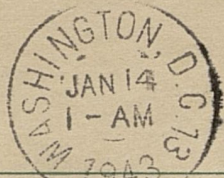


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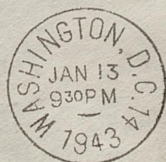
After mailing
my letter of today I
received your letter.
I shall be there
Saturday night and
will try to catch the
Congressional. As it is
so often late, you had
better not wait din-
ner for me.

Am staying quietly
at home tonight.
Frank Drobner and I
are dining together
tomorrow night.
Hugh



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January 13, 1942

Darling;

Dont forget to let me know whether you are coming to Washington this week-end. unless you are to get Saturday off, I think that I should come to N. Y. as two trips in two days are too much for you. I should know by Friday night, as it takes too much time for me to go back to the apartment on Saturday to get my bag.

George Mills had a dinner Monday night for several of his friends, including me. Sydney Mathews was there, as well as Mr. Tuohy, the new congressman for George's District, a Mr. Richardson who is

a Republican leader in George's District, and a young army lieutenant by the name of Searles. The young lieutenant is a sculptor in private life. His job in the Army is to point wounds for study by doctors.

Last night George and Frank Forrester took me to dinner to discuss some legal elements of a proposed credit agreement with Metal Reserve corporation. We went to the Parrot and had steaks at \$3⁰⁰ per. Frank claimed that George thought that the steaks were \$2⁰⁰ until he got the bill. I wish that you could have had mine.

Gasper, encouraged by the genealogical researches I wrote to him about, has obtained from relatives in

Trigg county further data, It seems that there were two Stephen Reals, one my ^{great-}grandfather and one my great-great grandfather. The latter was born in 1779 and was the son of Edward and Sara Real, I have to go back to the library now to locate them.

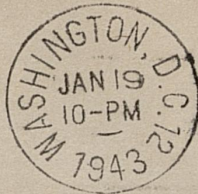
If you haven't already done so, be sure to order \$5000 principal amount of the 1³/₄ 90's of '48.

With all my love,
Hugh

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January 19, 1943

My Dear:

The trip home Sunday night was not uncomfortable, but I caught a slight cold which was further developed by rain yesterday and this morning. Hall's cold tablets and sun this afternoon however, conquered it for practical purposes.

The new directive has come through and I am "Senior Attorney" of the Miscellaneous Group of attorneys. The designation is an entirely meaningless one at present, but was probably meant as a compliment. The miscellaneous lawyers are either specialists

or men like myself² who
are helping the ships or fa-
cilities groups. In addition I
am to be the review man for
the Facilities group, on the
debit side there is the possi-
bility that I shall be thought
to be responsible for the work
done by the seven or eight men
having my code number, over
whom I have no control.

The rule prohibiting com-
missions to contract employees
is said to have been obrogated.
Coincidentally, however, a rule
has come through that
commissioned officers cannot
leave the Washington area even
on week-ends without special
leave. This puts quite a premium
on gold leave for me, of course
one can usually get leave, but
it is counted against one's an-
nual leave so that one would

lose the vacation everyone expects at the end of the year. And, if one had to be away for a few days, he might not be able to leave Washington for any purpose for months afterwards.

One feature about my new title is that I might be able to get to travel some from now on. I would like, for instance, to get at least one trip to California. We have a great many projects on in Southern California in the San Pedro-Catalina Island region. I would also like to visit some of the Eastern shipyards and to see some of the carriers and capital ships in course of construction.

I have been unseasonably depressed these last two days, and wish that I could be at home! Perhaps by the end of this year the situation here will be such that I can leave. I hope that you are feeling well.

Love,
Hughes



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January 26, 1942

My Dear:

You must know that the hand that guides this pen is that of a great-uncle. Mary Emma has been delivered of a little girl who has been named Carol Sue. At least Mary Emma's taste in names is better than that of her own mother. I feel much more dignified now, and shall try by my bearing and general demeanour to act the part of an elder statesman. If I knew Mary Emma's address, I would send a present. Her communications in the form of Christmas cards and notices came in from various cities and without return addresses.

One thing I forgot to mention on the week-end is that we should get some more of the high-rate tax anticipation bonds. If the last year's rule still applies, I can only get \$1200 worth, you should get about \$300 worth for yourself. Try to get the order in this month as the interest begins on the first day of the month in which the order is placed.

Bernice writes a very sad letter which you must read before I destroy it. It's too bad that she wasn't born a man. She has a great deal of intelligence and ability, but hasn't much chance to exhibit ^{them} in her circumstances.

During my two train trips on the week-end I went through 250 pages of Oliver's life of Hamilton. And I am through the first third of the second volume of the massive life of Root. The two men were not much alike in most respects, but they each possessed intelligence of the highest and most luminous character. Hamilton especially seems to have had an almost instinctive knowledge of law, political science and economics - much in the same vein as Mozart in music. Nothing in his history can explain how he could have written the Federalist or the report on manufactures. Root seems to have been right on all great issues. Even his program for the army general staff was copied by every military power in the world. The wack about it in both cases was that ordinary mortals disliked both of them. The black chickens peck the lone white stranger. This consoles me when I enjoy them their powers.

Be certain to let me know if you should get to come Friday night. I shan't try to meet you if you come Saturday.

Love,
Hugh



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January 31, 1943

My Darling:

I have been somewhat depressed since I put you on the train two and a half hours ago, so I thought that I should write you a letter to tell you how much I love you and miss you. As you say, I am more self-sufficient than most. My most pleasant evenings are filled with books to my entire satisfaction. But even then I would like to have you around. I have had some happy breaks in my time, but the best of all was that of June 4, 1932. Never for a moment have I regretted our marriage emotionally or disapproved of it intellectually. If youth takes passion and romance to a higher note, middle age has at least the recompense of steadier and longer power.

I have written to Malcolm telling him that we will go to Rise on Sunday, and that you will arrange the details with him.

Ever yours,
Hugh



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February 3, 1942

Darling:

This has been quite a social week for me, and I am writing this at the office. Monday Zellner arrived in town. He had dinner with me that night and we spent the evening with the Gregarys. Yesterday I lunched with Jack Hutto and today - or rather tonight - Frank Drohan and I are going to dine with Mr. Hyde, General Counsel of Good-year.

As Woodson had predicted, Zellner had to come to Quantico to get his equipment. I accused him of wanting to impress the home folks, but he says that the outfit won't be ready in time. Mrs. Gregary is a very charming lady. The next time you are here we ought to have them for dinner.

Jack Hutto did not seem too overjoyed by his new job, although he praised Lee Morey and Len Moore very

much. For one reason he has no secretary as yet - which seems to me to be a mistake.

Tomorrow I am lunching with Bronson Murphy. Last night I took Dorothy to Pierre's for dinner. She is still diving along on the theory that her book should be a resume' of "modern thought" in Brazil. I am afraid that I was too brutal in telling her that such a book would be a failure and would deserve nothing better.

I am looking forward to the week-end.

With love

Hugh



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February 10, 1943

Darling:

As I was proceeding peacefully down the hall today, I met a stobby figure which proved to be Mr. Whittlesey. He reported that Mrs Whittlesey was well and asked about you. He says that Mrs. ^{Eaton} Whittlesey is at our former house, getting home about 8³⁰ every night and leaving early every morning. I also met Marvin Laidlow in the Department today. He has some kind of a job with a man of extensive interests, including some ships, I believe.

The trip back Sunday night was a hard one. Hereafter I shall return by day coach. Nine good hours of sleep last night restored me.

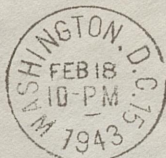
Washington has been in a dither today. A rumor had spread by the grape-vine route that all clothing was about to be rationed. It may have been sales-promotion propaganda started by the clothing stores.

I am now getting into a matter which may have political repercussions. The

Department gave several contracts last year to a new shipbuilding company in Duluth. Its work wasn't up to standard and it operated at a loss. We have cancelled its contracts, and it has gone into bankruptcy, leaving its materialmen and its labor unpaid. It even spent money it had withheld from wages to buy defense bonds for its laborers; It owes us in damages more than we owe it. The unions are venting to everybody in the Government, the Department of Labor is on our necks and the whole matter may break out in the newspapers and magazines. The amount involved is small, but I know of now how which would permit us to give away the Government's money. You may see me in a cartoon in the Daily Worker, engaged in the pleasant act of grinding the faces of the poor.

I do hope that you can come down Thursday night.

Love,
Hugh



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Darling:

February 17, 1943

The week is half over and I have just thawed out enough to be able to write. The apartment was most uncomfortable during Monday and Tuesday, especially in the bedroom and bathroom. The heat was up this morning, however, and the cold spell appears to be broken. The irritating thing about bad weather in Washington is that the transportation system always falls down. I had to walk home Monday night and last night. I don't know what happened to the poor people who live in the outskirts.

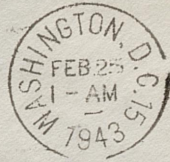
Had lunch today with Ralph Chase whom I had not seen since he left Root, Clark in 1933. He is now counsel for Alabama Dry Dock company of Mobile, Alabama, and reports that Mobile is a hell-hole as a residence. Ralph confirms my suspicions that Government contractors will do well to break even after they finish with the labor unions, our cost inspectors, the price adjustment boards and the tax men.

My mind is on Dee Stone this week as I read about the hard fighting in North Africa. It seems to me most likely that he is there now and that he would be with the mechanized troops. Wouldn't it be tragic if he never got to see the new baby? As I think about the way one can have seen one friend, I think that the entire

German nation must be in despair.
It seems to me that human nature can
hardly be expected to wage a better battle
after all hope of victory is gone. In
spite of their misdeeds I feel sorry
for the average German soldier in Russia.

Tom Murrell has turned up in the
Controlled Materials Plan administration. This is
Eberstadt's new scheme for allocating critical
war materials. Although he has been banned
from W. O. B., the plan has been preserved.

I am impatiently awaiting the week-end.
Love,
H.



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February 24, 1943

Darling:

Your letter with its sad news about Mrs King was awaiting me when I returned. She seemed so lively when I saw her for the last ~~night~~^{time} only a few months ago. I shall write Elizabeth although I always find it very hard to say anything in the way of condolences.

Russ Levieitt and I dined at the Parrot tonight. He has an apartment now so that Maici's apparently gets to spend about half her time with him. Russ has a very interesting job under Douglas, the War Shipping Administrator. Apparently we are turning out ships much faster than they are being sunk. The English, however, are not doing so well. They have fine shipyards, but a great deal of their capacity has to be used for naval vessels. Besides, they don't seem to be masters of the art of mass production. Russ says that, in spite of their great production, they are ^(we, his group) the continual center of controversy between the contenders for ships; the British, the Army, the Navy etc.

If you have any surplus space in your bag Friday night, bring me some stiff collars as I am running short.

The Gregorss have accepted for

Saturday night. Noble thinks that Zellner
won't be here until March 1st or 2nd.

It looks as though Frank Drohan
would get the Goodyear job. He is like a
little boy in his excitement. All of the
officials of the company have given
him the once-over and Hyde enter-
tained him at home. Frank knows
great numbers of people and he
says that he is advised on every
hand that the company is really
an excellent one. The one flat
note is that Akron is apparently
a terrible dump.

~~Sincerely,~~
Lace,
Hugh

P.S. The reason for the sincerely is that I had just
answered the telephone and was trying to finish
before the Alexanders & Bill Stewart come up
from Queens. They have just left.