Shady

Darling: I didn't get this mailed, as my  
watch was slow so I'm going to town & will  
try again. How I wish I could talk with  
you but that's impossible so I mustn't think  
about it. Please come home quick quick  
and let me know as soon as you can  
what you have done with cooking utensils



etc., & Don't forget to look for my desk fountain  
pen - the one I'm using won't hold ink -  
also ~~take~~ pack up the lamp shades if  
you can - you didn't mention them.

If we could only be settled again, or  
else get used to the idea of traveling  
around. Actually, Midway, the good old WSA  
is the best but it's not the same.

I am trying to budget myself now but  
the trip to Norfolk was \$40 from Charleston  
for the round trip \$20 round trip to Charleston  
so I'm going to have to go on a diet  
this month or until I get a job which is  
what I'm going to start looking for. Per.  
Most everything is Civil Service & I don't  
want to get into that until after you come  
home because you can't stop that any time  
you wish & get back in again. Vacation  
time will soon start & I should be able  
to get a job then but think I can before?

You know that I'm trying my best to get  
along as economically as I can, this seems



the easiest and cheapest so far but even that is bad - I have to pay \$65 for a living room, bath & in a door bed but that is the best I can do so far. I have taken the place for a month & will look for something cheaper. The cheapest board & room was \$75 a month and no place for you when you get here. I'm going to work as soon as I can find even a typing job but if you can get more money from Timestone for my living expenses you should do so.

I'm worried to death about your safety with Vicky acting up as she is. Do try to get mail to me more often. I must stop.

I'd give anything if I had never left there.

Love Gladys

I hate to send this letter but can't do better now.



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October 29, 1942

My darling:

I am writing this just in case something else arises to prevent me from leaving as I told you in my radio about three weeks ago. When I last wrote you I thought I had a good chance of getting everything completed by early September; then it all was thrown out longer and after everything was complete we found the damaged equipment. Before we could determine the length of time required to replace a revolution it we had a long series of failures back and forth which simply ran into walls. I did not write for I was always holding out hopes of either getting away or being in a position to feel yourself when I could leave. I should have kept on writing just as if I intended staying here forever. Please forgive me dear for causing you embarrassment and concern and having it all such times I thought of writing I also thought I might feel the letter home. Right now I think I shall be leaving before the fifteenth of this month.

We are limited to two letters a week, each containing only one sheet, so I am crowding as much as possible into the two letters today. I shall try to answer some or all of your questions in the allotted space.

I would suggest that you leave your apartment at the Hay House unless the conditions there are too uncomfortable but if you can get a more comfortable one, do so by all means. This is only a suggestion for I am in no position to decide when your comfort and happiness are at stake. You use your own judgement and I will know you are right. But please, dear, let your comfort and well-being be your first concern for that is all I can think about.

Remember you have here in a warm climate for several years so be sure you get plenty of warm clothes and do not be so concerned about the economy. I think you are exactly right about the fur coat and I should certainly get the better one to make it. Pete said he paid \$50.00 for Chabotte's so the difference is negligible in comparison to the value of the coat. I am afraid the shoes I shipped were delayed here. Mine in the next letter but this one carries love, too. Mabel.



October 29, 1942

My darling:

I bought two more skins which I will try with me. There is a possibility of the ones I shipped being held here so long that some of them are damaged so be sure and not let any of our others get away from you until all have been tanned. You may wish to go ahead and have your work made with the ones you have. It might be a good idea to look them over so you can see if you can make up enough good ones so you can have the work right away. If the others arrive safely, and with the ones I can buy, we will have enough for two more coats. Incidentally, you might write Bill to instruct his hiker to slip the skins to the other furrier rather than to Spang's as I instructed them.

I was so relieved to hear that Sholey got home safely. Bless his heart, I worried about him plenty. Hope he does not pick any more fights.

Send letters to our magazines for we are managing to get them better now than before. Last night I read the November issue of Cosmos. It was saved of you to think about it but we manage to have some, if not plenty, to read.

I am still living in our house and am getting with Pete Spay him the standard price and find I come out better than by buying house myself, but I the utensils etc. to do it with. Incidentally, I have disposed of everything, paid all our bills, but the company and the bank \$130 in August, \$220 this month. I have left her \$50 for travelling expenses and had the company and bank \$450 they sent out for the chop feed. I will collect about another \$100 before I leave. I sold the radio and buy eggs for what it cost.

We have plenty of food but not the selection we had formerly. Adams works for Dr. Shoyes as Pete has his new work - a pretty good one, too. Russ and Jay Beck still work for me. Russ want to work for someone else and got into some trouble which I will tell you about when I get home.

I will continue this letter but the next installment will be mailed Monday.

I love you, my dear,

Melvin.



November 5, 1942 #1

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My darling:

My last two letters were combined at the post office as I presume there too will also. I discontinued writing early this week when I received your letter about the skins and began drafting all my spare time to collecting some more. I think I told you I have two nice ones, one of which I am sure will go with the two you can make up. Also, I think I can track Pat's out of an unusually pretty one. Charles & I want some of my clothes very badly so I have been out on the trail of some more. I shall take your suggestion about buying them here and I hope the clothes they replace will also help secure them. I am afraid the skins I shipped will not be useful as they were stored here for three months without my knowledge. I would certainly forward them for Tannie and let them be the judge. Of course, this would not be helpful but I am really disappointed for there were some beautiful skins in that lot. I will do my best to get enough for a good coat for you and will let you know how I get along. I should hate to add another to the list of your disappointments.

We expect the fellows to help get now any do so I hope that within a few days to handle the whole story and can get on my way home. The trouble is not too serious in itself but I will have to wait until I see you to explain in detail.

While writing about the skins I forgot to mention Nono & Sybil are in country looking for them too. I wish you would have seen them there that day! They were travelling in true style with an extra boy to carry their "things" which consisted of their including some of my old neckties and also your alarm clock. They intended they must make an impressive entrance in order to be successful. I am quite sure you can imagine the impression they will make. They were going to Adonis' father first and then down to this country. I am sure they will help out.

Love,  
Doris



November 5, 1942 #2

My darling:

Your letter of the nineteenth distressed me a great deal for I thought you understood about the writing. I explained last week before I received you. You can imagine how annoying this week by week delay in my departure has been and each time I would think that certainly I would have and that I would arrive here before my letter would. I am sincerely sorry to have distressed or embarrassed you. Forgive me, please.

There is no more - no one seems to do any thing anymore. The boys, Pete and I were at Hart's Sunday for weekly chop and I played golf for the first time since you left. In fact, it was the second time I had been at the club - I told you my reaction to my first visit - and I had a terribly depressing time of it this time also. I would not be myself looking around the course to find you.

A good many people who left about the time you did and later are back again and several have left who are not returning. There are many new people and I must admit that I do not know half of them by name. Ashby is on his way out and will live with me ~~until~~ until I leave and thus he will take over our house permanently. Does that turn some of the folks who have been angling for it?

I am so glad you see Louise Anne so much & she is a lovely person. Give her my love when you see her again.

I must close and take them down to be washed. Remember I love you a great deal and I am counting the days until I can see you again. Will write again early next week to keep you up-to-date on the skin palace. Affectionately,

Melina



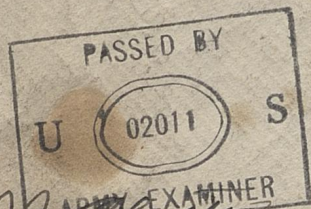
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November 23, 1942

My darling:

I am writing this even though there is a good chance of me arriving at home before it does. I am being booked for leaving the first week in December which is not week. We will know by the end of the week whether the damaged parts have been successfully reconditioned and if they have then everything is finished. If they feel that the only thing that can be done is to wait for replacements. Larry agrees that in either case I can leave at the first opportunity next week.

Leuk has been with me on the skin palaver so far. I got five this afternoon, which with the three I bought previously makes a total of eight I have now and which I will bring with me, shipping what clothes I will not need on the trip. Of these eight there is one big one, two medium size and two small skins which I think can be used with the ones like Ben brought you. Two are large and dark but I bought them anyway just in case. The last one is very small and probably will not be of much use. Incidentally the skins I shipped are now there so I suggest you check up on them and see if they were in good condition or spoiled in storage.

You know I am anxiously looking forward to being with you again and hope it will not be longer than two weeks until that comes true. I will have only you notified when I have.

Love,  
Mike

P.S. will continue to try for more skins - love some good leads.



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