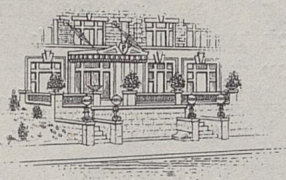


The PURITAN APARTMENTS LOUISVILLE



January 25th

1940.

My dearest Gladys:

There isnt a bit of news to tell you this morning but I must write anyhow for I havenot written you a line since you left! There seemed to be so much to say to my dear son but these last weeks of being completely housed by the worst blizzard in years have left me utterly without an idea! If you nave gotten the papers I sent you will see what we have been through and still are having as indicated by the clipping enclosed from today's Courier Journal. You are probably sweltering as I write but here it is one degree below zero at noon and the predictions are for colder weather still and that lasting through Saturday - over a month of intense cold. For the last two weeks I wain Hopkinsville I was housed as I never saw worse ice as was everywhere and then when I got back up here there was ice and snow so I decided the better part of wisdom was to take no chances on falling as every step out of doors was a menace. Fortunately it was not necessary for me to go out as there is much I can do over the phone and so I have styed on here from day to day and enjoyed it to the fullest. I have been out several times but the cold is so biting I came back as soon as I could do so.

I am beginning to count the days until I can hear from you and Milam. I am told that mail takes nearly a month to come so I hope you both will bear that in mind and write as often as you can. I have no way of keeping track of the ships sailing to Liberia so I have tried to keep up the letters but I have had many interruptions since I got back even though I have been here much of the time. For the first time in over eighteen months I msettled at last and I do enjoy it - but as there are many things in this apartment which havenot been touched since I moved them in in September and many of your things - not located until I got back (thank to my many trips to Hopkinsville) so I have used the bad weather to get everything really in order so we can live comfortably and in ease. Each day I have tried to write and each day some interruption - today its been the plumber, the carpenter, the window washer, the vaccuum cleaner - and now its noon and my letters just started as I have had to neglect my correspondence terribly. But today I feel that I am through with all of these interruptions and so I am going to enjoy the cold spell while I have to stay in.

I enclose some letters from Pat - not much in them but all the family news there is. I have notheard for a day or two so I trust Alf still continues to improve. His improvement however seems short lived in each instance - I doubt if he really ever will be much better. While I was there he went down stairs every day but he seems not to be able to do that now and as the weather has been so cold and Pat's house is so cold I imagine he has been pretty close in his own room.

I am so glad we went out to see Mrs. Sims that afternoon for the look I got at those pictures gave me a real idea of what your home and surroundings are like. So many people ask all about it and of course I

can only tell what I saw that day. But it was most promising and I do hope you are finding it as comfortable as it looked to be.

When I came up I brought along your little tea kettle and it certainly has been a joy to me especially these cold days when really this apartment has been cold. A gas stove and a nice hissing tea kettle make a lot of difference. Eugenia, whom folks often about you and Milan, was so pleasee at the sight of it as she said it had been years since she had seen one and never one as cute as this one. I left your red coffee pot in Hopkinsville but put it away so the present tenant could not use it. I got a percolator to be safe as of course that and a dripolator take different grinds of coffee. I use the two towels you gave me so you see I have many reminders of you in my every day life which is a great pleasure to me.

well I had a letter from my faithful Mary yesterday- she is working one day, for this Mrs. Roberts in my apartment and I am glad of that for her presence insures perfect care of everything we have. She writes that Mrs. Roberts says she just loves the apartment and I can understand that for it is lovely- but I am truly glad she feels that way about it and Mary says she says she wants to leave it as perfectly clean as she found it. She has her own bedding so ours will not have any hard use- I trust.

Mary Thompson is very busy going to work at eight thirty every morning and recently leaving before eight as she had some work ~~at~~ at the dentist's. She gets in about six in the evening- goes out some in the evening but tries to get good rest as that is so necessary. She has made contacts with some other old friend and made some new ones- she loves living here so I think altogether she is happier than she has been for a long time and as you know looks exceedingly well. She is going out to dinner tonight with her widower friend- the one she started with first last winter. She does not see him much but occasionally she likes to go with him. She has an engagement to see "Gone with the Wind"- for weeks the house has been sold out solid for the night performances. I want to go some morning as its much cheaper and also I hate to go anywhere at night especially for a four hour performance. It starts tomorrow and lasts a week- the engagement, not the show. And every seat for every night sold out days ago. I am most anxious to see it, but will wait until warmer weather to tackle it.

Give my dear son much love- I pray always that you and he may be happy and well over there and that the move will be a stepping stone to other things for him and will prove a great event in his dear life and yours. You can help him much, certainly in morale, and I know you will. I wish I knew what both of you were doing today.

With much love to you both and hoping to hear from each of you very, very soon now--

Mother.

Mary Thompson would send a message if she were here- you can know that she joins me in very much love to you both.

I have wondered if you get the papers I send? They are so bulky I wonder if the wrappings hold. Milam asked me to send the funnies-- I found this Philadelphia paper which is said to contain them all so I send that instead of the Courier-- which has very little of interest in it. As long as Milam takes the Sunday N.Y. Times the Courier is an anticlimax! So I will not send it any more. Mary Thompson would join in much love if she were here. I am so glad she is out in the glorious sunshine.

THE PURITAN APARTMENTS

LOUISVILLE

I am wondering if you are at the club you mentioned as its Sunday-- hope you enjoy the club.



Sunday, March 17th.
1940.

My dear Gladys:

Your nice, long letter was such a joy to us all! Mary Thompson

and I read every word eagerly then I had to pass it around as all of the family are so deeply interested in all that you and Milam are doing. I sent it to Agnes with the request that she send it back which she has not done yet-- and I enclose one from her as I know you and Milam love to hear what they are doing-- this the last letter I have had from her but its interesting and I know will be particularly so to Milam.

His advice about getting the New York Times was grand-- I got it once just in time to rush off a letter to him then again to find there was no ship sailing-- that in a way relieves me from suspense but it also takes away the anticipation of letters from you when I know they just cant get here. I am writing this today in the hope there will be a ship going in a few days as there was none at all this last week.

What becomes of ones time is the constant mystery to me. During all of the awful weather we have had I have stayed here at home pretty closely and I know what I have been doing then-- we are so tired of the food here and of course we cannot consider a maid so the only alternative was for me to do it-- and I really have enjoyed it and have learned to be a real good cook. By their irony of fate Mary Thompson loves to cook but she often does not get home until after six o'clock and that is just too late to start preparing food for an evening meal and provide the kind of food both of us need. So I have undertaken it and have been right proud of what I have accomplished-- I am not the good manager you are and certainly not the good cook but being able to assemble an eatable dinner is an accomplishment I had never hoped to attain-- but I have. We eat in the kitchen and we eat simply but we eat and are satisfied.

This is our first spring day-- I have never seen such a winter and really the past week has been bitter cold-- so two days of sunshine in succession are a rare joy. Yesterday was lovely and very cold but there was sunshine. We had lunch with some of Mary Thompson's friends-- I believe I have written you about such a nice new beau she has acquired-- his people live in Bowling Green so his mother and sister came up for the week end with him-- (his name is Charles Scudder and they are from Portsmouth, Ohio (where papa lost all his money!))-- so we all had lunch together and after that a long drive in the country-- the first ride I have had except to and from Hopkinsville. Today Mrs. Scudder went back to Bowling Green and Charles drove her home and Mary Thompson went with him. She was not very enthusiastic about going but she insisted and when she saw how very lovely the day was she was glad she was going. She needs sunshine-- she has hardly any since last summer! I wish she could get out some where and just lie in the sun but there is nowhere to go to lie in anything but a bed.

Thursday night Elizabeth Abernathy and Elizabeth Stites had dinner with us and we did enjoy them so-- they have been so good about letting me go home with them and that is the only way I have to return-- the obligation and having been away so much all fall and winter I could not even do that.

They were so interested in hearing about you and Milam- you know they were in Milam's classes all through school- Elizabeth Abernathy was and E. Stites in High School. They read Milam's letter with so much interest and were so sorry I had sent yours off to Agnes. They are lovely girls and it seems such a pity that their lives are so empty except for school work as they seem to have no social life. I believe it is because they go home so much. Every body knows that week ends are the times to do things and go places and as they go to Hopkinsville every other one and have for ten years or more they have cut themselves off from any contacts and being there only the two days twice a month they have none there except their families so I think they have ruined any social life they may have had. But that is their business- and I am grateful to have the chance to take advantage of their folly and go along. I have some important business with the bank which comes up this week so I am going down with them Easter- I was there two weeks ago to see about the apartment which I have had no success in renting I am sorry to say. I want to see about that too but it is largely the matter with the bank that is taking me again so soon although I may keep going twice a month until I get a tenant.

Uncle Baylor, Helen and Stanny Rodes came back yesterday from Florida where they had a wonderful time. I have not had time to drive out to see him but telephoned him. Baylor and Louise and their one daughter who is at home were there and so they all got a cottage and stayed together. Florida must be lovely now but it has been terribly cold most of the winter.

Some weeks ago when I went home Lucy Beale came up here to stay with Mary Thomson over the week end and had such a good time that she kept delaying her departure until she had stayed ten days- She had such a good time that she is coming back. Anne left Friday for Florida with the Robt Rutherford- they are so good to her as they go somewhere every winter and always take her along as their guest - so Pat asked Anne if the girls might come up and occupy her room for a few days or during Agnes's spring vacation which begins Thursday and lasts through Easter. I don't think Agnes is very keen about coming as she has a very devoted lover and naturally she likes to be there during holidays- especially one that calls for a corsage and she is at the age when a corsage is the most important thing in life. Lucy Beale has never forgiven her lover for the way he acted when she was up here- he is a big brute and I hope she never makes up with him but in the meantime it is lonely as there are so few beaux in Hopkinsville and she is very restless so she uses this as a safety valve. I cannot help hoping she will not spend the whole time Anne is away as that will be three weeks. Having a guest that long is most difficult but she will not be our guest- that Pat made plain but she will be my responsibility and after she had such a good time before I dread the come down + fear this trip will be. That was during Lent and all of the young people - or girls- who can go to Florida- and the beaux are plentiful. Now they are all back and the post Lenten and Easter activities are on and an outsider has no chance. I almost hope they will not come. Pat is so good to me I should hate to have her girls come and have a flop of a visit. I know no young people except Stanny Rodes and of course Mary T. is away all day every day so the chances look pretty slim to me.

I am wondering if you could use the material for your curtains after you got a different house? I hope your next letter will tell me all about the house and what you are doing about it. I am so glad you got one of the big ones and just deliriously delighted that it is high up on a hill top where you will have a breeze. The Elizabeths could not believe that anywhere the thermometer got to 150- some tried to contend that they would not register that high. But the heat does, doesn't it whether it registers or not.

I talked with Mrs. Major when I was at home and she asked me to ask Milam to write to her- she says she does so want something from him if only a card. Tell Milam they bought that Dr. Gilmore house where they have lived since they left their old home. She is very sensitive and always asks about Milam and now she wants a line from him- a simple request to grant.

Give him my fondest love- and with a great deal for your self and all good wishes for health and happiness--

Mother

Louisville - Jan 3rd 1892

My dearest Gladys - The times are so com-
plicated with your that I find difficulty
in keeping up with my letters. I get
findings that the clippers are going - or
so, I was informed on the P.O. - I feel I
have become careless about having letters
on all the boats - as I have sent one on
every clipper to date as given me. I cannot
get any more information concerning them
on the ships - The P.O. Smith said the
clipper would leave Miami regularly for
Florida, carrying mail - so I have to keep
my own count. The letter I mailed said
he was starting on a home leaving next
day, and would come on the home which he
has on Nov. 29th and carried a
letter to him, I hope.

In case it did not appear to thank you
both again for the love & letters I
sent. There is nothing I desired so much
as a love - and this is such a

Leahy! He has heard it and says she come
in does the same - I don't see how one gets
along without one! - I know of no thing which
would have given me as much pleasure -
The flannel robe is lovely - just with a high
collar - and gets a long job need - as
do the stockings and the slip. He had a
nice, quiet Christmas which gives long
night made for Loppie for they seemed
to cheer to me across the world. - I hope
you got our simple box - I wish I could have
added a much to your comfort and pleasure
as you did for mine.

The news from the Philippines continues bad -
I receive Pat's last letter - he each day writes
a new chapter - today's contains very many
and we will feel anxious until we hear again.
We are busy in looking the touch with
General Bell who is a Colonel, and his
messages are authentic, of course.

John Jr. goes back to Annapolis tomorrow and
is commanding the fleet. I see, right
Agnes called and said she would be up
with him and we are so glad she is coming.
Agnes Esler was coming too - but a letter -

Just the piece had been cancelled - OZ
Lille. 7th.

I mailed you a L & O calendar and
I've mailed several bundles of papers -
all containing articles I think you would
want to have - possibly buy -

I don't know what the matter with you is -
it's also, I'd bet, today I can hardly
write - I've tried for days to get settled
while I was with you by remote - but many
interruptions made writing difficult.

The letter on the clippers told you of the
baby who is coming in May - Mrs. J. and
Charlie are so happy on the prospect,
and I guess I am - She seems well and
so happy! We both send you both much love.

I will not tax you further - I hope I
have let a ship so include a message
with a heart full of love to you both and
thank you again for the lovely letters
I've from me -

Notes.

regic snow storm today, man, was a
change her flows. Its the first snow
of the winter.

I am on the Puritan looking, come in
ahead of the snow to spend the night with
Anne as I do frequently. The Lou-
garden of the old Navy Commission Building
as I wrote you the very planning to do - and
some of the girls have opened a place
down town - she is there today and will continue
for the next month until they complete
the order which swamped them & has
they announced they are quitting. I am
glad Anne will be a rest - she needs
it. All the vacation she has taken in
years she has spent riding in Florida
with the Partridge's - nice but not so good.

Enclose a Christmas card which came
to us from "the Lyons" - you met them
when you were here and I thought it was
well in them to include you and
Milan in the card.

I wrote Milan & tried to telegraph
and you a Christmas message - but to

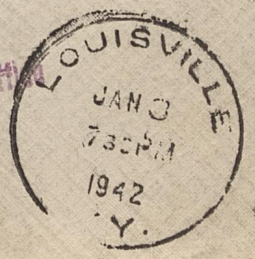
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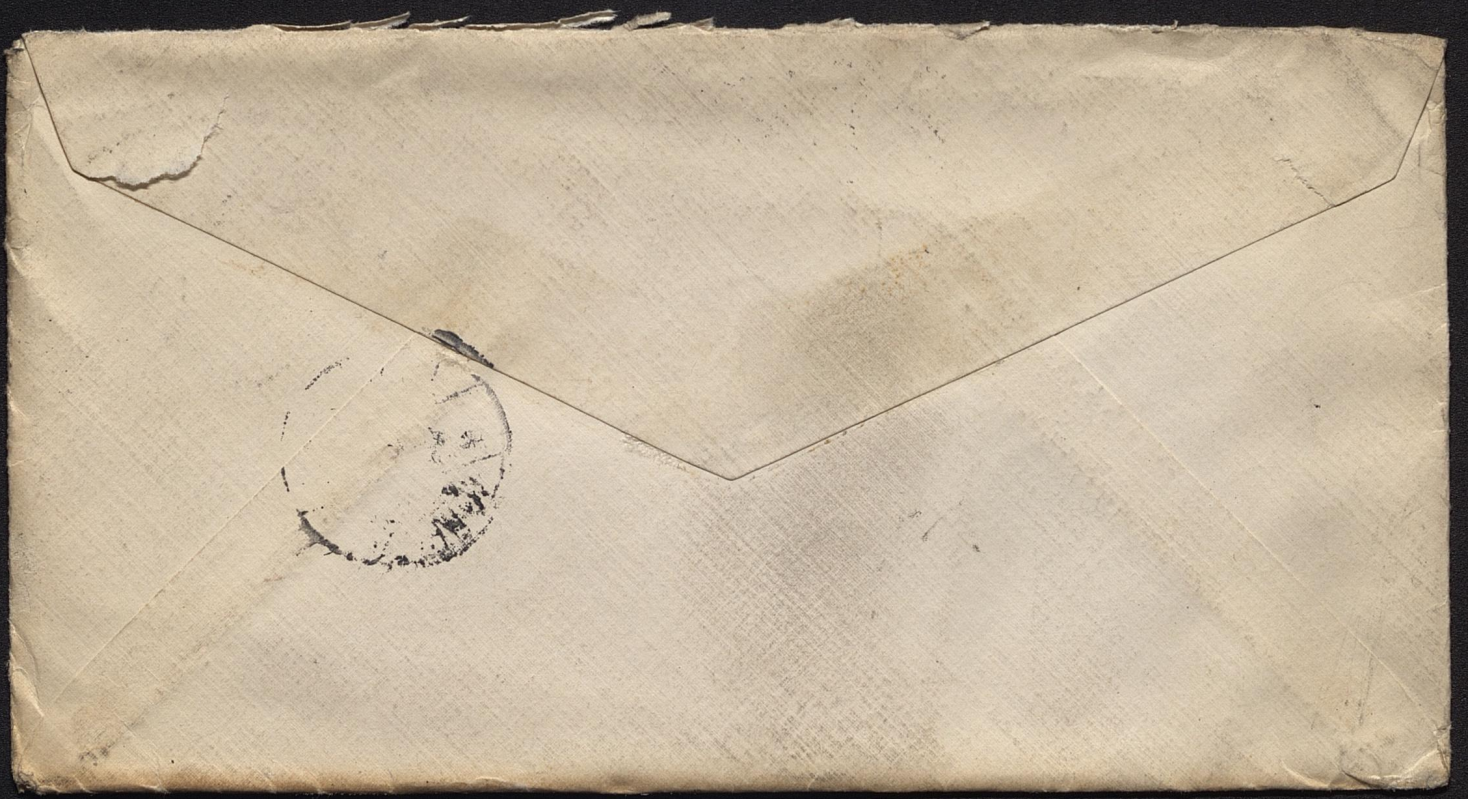
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Miss Agnes Eckles

Hopkinsville
February 5th.

My dearest Gladys:

Its been a long time since I heard from you and it seems long since I wrote to you! I meant to write before leaving Louisville but I had had such a wretched cold and before I could get myself together Pat called saying the tobacconist who was occupying that little apartment was leaving this week as the season has been a very short one- and also she said calls were coming in from people sent here for the camp and that she thought it best for me to come right on down as she had had several applications for the apartment. When Pat calls I know it is important so I came right on down the next day- that was a week ago today and its been a busy week! I never seem to have a good time to write while I am here and as Agnes is still here its really had to get away from her and Pat as we are making the best of every minute Agnes is here. I enclose letters from her and Pat, both sent to me before I came but both contain family news so I send them on.

I got here Thursday night and found that Mrs. McAnis needed the room where we have had a lot of junk stored ever since Mother moved out and so we had to get busy the very next day and move it all out. I never saw a worse day- a pouring, cold rain but with Robert's help Pat got her things out and the next day I got mine sending it all down home. Its chiefly junk but there are some valuable things- I could use one of the gauges so stored it all there until the Hawks go out of the apartment and leave me a vacant garage. But for my biscuit roller, one bed and the baby bed there isnt much I care for but these are too valuable to dispose of or neglect. I am having the baby bed fixed so Mary Thompson can use it- its small and very simple but its cute and light and I think any one would want the bed they slept in as a baby to use for their own so I have kept it through the years for my own grandbabies when (or it has seemed if) they come. Its a simple job to have it fixed but getting it all in order has been one of the many things I have been trying to do. Labor is scarce and uncertain so its been hard to get a man to clean up and arrange the things as I want to do.

The camp is a certainty and we are wondering what can be done with the crowd which will inevitably follow its establishment. I want to be ready to take in some of the high class, highly paid officials or engineers when they do come. The contract is to be let the 10th of this month so I will stay on here until then and see if I can get some one. As long as you and Milam cannot get home for some months yet I think I must go on and put someone in there. The cost of every thing is soaring so we have to begin to count pennies.

I cannot tell you what a joy my lovely pink flannel robe has been to me since I came down here. This is the coldest house I was ever in and my room is the coldest in the house! Pat does every thing she can to make every body perfectly comfortable but you know how uncertain hot air heat is. She keeps a fire in the living room all the time so thats lovely and warm and some of the bedrooms are but all of them require gas heat as well as the furnace heat- but gas has to be lighted and when I get up in the morning my room is like ice and does not get warm enough with the gas to bother about fooling

with it so a Pat is most indulgent about letting Agnes adme sleep in the mprnings I get up ans slip into my lovely warm robe and go right down stairs until the house does get warm. I never hd agarment whic I enjoyed more or had more compliments on. The ~~next~~ globe too is a perfect joy- and the other thigs too- I have said this before but I have the feeling that you are not getting my letters. I was told yesterd that the air mails I have sent have probably been sent, finally, by ships!. Not having heard from either of you for so long makes me wonder if you are getting the many letters and ppers I have sent you. Neither papers nor letters seem to be going through to the far east so I wonder often about the fate of those in the Atlantic- we get nothing to or from Alfred. A message came through the Red Cross December the 27th saying he was well and safe so far- the message wa to the Red Cross- not to Pat. And thats the last word we have had from them over there. Except of course what comes over the radio and through Washington as general news.

Agnes is still here but she is getting anxious to get back west as John is there alone. John Jr. is still debating about enlisting. I believe her letter says he's turned down on account of his eyes and now there is much opposition to men enlisting & that system seems to throw it all out of gear and there is a tremendous sentiment to confine it all to drafting so that the government may place men where they are needed rather than where they want to go. Also the requirements will be lowered as many have been rejected or deferred for trivial reasons. The New Era stated that there were 3,000 here in this county who had been deferred who would probably now be called dependents seems the principal reason and that is being remedied by the government.

I am sure you are pleased over the prospect of a baby in the family. Mary Thompson is so happy over it and looks and seems so very well. I am trying to get everything in shape so I will be free to be with her as much as possible from now until after May 7th. Her apartment is hardly suited to this kind of addition to the family so I am afraid it will necessitate another move. I hope the next will be to a home of their own but that seems far distant now. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ We have had no further word about Ed's estate- they have two years in which to settle it so it may be that long and as long as the others will profit by the wait I am afraid the administrators will take the full time to settle as the Tandys will get the use of all funds accumulated until the estate is settled. The nine months required are up this month so I am hoping they will turn some of the money loose. As for my part the stock has gone down so the income is hardly worth collecting.

Agnes and Lucy Belle have come in so my quiet time is gone- and the letter hardly worth the postage it will take you and it but I want to catch the first ship out- you see I can't get any information on that subject at all. In fact so far as mail is concerned I am flying blind all the time.

Give my dear so much love in which all the family join to him and to yourself. With a heartfull for your self and hoping that all of your letters are not lost for I miss them terribly---



Friday.

My dear, dear Mamie:

I wrote you a long letter yesterday, and when I started to put it in the envelope, found that ink was all over one side of it, so it was unfit to send- I am sending this in the envelope that was with it, so the ink on the edge will be a testimony that I am telling the truth.

My visit was such a pleasure and I have thought almost constantly of the good time I had with you. It was lovely to be with Mary Thompson and Charle~~e~~e in their sweet little apartment, and of course, being with you and having the chance to visit with you as I did was the nicest part of all. I am so happy that I had the opportunity to come and see all of you and I did enjoy it more than I can tell you.

Your letter came day before yesterday, and we were distressed to know you had been sick with a cold. It had been so extremely cold and the last day we were down town was so windy that I fear the combination was too much for you. Do take care of yourself and you will be over it very soon.

Things are as usual here- Booksey has heard nothing from Alfred, but as no word has come to anybody else, she does not seem to expect to hear, and that is some help to her, but with the fighting renewed out there, I know she is anxious, as we all are. She has been to Red Cross several days this week, and that is good for her.

Cousin Ethel came over yesterday for a short visit- she looks as well as I have seen her in years and seemed to feel well, except she said she could not do much. She asked us to come over and visit her, and I do hope next week, after my Red

Cross class is over that Booksey and I can go over one day. I know we would enjoy it.

A letter from young John when I came home was full of the plans for enlisting in the army- I am sorry he could not get in the army air corps as long as wants to so much, but as he will have other branches of the service to investigate, I would not be surprised to hear at any time that he had gotten into something. I cant blame him for wanting to do it, and do hope he can get in some branch he wants.

Today I had a letter from John in Los Angeles- the first he has written from there- he says he can see no difference in the way of living out there- that things are perfectly normal, and that business is even brisker than usual. That seems funny but I know that is what always happens in war time. As soon as I know definitely about what John is going to do in the east, I will start thinking of going west. I do feel I ought to be with one or the other of my small family and I want to be.

Charles Blakely wrote me such a nice letter in reference to John and his chances of getting in. I wrote Mary Lee and asked her to ask Charles somethings and he was nice enough to write me in full I will answer his letter in a few days.

I know that all would send love to you if they knew I was writing. With a big heart full from me to you, and with lots to the children, I am,

Alques.

Monday - Night

Dear Mary Thompson -

Went to see you, but the family
typewriter is down stairs and I am all ready
for bed and am too lazy to go down and
get it.

I am still thinking of my lovely visit
with you and of how much I enjoyed being
with all of you - Mammie, Charlie and you - You
made me feel so much at home and so very com-
fortable that I had a wonderful time. It was
just too short for the time spent very quickly,
and when I left, I felt I had been there just
over night instead of over a week.

The trip home was pleasant and easy.
Alice & Brooks met us at Father's. On the way
home Alice visited a Red Cross Class as well
and in times like these I feel I must counsel -
It is teaching - Can you imagine it - for two hours
each morning - We started today and if you can
believe it I find it hard to keep the chatter
going for that long. However it is interesting and
if I do my part in preparation, I will learn
a lot.

I had several letters from John wanting
me. He had written to say he was hoping
to get into the Army Air Corps - was
taking the physical examination on Friday

and if he pressed he would sign up. I was as
disappointed for him when I received a note
from him saying he could not make it.
He is very near sighted but I am surprised
he is as much as so to interfere to that extent.
I wrote he was still going to try other
branches of the service and I am hoping he
will find he can enlist some time before he
is drafted. I wrote Mary he is asking her if
Charles had any suggestions to offer.

I am as glad to know you are so well and
blaming - Take good care of yourself as you can.
Continue that way.

All is quiet here. Brooklyn has taken over
more time at the Red Cross but I think that is
good for her. Of course she has heard nothing
from Alfred. She feels she can't hear and
that makes it some easier than if she felt
he was near any part of communication.

Big John has reached California and writes
that things seem about normal out there and
that business has been good. He is due to
arrive in Los Angeles tomorrow and will write
me more fully about conditions there.
With much love to Mamie - Tell her
I'll write soon love to Charles and a
great deal to you. Love
Aunt Agnes.

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and am so glad
I came. Am leaving
tomorrow (Monday) for
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there until the end
of week. Love
Agnes.

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the afternoon at
Mrs. ^{Max} Bernstein's
with Leslie Howard.
It is splendid to be
able to see it when
you have the chance.
Love
Agnes.

MAX BERNSTEIN, KANSAS CITY, MO

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Mrs. M. H. Jandy
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Kentucky

Hopkinsville -
March 5th

My dear Gladys - You have been so deliciously good - and
already I am beginning to look forward to when to
follow. I am down as the town looks some very
necesses looking and painting down and I am putting
or you dear writing.

I am sure I wrote Melon, via mail,
that Lucy Bell and George are going up the apr.
down stairs - the you are about as rather, of course,
for I asked them to move soon so I could get it
ready for the rush from the Comp - which has
not materialized! The rush, not the Comp. The
is made very, and getting one kind of work done
is most difficult, so I was impatient to get
started - and now I am, well on the way with it -

Agree come by Lou. or he may from
Anheuser and Beaudin - Enclose a card from
Anheuser showing something of John's college campus.
She had a grand shell in Beaudin, seems all
of her old friends and had many parties given
her. I think her trip was most satisfactory in
my eye, but she for John still intended as to
his course. John is very future, and she is
to come to him, so she for the day was to. and
will go to La. Angeles Saturday morning. Lakes
L. Beaudin

a card she wrote me from Kansas City - she said
so much loving to her so love, and stated to
see her soon, but I am glad to say she wanted to
go so I am sure she likes California more than
she realizes -

Of course her vision has been injured by our mis-
statements about Alged - he has had a message
on the 14th saying his name appeared nowhere on
the Colorado lists or that something so
know that is encouraging - The school seems to
be shutting & I trust the danger is over.

I don't hear anything from Captain Phillips so
I guess he has sailed again - and I love to say.

Jack Sand has at last been called into service -
he has, I think, for his physical examinations
and is to pass with a certificate to a free S. Louis
to San Diego.

The principal family news seems to be babies - John
Noy, Thompson's is No. 3 - the Prater, Heston
and Luc, Bue are both expecting - the fourth
removal E. G. Smith Anne Jackson - all of them seem
to look on the prospects. As soon as you
come home I hope your name will be added to
the list!

Paris seem to be one of the most rapidly van-
ishing articles so that I could still see it
I decided to take all the wood work in the
house painted. It was poorly done in the
first place and my fear of water has
ruined some. That I thought had to be
done in last summer but I was - could
not get it then. But I took a part of
the money from the sale of Mother's house and
used it this way. I had not intended doing
so much for this as a part was finished
before the other board so that of
the day and you had this all painted and
piped. I had lost the last year's work last
spring, so with the exception of the
living room and bed room (my own) ~~only~~ they is
well and in and clean - or will be - she does
not pass near her sheep in Dorothy Lane's room
which I am doing. People say I keep my after-
dinner because I keep them up so well - the town
is full of nearly deserted ones so I am more
competent than I did - another sign the demand
with a great and the chance to freshen up
much less so I decided to go on with it now.

I do believe I have a lot to do with arthritis
in my hands and my doctor has forbidden
writing and painting! I can swim if the family
has I must write some times - I have tried
the byproducts you see you can see what the
bad hand can (or could) do. As usual I
am trying to get a letter to you on the next ship -
and am painting less while I have a good
chance instead of waiting to see Peter to be
written. There is also a good chance up
there! By the way the Jones today was all
the pictures and recommendations will be taken
over to the Governor! I mean then in sheets. I
am glad I had some fixed up so many as I
needed clean beds and a new ribbon - I hope
they will not call on individuals for them!
I do hope you are getting better - I am trying to
look forward to the time when you and my dear
son will be coming home - Thomas, I trust - I
am so sorry you feel the ~~best~~ ^{best} so - I shall be so
thankful when you are both home again.

All day I have been dividing my time between ^{writing} letters
hope letters - and my income tax. Even
such a small one is a job and I failed to
get mine ready when I failed to pay it in
time. I had not intended coming down just so
soon so had to have much wisdom - but I would
not miss today's advantage of those letters
these days with a year - and I am so glad I did!

Enclosed the list from Cass you which I told
you in the last letter I was enclosing - I am sure you
will be glad to see it - I could not get it on you unless
they to mail it to you I am doing so - Gordon
said he mailed you one with a letter but I
suppose you failed to get it - may be the date
is!

The hand is so aches I am afraid you can't
read that I have written. But at least you
will know we are all well - for we are just the same.
Please tell Ben I will receive his letter when I
can get it - I should love to hear it. I think
he said he was going to send me - if he can get it.
But please give my love so much love - I do

So miss you both ^{9/10} I have often wondered in
the long trip home how much she & little I
see. - I was overjoyed as seeing you both to
Constantly regret that you had to return so
soon.

Mrs. Thompson keeps well and happy - I see
a doctor when I can tell you that she both has
arrived. The doctor says that in long 24 she is
perfectly normal - Charlie catches the cold
fully and tenderly, always. Really he is a
proud and person apparently - I feel constantly
that I am most fortunate in today's such
fine children-in-love - both dear to and love
do not when you can - with a heart full
of love in which all the family share -
Mother

Mrs. Mary is helping me as she does always when
I need her. She never fails to ask about you and
"The Midway" - and she sends you both her love. She
says the only day that she just had to keep
up with "the family" - She is in Jantogal, local
Coul

Mrs. Homer Sandy
1506 S. Main St.
Hopkinsville, Ky
U.S.A.



Mrs. Milan J. Sandy
Firestone Plantation
Monrovia
Liberia
West Africa



Sept. 20th -

My dear Gladys - Will you pardon the
Lancel? I am down at the house
getting two apartments ready to rent, and
as I am leaving tomorrow for Louisville
this makes my last chance to get a
line off on the Thursday - Please
tell Wilson I did write to Capt.
Phillips as he requested. I am
puzzled to know why the Capt. was
beyond my letter, but I took
great pleasure in writing what you are
I had much to thank him for.

I did it all, for me I long, tell
and the way from my dear son - So dear
you have been so much and I trust
you have long since received - and certainly
too than both of you feel the best of health.
I am trying to look forward to your home
coming in the spring.

As horse race I am always on the wrong
end of the line. Of course you will come
to Louisville and of course you Thompson
opened that an old should have an

But when to me Lee: I soon all ready to
start to Chasunui for the west and
and didn't make her start the time of
Cap. Phyllis's stay would be - I really
didn't have time to write to him by
going to Chasunui - he did write an
soon a I for best possible with - I
banded so long to Lee, sent you and
William some little gifts from us - he
would have had to see you, him to go
I could send anything for him to take along.
There is nothing here that would interest
either of you so I promised Lee had to wait
until I got back to Lee, our home. I
had a little letter from him since he
got in for a box of some sort - he
Washington, Virginia, Linda following
of a few and some of his stamp marks
so. I am afraid I will not be the little
excitement to send anything from the
shred with - I didn't see him to take
anything - you know he wanted to see
I changed him for taking the catch - I
give him our Lee, address - so he may
write. I should be there for any
on starting on the voyage since I
from Lee Lee Lee some around the

loss mouth! - I trust you and Yulian
can fly home when you come - Farlam
with 2 tons, and the radio home - I
hope you will write home by things they
or go some one to ship them home - by
a day you are dead school I know you
will fly. Everything you know you
than you. To get us with the
of course, to know them.

How pretty you have the day looking
a raven, upstairs and now Lucy,
Belle and George are leaving to go
back to Pete. I am sorry, of course,
but she thinks it is best he had to
go for her to Cal. and to Don.
She will be home, nothing from Al-
fred - valuable mail - returned with
the comment that it is not
through. - The letter is most
stoney.

I am sure Lucy, Belle will not mind
my letting you know she is going to have a
baby! There is no reason for the increase -
She has not been in since September.

lay down his own work then means a
long for summer go has here. I
had planned to do some papering for
her a while ago. He had nothing
done for these years and the love is
gilted - its late easier to see with
all the hope. She will not be in
until March 10th a Pos doc
was never to take up the house
until after she to California - so
I will join the Lou. to attend to a
number of things then and will come
back here around March 10th to take
her and clean up. This afternoon
I was there I am writing, as long -
as long as I can, but is taking her journey
back to Pats (I had used the journey in what to
replace from what I saw in the Lou). I am not
going to finish it, don't see it - will try
to start in unguished. If or when the copy
come after what is a much for it, so in-
ter than I am making no effort to work it.
Now, I Thompson continue well and happy - I
am anxious to go back to her. In the Lou,
Gracie Hickman also is expecting a baby -
he this is most authentic. She and her

Two head on at Fort Bragg in the way
called into service. The will come later &
2 who the mother for the "direction" -

Send me Gordon Hill for Lucie Russell
John - he said he would see me in 2 days
on gas in there have been him to go &
apple, so I will not forget until I hear
from you. Did you see Lucie, Belle

letter? She wrote to you some time ago
he will so many ships, going to the
bottom there is no telling how much
mail has been lost.

Charles an interesting book - Firistone
has gotten out - thank to you and to
me to see it. Of course you know as
tomorrow see of the money - and tell

It's strange to hear Firistone men
arguing case of true in the radio - the
admission the board and I cheer to
Mellan would like to know one.

The Chestnut and in John as you to
can see. I thought you will write -
P.S. see his journal.

I had such a good time with Ethel
and Kyllis in the Luxembourg - the actual
much about you and Mellan - as
so many people do.

Mellan journal to you

although I have had to share her other
needs & know little news - as I have
been quite busy - and not as in her
in the ar form when not in a job of
own time - Red Cross or something.

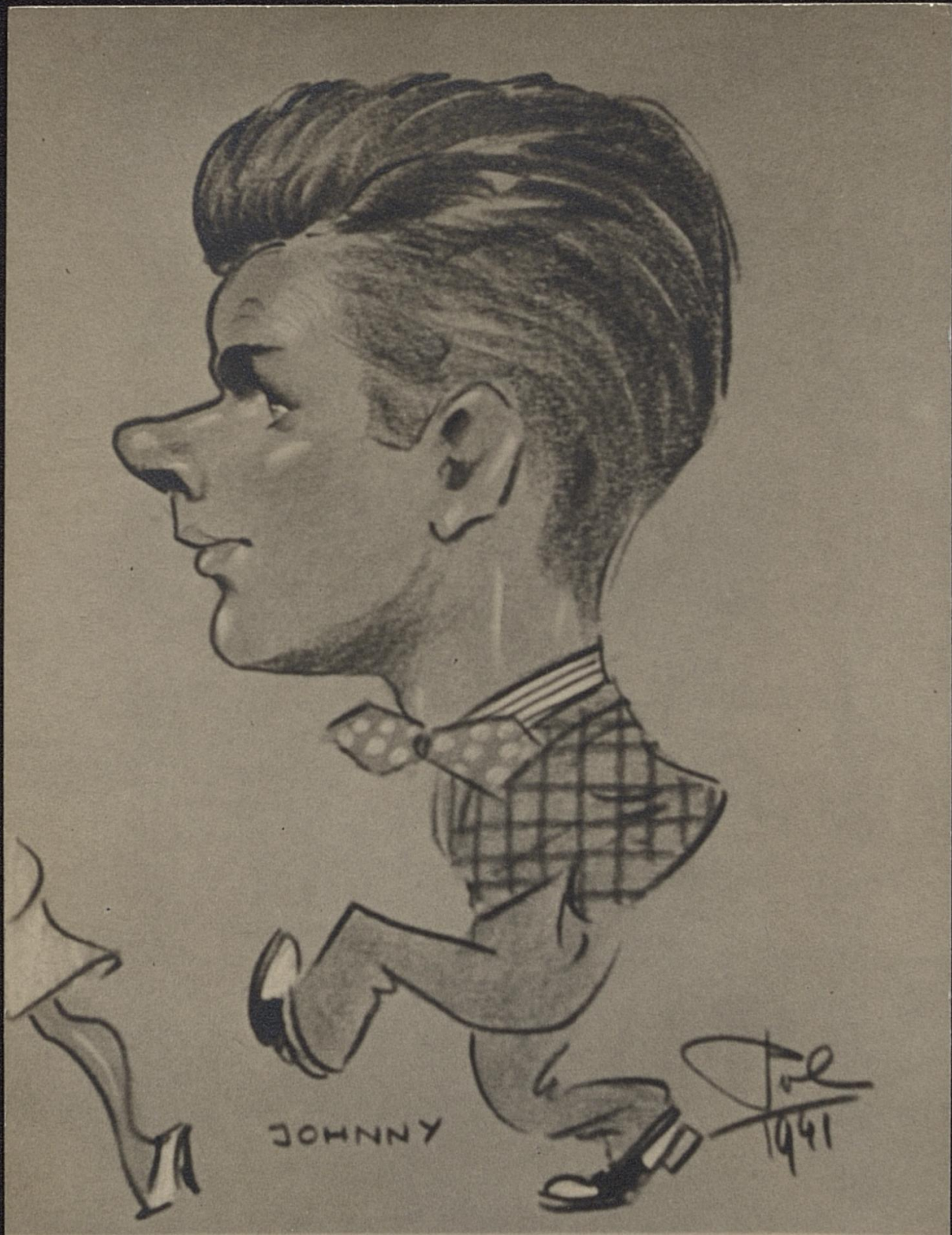
I am so glad for all your writing - I
have a picture showing what important
place an Army had in woman in
I am American since - will explain
as in the bundle I hope I am
you to read today - had them from
the summer and more I am sure is
not in the N.Y. Times - and what more
is like as in the N.Y. Times -

Give my dear son much love in which
all the family join - of the Clapps are
going as I am told to see how had a
letter by the rest of you -

With much love and hoping to
see you soon on I am much better I
love - Doctor.

See Ben has glad to see his letter and
Ophelia is so happy to get the
one note to him that I have my
I don't know Pat - I have 3 or 4 for letters

Dear
Pat
I am
I am
I am



MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

JOHN P. THOMAS, JR.

Mrs. Howell Sandy
1506 S. Main St.
Hopkinton, N.H.



Mrs. Melan
Freestone Plantations
Monrovia
Liberia
Bar Aguee



Wednesday -

My dear Glasgow -

✓
Not having heard
from you made me wonder how
your sailing has again been post-
poned and until then - I know you
have the uncertainty and the delay - But
I am thankful for you all, you are
well.

I have had no success with
renting the apt - the much talked
of demand by the tobaccoists does
not stop the apt. - the big flats all
go to the hotel and the small go
into to boarding and rooming houses
or else want about two rooms. - So
I have had no luck here. I have had
a good time staying here myself -
But you furniture for the bedroom
and also I have for the living, dining
kitchen & toilet - the masses a nice

and attorney apartment and should be
clearly stated. Law or Law - I am
glad to hear of and glad you fur-
mation is all in our hand and
we hope - and glad too that there
will be a good chance for a flow
go you and the dead save them from
our best home.

I have now sent the check
for the share you - while I did not
have to buy any furniture (except the
requisite) there are many small
items necessary - and paying the
quartz, with two months less of
that work has pushed me quite
a bit - I will send in to you some
with you the first of the year.

I am going back to Law
Judge - then a much I by under
to see how in time for the opening of
the tobacco market - or how things

I have no answer I must get back
to I am well and see about these
things - I wish I could take them
you and Nelson could send Luther
with us there - no other chance? Anne
is going to Cleveland so I am sure
it could well be done - or least I
will find about the for you and
let her know - Now I write that
Anne or Harriet to go - I will write
to Harriet Eddy? Please
remind her to do so & he has not
done so. - Anne had nothing
to do with the writing - his mother wrote
him about Nelson, so that makes it
more imperative that he answer the
little and the nice notes that
prompted it.

I shall think of the happy
day and hours with you and my
dear son - wish I could have found

to move before you leave

I am today having the
cellar re-gummed with coal-tar and
a general cleaning for the next few
the winter - Now I wish I could
keep this spot. And come home
a few a I love and see about
some things - But alas I cannot.

I am rushing to catch the air
mail - You see how much love
and with a great deal for good
of, and hoping to see you
again very soon -

Tristram

All of the families you are in
is much love to you both - John
Thomson is a true friend -

Always always etc etc - And please
see a passage for the ship? A
small form, cross your name -

^{P.S.}
If I am ^{not} here when the box
contains the Wedding dress etc
comes in will a letter come of you -
or send a decided line to the
house - or will a post in the
Apr - reach for me when I get
back - I am certain ex-
posed the good bed and
the nice bedding you can always
in the chamber of desire -

I am sure nothing so much
delightful arrangement of you and Milady
could come here for the time - All
the same do so careful to a part
the apt. it could be so well ar-
ranged - Pat has used me many
times if there was a chance - Until
today I am sure you would be
satisfied tomorrow - the 12th - then I

did not think you coming possible -
To you please in love with you, I hope
please than to come here instead of
I will - that would be so much
wider in my eye, than going to London.
and would make all the family
so in, happy - and you know that
is a great deal to Dad, I and
one - So please to come
here if possible if you are
still in good old U.S.A. The
Can think don't say (Dad, I & I) -
or I will come down if you
can - and she gets ^{so} ^{soon}
to spend a grand - If you
can't come here and can come to
London - than that say - In case
you can send your own the amount of
to London, is not ³ 14 00 and in the holiday
we people, to less -

Hopkinsville
February 20th.

My dear Gladys:

Milam's card was indeed a joy- to think of its taking six weeks for a communication from you to reach us! The card written from Freetown on January 6th reached me just six weeks from the day it was mailed. I had heard it would take at least a month and of course I knew the sailing of the vessel on which a letter would come would determine how much longer. Milam said he would write a letter from the ship going to Monrovia but as I have not been in Louisville I have not received it yet. I came down Friday as I was having a vacancy and hoped to get it filled. Pat had written that a radioman who had come here to love was waiting to see me but when I got here he had already gotten an apartment although I rushed right down to see him the day he expected me. But when I found he has two babies under two years old I would not have taken him anyhow. I will not take any one with two children- nor one if I can help it.

The card was so very interesting- I am glad you had had a pleasant voyage but thankful when I heard it was ended and now I do so want to know what you think of it all. Milam said it was awfully hot and of course I knew that would be the case- and he told me who to write to in case of emergency. Please tell him that Mr. Ashley had written me when you arrived and I wrote to him and have his address. I have been intending to write him and see if I can get any line on the sailings so I can always have a fresh letter for you before each ship sails.

Last Monday night's Firestone radio program gave quite an account of the work in Liberia- I could have cried when I found it out too late as I sat right there in my own apartment with my own radio and didn't get it. Mary Thompson was not there and often I do not turn it on when she is away and I quite forgot that it was Firestone night- I love their programs as they are always lovely but this one was the first I had ever heard of of this type- it spoke of the engineers going- not calling names I am glad to say for I could not have stood missing that- but for Milam's sake I wish they had called his name. But they spoke of the plant being erected and the rubber and the type of work being done, the houses they are building- everything of interest about the Plantation- and there I sat and didn't hear a word of it! I was furious with myself and shall certainly not miss another Firestone program if I can help it.

Nell Moore and her new husband are here having come down last week. He seems very nice and I think Mary and her family like him. He is very blonde and small- not as tall as Nell I think. I think that Mary and Mit were generous to be as cordial and forgiving as they were for there is nothing much more inexcusable - and certainly nothing as unexplainable - as a secret wedding and then Nell's being here all of Christmas and not a word to her parents- it was nothing short of cruel. So I think

Mr. William Elmer Jones was lusccky that they didnt kick him out-of course they should have received Nell cordially- but I think I would have been tempted to tell Elmer a few things. They will live at a mine near Harlan- Highsprant- where I think he has some interests and his foster father is the physician in charge.

Lucy Belle is planning to go up to Louisville tomorrow to spend the 22nd with Mary Thompson and I may go with her. The 20th is the time of the month I like to be there and while that is today I will get there soon afterwards. It gives me a chance to get my renewals slips which had not been printed when I left and get all of the next month's business behind me. I really should stay on here but I cant stay indefinitely as I came hurriedly. I had about decided to wait until next week to come down here but Pat wrote about the radio man and Mrs. Roberts- the departing tenant had told him definitly I would be here so I came right on. But although I have advertised I havent had a single applicant I would consider one who wanted such a nice apartment- I cant stay on without going back for a few dyas anf if Lucy Belle goes the probabam of getting somewhere to a train is solved so I will go as she does. If not I will drive up with Elizabeth Abernathy Sunday. I will be glad to get it rented so I will feel settled again. I had a brief respite from January 6th to February 16th- I thought the Burley season would be longer and so did Mr. Roberts but they cut it short and of course he had to go right on. I have no idea who to get as Jabbie and Henry Abernathy are in Henderson with the dark fired tobacco and that season was lengthened on account of the extreme cold and Henderson was without water for weeks thus paralyzing the market and of course stringing it out weeks longer. Lida had a letter yesterday saying it would be the middle of April before they even hoped to get home- if then- so they are out of it as to renting. Its a queer situation- always since I have had apartments to rent there has been a far greater demand for furnished ones- many, many more calls than for unfurnished- now I have had to turn down many good applicants as all of them have wanted unfurnished ones- one good one last night and many besides that and not one single good one for it as it is. But they do not stay vacant long and I hope that will hold true now.

I am meding the Sunday Courier Journal- usually I send on the funnies and those of the week days but being away from my paper I could not do that so I thought you and Milam might like the whole paper this time. Its a joy to me to send them and I do hope you both enjoy having them. They are old by the time they reach you but that applies to everything written sent to you- it may be news to you- if you can find any in the paper. I read some where recently that if one wants to be really well informed "read your Sunday paper" I cant find so terribly much myself but if it was the only one I had maybe I would read it more carefully and thus inform myself better!

I left Mary Thompson having some of your dresses altered- some were too short for her to do anything with so she passed them on to Pat's girls and they were delighted to get them- Agnes looked too sweet for words in the black and white polka dot and except for taking some out of the waist and hips it fits her perfectly. By the way in the papers I enclose a picture of her I thought you and Milam would like to see in the Ethel College paper. She was one of six girls in the college to make the Phi Theta Kappa Key which is to Junior Colleges whar Phi Beta Kappa is to Seniors. We are so proud of her.

Alf does not improve any- he went down stairs for several

weeks but had a relapse. He is not so well mentally and is a very trying patient to nurse- I dont see how Pat stands it. It would be a great blessing if he could just pass on, for he will never be any better and seems not to lose much physically- has to be fed and bathed and catered to in every way and is very, very demanding at all times when he is awake which is a great part of the time. He sleeps badly and Pat has to be right there every waking minute. I am going to try to get her to have Julia stay with her some- since her husband died and she is free now day and night and loves to work for any of us and is an excellent sick nurse. But I am afraid Pat will not consent, as she seems to think she must do every thing for Alf and everything he wants done no matter how unreasonable the request. Except to go to Julia the morning Steve died she has not been out of the house for seven months today- July 20th Alf was stricken.

I see Josephine frequently and she always asks about you. She is gradually fixing up her house so attractively. Sunday she called me in to show me some little old chairs she said had been in her family over a hundred years. You would love them- they are maple and have straight backs and cane seats- just adorable in her front hall.

My Mary is coming this morning to iron the curtains and hang them- they were black with soot- but when one considers the winter they have passed through its no wonder but I want to leave them clean when I go back. It took a good furnace to keep the house comfortable all of this winter and mine did that so I will not complain of the dirt- I hear of many new houses with new furnaces where all the walls were ruined by the furnaces. So I got off very easy on mine. Mary always asks about you both and when there is a dress the other girls cant wear I pass it on to her and she is always so very grateful- she remembers everything she has that has been yours.

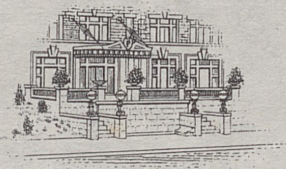
By the way- on the post card Milam sent the little negroes were so mutilated- were they painted that way or were their skins cut? We read much about how they disfigure themselves for caste and I wondered if these poor little things were cut up or painted. One thing, they looked very well fed!

I want to go down and mail this along with the paper as soon as Mary comes so I will stop and leave some space for any news that might develop before I go. I always think of a postscript to add so will leave room for it.

Give my beloved son much love- and with a very great deal for yourself and hoping soon to have one of your nice, long letters telling me all about yourself and your new home and everything-- again with a heart full of love to you both in which all the family join me---

Mother

The PURITAN APARTMENTS LOUISVILLE



Tuesday Night - March 26th

Dearie:--

Not for a long time have I had such a thrill as when your letter and Milam's were handed to me at the desk this morning as I was on my way to mail one to him- I missed the postman and was just starting down town so had time to add only one note to him. To say that I enjoyed both the letters but poorly expresses what I felt and Mary Thompson was equally happy when she came in tonight.

I fear one page of your letter blew out of a window- you didnt mention one thing you wanted us to get except Vogue patterns! We will read your letter again and try to send you something as quickly as possible- she had a date tonight after having gotten in very late for dinner- and so we really have not had a chance to talk it over at all and now that she and her date have gone I have just time to dash this off to you so it will go air mail tonight and catch the Cathlamet Thursday. This sailing business is thrilling but its also upsetting and hard to keep up with.

Both of your letters were so interesting- I am glad to know that you are reasonably comfortable for its more than we have been for a long time. Winter continues- I went down town today and it was so cold I hurried back as soon as I could for in midwinter I have never felt more penetrating cold. Its some queer and unusual condition- and I will be glad when its over.

Milam's letter about the trip over was most interesting- I am glad I did not know it at the time- but all voyages must be fraught with danger now and I am thankful you and he got by with only inconvenience and none of the terrible disaster that has happened to so many. I would not let myself think of it at the time but in my heart I knew there was danger- I am so thankful you are on land for a long time and in your own home. I hope you will write me all about that soon- and also the impressions that Milam started to tell me about. Its wonderful that you and he are having this experience and I hope you get the most out of it.

I hate to send you such a short note- I came in late and too tired to write earlier and then supper and company and so now there is only time for a note if its to go tonight. I will do my best to send you the things as soon as I can-- Mary Thompson is good at figuring out things and she may have some idea of what you want- in the meantime maybe you will find the memorandum you evidently wrote and didnt send.

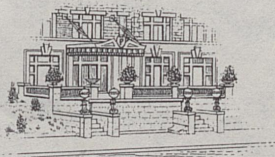
with a heart full of love to you and my dear son both- and again telling you how much I enjoyed the letters -which came this morning so surprisingly from Philadelphia---

Mother

Give Shakey a hug for me- I am so glad he stands the change of scene and climate so well - I know he is a great pleasure to you both.

*May I love you as much love to
you both*

The PURITAN APARTMENTS LOUISVILLE



Friday
April 10th

My dear Gladys -

As soon as I
got to Hop. will write you a real
letter. Am waiting for the E. Yonkers
to take me down river - and when
there I will have to stay at least a
week - I am sorry not to be sending
you things - but the blower
is in Hop. and although I
write you as far as I can
am obliged and it is the longest
one! A. you tell me what
time you have the last one I thought
to write to Mr. Watson which
I did over a week ago, sending
it on mail with a self address

and stamped envelope - a mail
asked for an immediate reply &
so for Lou has heard from him &
I am obliged to her & already
said - will try to get her things
together and will send to you &
soon a 2 pr box -

Enclose two letters which will
interest to Helen - also show the
love to you both -

Thank you so much Lou,
but with a great deal of
love say and may regards that I
have not been able to go the
best of to you -
Mother

I do so love you both - hope you
will write often I am growing a
bit to have an - excuse love

The
PURITAN APARTMENTS
LOUISVILLE



Saturday Noon.

My dear Gladys:

Your letter has just come and before I say anything else I want to assure you I had no thought of ignoring your letter which came the morning I left here for Hopkinsville - I thought you knew me better than that! I got to Hopkinsville Thursday night and the next day was a most strenuous one trying to get that apartment ready to show any applicant - it was noon that day when Milam's letter came asking me to see the City Bank for him. It was Saturday morning before I could get down town and to the bank - his letter having reached me Friday, the day before. I thought that he was the one to write to concerning the note and when I wrote the next letter it was because my heart was so full of longing I wrote to him but with the idea of its being for both of you - as for ignoring you nothing could have been more foreign to my intentions.

I like to think of you being in grand old New York today - but if you have the luck I had the last time I was there you found all the stores closed! But I hope you are spending the day sightseeing for of sights there is no end there, and they are always open to the world Saturday even if the stores are closed. And then you will have Monday to do your shopping so I trust you are enjoying the sights today.

I am so sorry about your skirt. In my letter I told you I was coming up here Friday but there seemed so little chance of renting the apt. before Christmas and I had left so much undone here that I decided (about three o'clock Thursday morning) to come Thursday instead as I needed to be here Friday - that one day meant much to me - far more than at home. The mail had ~~not~~ come when I left so not having heard from either of you for days and the time of sailing (the 14th you had said) right at hand I was sure the sailing date had been changed or else your plans had - nor had the box come. Your letter reached Hopkinsville Friday afternoon so even if I had waited until Friday I would not have gotten it as I left at ten in the morning.

But to get back to the skirt - with you in New York, the box in Hopkinsville and where ~~xxxxxx~~ I could not get the skirt to you - in my absence the box may not have been delivered - and if it had I had no one I could depend on to open the box, unpack it and mail the skirt on Saturday afternoon in time to reach you in New York. I hope you found it - its so easy to overlook something when one is tired and in a hurry as I know you were. And I know you had to do whatever you were going to do before I could get in touch with you about it. I just trust it has turned up unexpectedly some where. I am sorry it got misplaced and hope you will let me know if you want me to send it on to you or keep it for you if it is in the box in Hopkinsville. You will be on the cold part of the ocean such a short time that it seems to me almost any kind of a skirt would do - the big loss is in not getting it back and I assure you I will see to that if its in Hopkinsville.

Its nice that you had so many going away gifts - mine came so long ago it could hardly be called that but you know I meant you both to know that my heart was with you and I wanted each of you to have something you could

use and I trust enjoy.

I am so thankful th~~at~~ you got your finances arranged as you wished- and I am doubly thankful that you are going where you will be free from the constant expenses th~~at~~ face us all in this country- hope you will find time to write again although you say you will not- but I shall be lookinh for some sort of a message from my dear son- I know he will sned me some sort before leaving---

Our mails are few on Saturday so in order to get this in I must stop- please give Milam very, very much love ~~from~~ for me - and with avery greatdeal for yourself in both of which Mary Thompson would join me if she were here---

Mother

Louisville, March 26th

My precious Boy:

At last its a real joy again to be writing on my own little typewriter when its in good shape ! I have taken your advice given when you gave ~~maxthax~~ it tome - not to let anybody but a Royal agent touch it- through the years I have done that and the only unsuccessful treatment was in Hopkinsville where ther representative evidently knew nothing about the treatment or the care- but this time I left it here with the Royal agency and had it all gohe over while I was away. As you know I hate Pat's Corona so didnt try touse it while I was down there , partly for that reason and partly on account of my still fingers- and also partly because I found writing down home so much easier than at Pat's.

I came back up here Tuesday after a busy but apparently successful trip down home. I went to stay about a week and stayed three and a half! But as I have written you there was much to be done about the house. Its been over three years since I had anything done to amount to anything and all the walls and the wood-work were getting so bad looking that while I had the money from the sale of Mother's place I used some of it to repair and redecorate my house as I thought it was the best way I could invest it. As you know I have always had good luck in renting the apartments and many attribute the fact to my keeping them in such good condition and that too enables me to get the class of people I want. This time it seemed a little slow in face of the fact that the Camp was a certainty and men were pouring into town hunting places to live, but for the greater part they were the mechanics which I didnt want- I was waiting for some of the higher ups and finally landed one- an engineer and his wife from Cincinnati- I didnt want children so think I did well to wait for ~~axxspuixxx~~ couple without them. They took it Friday but the woman had not come when I left- the man came Sunday night and was delighted, apparently with what he found and she was to follow this week. When I remember what the Charleston, Ind. plant with its 37,000 outsiders meant to Louisville with its quarter of a million people population I wonder what poor little Hopkinsville and Clarksville with a combined population of less than 25,000 will do with a 30,000 bunch of army ~~mann~~ and the following they will require- I feel terribly sorry for all concerned. But I am glad I had a small share and that I have my place gull in advance of the real rush. In spite of the many hours spent at work down home I had a happy time with Pat. She has had no word from Alfred since the 14th of February when the Red Criss reported that his name had not appeared on any list of missing or casualties-- but each

day we dread what the report will be.

The Draft board made quite a drastic change while I was there (the local board) sweeping all 3A men into the I A Class- there had been much criticism about the number of the 1a men who were deferred on account of (supposed or claimed) dependents. The quota was not reached so the board just took all the 3A men into that class, not sparing any. Of course we were all upset that that took George Davidson as Lucy Belle is expecting her baby in September- but that didn't matter- he had to go it seemed so he is trying to enlist rather than be drafted. He is very smart and well educated and most capable so it seems a pity for such a person to be drafted as a private. Charles Blakely got in touch with the powers that be and George is coming up here to see the man who is in charge of the Engineers of the Marine Corp and he is taking George next week to see him so I hope he gets in there. Lucy Belle will drive up with George and we are looking forward to having them out here with us.

As I wrote you, probably, Jack has gone to San Diego with the Marines. I was so sorry I didn't get to see him in his uniform before he left as those who saw him said he was the best looking thing they ever saw and I expect he was wonderful looking. He has been doing so well for the last year I do hope he isn't tempted to go back into his old habits as he hasn't touched anything, evidently for over a year. Baylor Hickman is also in the Marines- he tried for his old place and also to get into the Cavalry somewhere and failing he applied to the Marines and entered as a private! Mattie Hickman's husband was called about two or three weeks after they were married and he is in North Carolina and Martha Winfree's husband will have to enter when he graduates in June instead of going to New York as an interne in a hospital- so you see all of our men folks are going. Robert says he wants to go and Jeff says he is willing and is expecting to go- Charles has not been called but may be any time as the ruling of the draft board does not apply here- I mean the one taking in all 3A men now into class IA. I hope he isn't called until after the baby comes in May!

I am so glad to be back up here with Mary Thompson- I enjoy being down home but there is nothing like being with your own dear children. I am looking forward to the time when you and Gladys will be back- I keep wondering why I don't hear from you as the last word I have had was the letter which you said you were sending by the Acadia and which came by clipper, evidently as it was written on January 5th and goes here around the 12th. With so many ships being torpedoed I often wonder how many letters go down with them. The

names of the vessels are not published any more for weeks after the sinkings nor do the names come over the radio so there is no way of telling where they come from or whether they are going or coming, which is, of course, a wise protective ruling. But it keeps me from knowing much I would like to know!

I keep wondering if the rubber situation will have any bearing on your plans. There is much in the papers about it and over the radio and as you get the N.Y. Times and have the radio I am sure you know about it. Unfortunately every public issue seems to have many sides so we really don't know just where we stand in many cases but there seems to be no doubt about the tire shortage. Of course that means much less driving which in many cases is a good thing- I keep wondering when you will get home and what your needs will be.

I hope you have become acclimated to the heat again as Gladys wrote that you both had felt it so keenly since your return. I wish I knew if you were getting my letters! A man told me yesterday that a friend of his had just come back from Dakar and he said the greatest complaint he found among the men there was the lack of mail from home! That was the one and only feature they really complained about and that started me to thinking all over again about you- if you are getting my letters and papers I can't see why I don't hear from you. This man said it had been months since these men in Dakar had had even a newspaper from home! I wouldn't bother about the letters if I knew you would be coming home-(and how) soon.

I have wondered if Gladys ever got her book- H.M. Pulham, Esquire as she asked me to get it and you wrote that you had ordered it. It's been made into a picture and it's one of the best I ever saw- Mary Thompson and Charlie went to see it last night as it was showing at a neighborhood theater- I saw it in Hopkinsville when Agnes was there and we went and we agreed that Robert Young had never been as good as he was in the lead- the best make up I ever saw. I am sure you have seen movies out there- or I hope you do- and if that comes be sure to see it. I am reading such a good book now- "One Red Rose Forever" by a new author- Mildred Jordan. If you haven't ordered your new books get that. It's very timely as it shows the racial characteristics up splendidly in a family on Penn. in the early days before the Revolution. I like a book with a purpose as this one has- as has "This Above All" which explains much in the present day situation of the present war. Read it also if you can.

I cant write much on a count of this arthritis in my hands- I believe I wrote you that Frank Stites made me stop knitting and also forbade writing but that cant be. But my hands are so swollen I cant write much without pain so I am not going to try this time. He gave me some very expensive medicine to take and it has relieved both the swelling and the speness to a great extent but I still find I have to be very sparing in the use of both hands, especially the right, which is unfortunate.

We did enjoy Agnes so much- she writes that she had a nice conversation with Jack. She and John had to go to San Diego- or she did go with John on one of his trips and she wired Jack to meet her at the hotel but he was out on the rifle range (that is his work) and didnt get the message until too late to meet her but he called her and they had a nice chat over the phone. I am sure both of them enjoyed it.

I see Anne frequently when I am here- had lunch with her yesterday and she asked about you both and sends you much love. I think she is tremendously relieved that she is soon going to be free and have some time of her own. She is planning to go down for a visit with Pat early in April as she really quits work then. Pat is getting interested in renting some rooms as there is such a demand but she has said all along that she would not do it. I had a talk with Kittie Park Long- you remember her at the Purita- yesterday and she asked about you and wanted to know when you would be home- your friends are constantly asking about you.

I really cant write any more- this is my first attempt on the typewriter and I find it isnt very satisfactory. Mary T. send much love and if she gets in before the postman has to take this she wants to add a line or two.

With a heart full of love to you both and the greatest of yearning to see you---

Mary T.