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PRom my mothers best Friends daughter -1 gr older than I was , withe Red Coss

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Pat dear .--
Welcome, welcome!! It was wonderful to get your letter yesterday 'n to hear that you're in the process of joining our harried ranks. I certainly do remember just what it feels like -I don't think I'll ever forget the excitement of saying "I do" before that fearsome hiring board (is round-faced owl-eyed Mr . Brown still the one who does most of the talking?), and the way I grinned to myself all the way home on the train, and the madness of collecting all those girdles (incidentally, in this theater it's too hot for girdles or stockings -- mine are merrily rotting in my foot locker!), and then the bewilderment of trying to soak in all the stuff they throw at you in Washington (practically all of which is now completely forgotten, by the way!) Isn't it terrific??

I just can't tell you how glad I am that you decided on Red Cross. You're going to love it, Pat -- and it will love you even more, I think!

By the time you get this, you will have decided whether it's to be hospital or club work. I honestly don't know too much about hospital work -- in many respects it must be more satiseying than this branch of the service. On the other hand, if you're like me the misery of it all would be too much too take! Club work is a nebulous sort of thing -- it keeps you busy, and your hours are long and tiring, but you don't do much of anything but talk! Well, that's not quite right, for you do have to do a lot of planling ' $n$ organizing of this and that and the other, but the results aren't always obvious.

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Iife's largest problem in this racket is dating. When you find yourself horribly outnumber in the ratio of males to females, you suddenly become unbelievably popular. Everybody wants a date and bounds you incessantly, and you have to figure out some way of being politic about the whole thing. That in itself is a full-time job, so be prepared! The other thing that I wish Red Cross had warned us of is the way Red Crossies get talked about. You're not sensitive -- or not aknommally so at any rate -. but do be prepared to have yourself called everything from a you-know-what to a you-know-what, and to hear wild and gruesome tales of the things you do and the sort of person you are. That's one little item that throws a lot of the girls and, I must admit, even set me back on my heels a bit 'til I realized that it's inevitable and not worth worrying about. But it'can be sort of disillusion ing to have your motives in having gone overseas misjudged. Howsomever, there are plenty of very swell people to make up for the unpleasant characters, of which there always seems to have to be one in every crowd!

It seems to me that Washingt on paints too grim a picture of life overseas -- also too glamorous a one sometimes. It is fun, Pat -it's exciting to feel yourself a part of the war, or at least to be near enough to it so that it makes some sense instead of being just a horrid sort of nightmare as it is from a Stateside point of view. And it's wonderful to be seeing a. 11 the strange and different things there are to see -- and living as you've never thought of living -- and meeting in knowing so many people of all kinds, backgrounds, sizes, and shapes. Prepare yourself to be spoiled -- we've found that the age of chivalry is very definitely not dead. You'll find yourself waited on ahnd and

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foot, and eventually, no matter how rugged and independent you are at heart, you begin to feel awfully fluttery and feminine!

And of course there are always the days when you'd like to chuck the whole business 'n head for home and Mamma p.d.q. And then you get a heavy dose of what-good-is-the-Red-Crossanyway from some disgruntled GI, and you wonder a bit just what good it is! But those days are rare, and somehow you always come out on top.

One thing you'd better do is think up a good answer to the inevitable "Why in hell do you girls come overseas anyway?" You'll hear it from everybody constantly -- and by the way, if you do think up a good answer, please let me know! I haven't yet!!

Red Crossies are, on the whole, a very swell bunch of gals. There are characters here and there, but there are in every organization. One nice part of it is that once you're out of the States 'n have shown R.C. that you like the work and can do it to their satisfaction, the Powers That Be are wonderful about trying to put you in assignments that you will like. If you get stuck in a situation which drives you mad, they really will move you around -- which is sensible, since you don't do them any good if you're not happy yourself.

All this, of course, is my own personal opinion and reaction to the whole business. Undoubtedly a lot of the girls wouldn't agree with me -- but knowing me, maybe you can figure out how it is going to strike you.

Don't worry too much about the awe-inspiring list of necessities Washington wishes on you.
A lot of it you'll never use (that belly band

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idea is one of the quainter ones!) -- on the other hand, the seemingly silly items like nails, hammer, knife, cord, etc. are invaluable.

I keep just taking it for granted that you're coming to this theater -- probably you'll end up in New Guinea where none of what I've written is true! Do come to our nice CBI, Pat. Renée and I want to get to China before we're through, and it would be pure heaven to have you with us. You'd love her -- Gad! wouldn't that be positively excruciating?????

As for us, we're still morale building vith the Tenth and loving it. We've been here since the first of February, which is practically a record, but will undoubtedly be on the move ere long since the Tenth just can't sit still long enough to really settle in anywhere! Our club is still another primitive tarp, hessian cloth, mosquito netting, dirt floor affair, but it's full to overflowing all the time. And our doughnuts and coffee are by far the best in the theater. We don't do as much with programs as The School will try to teach you, princiapply (that's pretty, isn't it?!) because it's so hard to get supplies and equipment -- and we're not all as ingenious as they'll try to tell you Red Crossies have to be! However, the routine of Bingo games, ping pong tournaments, jam session card tournaments, community sings, birthday parties, ' $n$ such seems to satisfy our many customers. We've also added bi-weekly (does that mean twice every week or once every two weeks?
I never can remember! Anyway, it's meant to mean twice a week!) tours through a nearby native village and temple area which are out of bounds 'n therefore inaccesible to the boys for their beloved picture taking and exploring. And our Sunday afternoon icecream has made us the darlings of the area! Please don't get the impression

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that we think our establishment is perfect, for it is far from that. However, it is needed here and it is used a lot, which is, after all, the point of the thing.

As for me myself, I'm getting tremendously fat (another thing to prepare yourself for -all the girls seem to either get awfully fat or qwfully thin. Why couldn't I have been in the latter category?!), turning yellower every day from atabrine (another thing -- you don't have to worry about your health if you do what you'ro told to), not getting enough sleep (Red Crossies never do!), and loving every bit of it. At this point I'm also suffering from a slight tinge of homesickness (another inevitable fact!) as the result of a letter from home yesterday telling me that West is practically home and that Nom had a few days in the hospital for some minor fixing up (don't women lead an awful life?!) I know she's all right, and I'm thrilled that my fat brother is going to get a bit of Stateside rest (he's surely earned it), but I want to be there too!!!:! I certainly can remember what Americac is like -- as a matter of fact, I think most people overseas remember more about America than the people who are right there! Which reminds me, be sure to eat a lot of the food you like best before you leave -- you get awfully tired of the Army's canned meat, dehydrated potatoes, etc. Most of 271 , drink gellons of milk -. you really will miss that most of all!

Do keep me posted on your doings. Have a wonderful trip to wherever you go (i'II keep my fingers crossed and hone it's in this direction), and please think of me when you're boarding ship. Ny chic tin hat wouldn't tighten up enough, so I went on board with the darn thing bobbing up and down in sliding down to bump my ample nose -- and I was so excited I couldn't even yell my name back at them as you're supposed

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to. That, by the way, is one of the biggest moments you'll hit. Golly, how I'd love to be starting out again with you! C'mon over here -I' ll be looking for you!

Good luck to you, Pat. I'm so glad you belong to the gray seersucker clan now!! Time for me to go 'n shower 'n get into my malaria control slacks again. I'll be looking for a communication from you!

## winch love to you -- <br> $\tan$

Thanks for the writing paper -- I will indeed find a use for it! Ny love to your family -they sound so happy 'n healthy. Did you get that Trig accomplished? What a woman you are!! Congratualtions on your ability to plow into mountains 'n conquer them!!


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well must tee you a lout the events of yesterday and catch up on the elvorobogoial lueiness or Seep forget some of the interesting. detail.

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camp. That wis around $110^{\prime} \mathrm{cloc}$. At noon well went down t C deck - 3 below no - to the Offices mess - and there were asoyjied to tables -4-8 at each (Em with 3 of my Haver never had such pleasant meals O ne wite (Bitich) for every 2 table-Wére served mine diately, ale we chur eat - and piping hot, ot'deliciors to - This noon we had steak ofmaid Gomilod - hr. pies .. (corps first) delicions sells $\sigma$ all the bite we want - and Rhubarb + custard for deoort with coffee. - Tonight we had clamo(cold) soup Chouda-hke) tusker os oweetheadsfichaluayp about 3 ar 4 Chories and abeach melba which meant a peach on
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a lead even nice keep pushoning sur watch $1 / \frac{1}{2}$ hoo to go to bed at 12 and find ito rio 1,20 . - Ne haul a 1 no 'clock surfer hat nosteverything closes at II- the Officer' lounge and all- So tab' as goad a time as ann to get in extra slap. Horvever-a found Myjelfolajing it the moving dud in the after Coo Gist cant stay awake. - forgat to tell youahnt lovell bitter, black eyed English steward who males our beds! Minis on ushfoim and in general80 'clock performance tonight at which we wean sur sum mar urifons for the fur st tine since I went home: - tit been termbly fold ever since Incidentally - had pork chops- Snorkel - mashed conto baked potatoes with 3 enbes flitter and more if dived - tea.!' (getting nearer) and appliepie
with chase - for much - just lunch.- ont ain with cheese - for lunch juba lunch.. Ont ain staved again and hin eaten a chocol. bar $x$ ain orange since It' the salt ain guess. - Ah -thy is the life - Stat looking for a Good buy Dad. You know what we need - Three ester. Wish yruwere here. Had a howl of a tie at the show last night, Those 9I boys are real showmen. We felt, the least purfescionalof all-do you can unagine but it was boo of fin cud the drys all enjoyed it. You cant put and then over on them either. sept all morning ups on the sun der ' (in the fog')
bit the air was much better and re hale plenty fomacy. Went down or the decks entertain the $g^{\prime} y^{\prime}$ this' ofternoon. - Played cards, sang and the nounal while the seemed to enjoy very much. Then wat up on the sun deck for a food game of caller lace. - Saw a move thin the evencin and picked in the rest of the day with food.' " none thmonow The sleeping horn are much too olivet ! and is n's hard to gets ap in the moving. Nerd getting closer. lots. of for stll-and cold and amazing enough - Srjigt until about 11 : 30 .. Thesleind on the shoo are wonderful to no do our ironing and soak our wash!' Plan to play some morel with the GI's this oftemoon alow on thai dec Have been challenged to a volley ballgame nits some of the staff and have and the entertainment ought. Got off at Grinch on somewhere like that in Scotland. jinot above or aivind glasgow * take an all night rickety tain t London, We all have to live on a $A$ ration thew because the butrich have had no diningear service erne the begriming if the war A ill be some different from thous that weir hid On oluploind. - nose later - my deaves family
I hope you get the without too mfuech delay. - Nieltry to tee you all $\theta$ can. - Love yon so much and wish you were with me. Hove eide sue the Catches. - Write as often as you can - Much mich love.

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ROOM ...... M-.93..........

KEEPTHIS CARD

## Dearest Family:

At last I am able to tell you something interesting. We home - that is, if they let me send this when we get to England.

Two and $1 / 4$ hours ago to the minute, the engines of the Queen Mary gave a smooth but sudden lurch and we were on our way. This is a real thrill - let me tell you - but a sober one because I have always been able to get home before and this time I suddenly realized there will be miles and miles of ocean between plus a job that doesn't take "no" for an answer. We were all at the rails before the plank was finally lifted but the only people on shore whom we could see were sailors docked along side us. They yelled and waved and said they'd keep the home fires burning. I somehow always thought my first trip abroad would mean a like a knapsack and lots of fanfare with you along side to say good bye, but this way it's better I guess because my next one will be a real pleasure point with my family right there at the rails too.

This has been exciting from start to finish although nothing is finished by any means. But the preparations are most interesting and certainly simple if you let the Red Cross and Uncle Sam do it for you. Patience is the first and most important prerequisite for this job I think, but if you don't let the waiting get you down, it's really fun. After packing yesterday, we had nothing to do until this AM so I went to the movies with one of the girls and in the evening we went to see Katherine Cornell and Brian Ahern in "The Barrett's of Wimpole Street" very good but it didn't take me long to get to sleep afterwards. New York has been a new experience for me. We walked down the great Broadway after the play but personally; I'll take the stairs.

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And now I'm in the upper bunk again - after a superb breakfast of grapefruit, puffed rice, all kinds of rolls, real butter (lots of it), the most delicious omelet and broiled bacon I've eaten in a long time - and coffee. We get everything. They treat us all like queens and we're fast becoming completely spoiled. The stewards even make our beds and fold our clothes. We're on the main deck and that means a good night's sleep in luxury quarters in any language. These were the once proud and beautifully furnished staterooms. Now they have from 8 to 30 bunks in them -3 layers deep, but we're going over with many of them empty for the first time. This is the first voyage for many years that they've allowed the port holes to be opened, smoking and walking on one of the decks after dark, and the first time they haven't zigzagged every 6 minutes to avoid submarines. They say it takes 7 minutes for a sub to line up the sites, aim and fire. So every 6 minutes the old lady would give a terrific lunge and people would end up on the floor with broken legs and arms and a wish that they'd been old women and children. They say the aisles were buried with troops and they even slept in the swimming pool before D-day. Now we're carrying
"casuals" -- mostly British evacuees (this is the first time the Queen has been used for them they say and many have been waiting 2 years for passage. Some were in St. Thomas in Manila - others have been stranded in the states or came over like the catch pools - I can't wait till we get within sight of land although they say we dock in Scotland - not England first. It will be thrilling to see their reactions.

2:30 p.m. - and I still have so much to tell you about yesterday - I don't know where to start, but the voyage is fascinating to me even though it may seem dull to many others and there always seems to be something to do. Maybe it's because I love to stand up near the bow and just look at the water. It's beautiful and big - this ocean. The ship rolls some, but not half as much as she did when they changed the course every 6 minutes. I felt a little peculiar this morning because for some reason, you feel the lisp a lot more down here than you do on deck - watching the water and breathing fresh air. Besides, unfortunately enough I came aboard with an unsettled stomach from overeating in New York without any decent exercise. Last night I got more physical exertion during a brisk walk on the deck with the chaplain than I have had since our old Mass State swimming class. The British go all out for hiking on deck before they go to bed. We are only allowed on the port side with the officers and much to our dismay have been told we aren't allowed to fraternize with enlisted men, but you can't help talking to them. Am glad I brought plenty of clothes (warm ones) because so far we haven't seen the sun. There's been a heavy overcast all day and now a slight rain, but we have a few more days to test the weather. They've sand-scoured the decks all morning so maybe that's a good sign that a sun bath's in store for us.

## 10:30 p.m. - The $2^{\text {nd }}$ night

Am in my good little old upper bunk again with a light to the left of me. It isn't often that I can be alone here so I like to take advantage of it when I can. Being in the middle of the ship (both ways) gives us a big advantage over other parts because we get very little up and down motion and a minimum of side roll although I can hear creaking all over the ship when we give from side-to-side - and the tremor of the motors is quite noticeable. Our bunks are suspended from side posts by chains so they can be hooked up if not needed. We have only 5 in here and room for 4 more. No porthole unfortunately, but it's been so cold we couldn't have had it open anyways. The sea today has been comparatively calm, but it still swells enough for a beginner. I have been on long enough to know though that a seaworthy sloop is a "must" for our post-war plans - I am completely sold on this sea life although I always was anyways even on land.

Well I must tell you about the events of yesterday and catch up on this chronological business or I'll forget some of the interesting details.

We donned our battle dress and were led downstairs to the dining room (though the back halls around 8 o'clock A.M.) All was supposedly most secret. You should have seen us - especially the short, stout ones which includes me - with a gun belt on our hips, a first aid kit, a canteen full of cold water, that heavy musette
bag, a pocket book, a gas mask tied around the middle with a helmet strap (helmet hung below) and a raincoat flung over our arm. Some of the gals carried musical instruments if you can imagine it. But, praise Hannah, we didn't have to lug a suitcase. They were all in our rooms when we got here. Sometimes the Army and R.C. can really be efficient if they want to. We sat with all this paraphernalia (sp?) for about $3 / 4$ of an hour - wishing we had been allowed to sleep longer. Then the Liaison Officer came and out we hobbled onto a bus, which was to take us to the point where we would climb aboard that unknown quantity. Of course everybody's guess was as good as the next person's, but each had his own special little theory and each knew her answer was the right one because she had had a date with an officer the night before and he had spilled the real beans in true vaudeville style. That's the trouble with this game - you get so sick of hearing "the inside story" (which turns out to be Blarney's own mother) you could scream. Well it was funny watching the girls load into that bus. If you've ever tried to sit down with a life preserve around your waist - a grocery basket in one arm and 3 weeks laundry in the other, an Adirondack pack over your shoulders, you'll know what we felt like (in part). But somehow that old C. $O$ had a way of making his orders effective when he said "clear the aisles for 7 more." Miraculously the aisles opened up, but I felt sorry for all the kids next to the windows. They were squashed pigeons -completely-we had a feeling after riding past several piers, it would be eventually Pier 92 which meant either the Mary or the Elizabeth - all the girls seemed thrilled to pieces over our final assignment although a similar ship might have been more exciting (also for some, more lethal). We could never have greater comforts than we have right now though.

We had to stand in lots of lines, sign papers and eventually leave our little gas masks and helmets in piles on the deck much to our complete dismay. I didn't care about the gas masks so much, but the helmet was part of the whole adventure and by this time part of us. Anyways, perhaps you'll feel better about everything since the latest order has been no gas masks or helmets for E.T.O. - the grey ladies were at the pier with coffee and doughnuts - for us! Can you imagine that - and if we hadn't been so excited we might have fully realized how important that little "symbol of America" was to us, but at that point we were a little more than anxious to feel the old deck under our feet. On we went - without ceremony-straight to our little rooms and were told to stay there until we heard otherwise-all of which made you feel like a Brownie at her first day in camp. That was around 11 o'clock. At noon we went down to $C$ deck ( 3 below us) to the Officer's mess and there were assigned to tables, 4 to 8 at each (I'm with 3 of my roommates) which we sit at all the way over. Have never had such pleasant meals. One waiter (British) for every 2 tables. We're served immediately, all we can eat, and piping hot. It's delicious too. This noon we had steak, spinach, broiled tomatoes, French fries (soup first), delicious rolls and all the butter we want and rhubarb and custard for dessert with coffee. Tonight we hade clams (cold) soup (chowder-like), turkey or sweetheads or fish (always about 3 or 4 choices) and a peach mella, which meant a peach on vanilla ice cream with raspberry sauce. In the afternoon, we were allowed to roam all over the ship except below decks and on the starboard side of the Promenade deck, which is reserved for
the enlisted men. It was cloudy, but lots of fun - as is has been all day today. We had some sun late this afternoon. Beautiful. Yesterday we had a meeting of all passengers where the C. 0 laid down the laws and said he hoped we'd have a good time. Then had a boat drill. We had to put on our Mae vests, which have been extremely simplified down to the bare details, which leaves only a neck choker and makes you look like a little on the top heavy side. Women and children live up in front of the men. So there will be men in each boat. Staff members checked our apparatus and that was all there was to it. Much to my dismay because I'd hope to jump over the side into one of those little tubs. However, leave us hope we never have to overwork the idea. We then volunteered to help some G.I entertainers who are on the ship from the play "Winged Victory." They're really big time men with Broadway, Tommy Dorsey's Band, and Hollywood experience under their belts and no one would even know it from their looks at least. Lots of fun and very unsophisticated. I'm in a sextet which started out as a trio and has now would up as 5. We're awful, but maybe they won't care. Have to perform tonight for the men and Saturday for the officers. Practiced a lot and spent too much time hanging around for a few temperamental people to get to rehearsal and things. Sang on the promenade deck with some Scotch boys who were lots of fun. There were about 30 of us and a boy with the yuke and amazingly enough - they knew all the American songs. Had been training in Texas and were they glad to be going back. We're considered officers here and $2^{\text {nd }}$ Loo's and guest so that means "no work." Consequently all the entertaining we do is voluntary.

Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
They blow the good old bugle at 6:30 AM and is it hard to get up on this ship. We all wonder if we'll ever be able to do a decent day's work when we have to because of the lazy life this is but it's still hard to get up. Breakfast at 8. Peg (a grand pal from Brooklyn who has been my constant source of pleasure and companionship since extension) and I get up early enough to do a turn or two around the deck before breakfast and then do we eat! We spend as much time above as possible. Yesterday we watched the roll and pitch from the bow for hours and believe it or not saw our first flying fish. They are white - smaller than I expected, but it's hard to tell exactly because we don't know how far away from them we were. I thought they looked like Bass size. They soar gracefully close to the water dipping in and out like porpoises. We hope to see lots of those too incidentally since they have gone through schools 4 miles long sometimes. We're in the Gulf Stream now and it's a lot warmer. Peg and I are on deck sunning ourselves although the overcast is catching up again. Had a fast game of volley ball on deck today with some RAF fliers and a few of our boys. Passed several ships which is quite a thrill, but other than that the horizon is void of anything but sea and more sea. The men were stoning the deck with rough sand stones and soap and then brushing them over and over again before they finally hazed them down and now they shine like new. They say these decks are teak wood and each crack is caulked solid. They never use varnish because it wouldn't lat. Every few feet there are patches of new wood where guns have been removed. That's why the Queen was in
the harbor so long this time they say - and because of that also - we are having a much smoother voyage. Not so much weight above. We're making excellent time. The motors are full steam ahead day and night because the rumor has it that captain wants to make a wartime record. Wish I had some shorts today, but probably wouldn't want them again. One of the medics was just talking to us - a grand fellow. He says he'll mail this when he gets home so it won't have to go through the censor so I'll keep talking just like I am although $9 / 10^{\text {th }}$ 's of what I'm saying is restricted at present. Of course censorship over there might loosen up enough to allow me to send this as is, but now I won't have to worry and you'll have the diary-complete.

Hate to have to keep pushing my watch $11 / 2$ hours ahead every night because it's rather disconcerting to go to bed at 12 and find it is $1: 30$. We have a 12 o'clock curfew but most everything closes at 11 -- the Officer's lounge and all - so that's as good a time as any to get in extra sleep. However, I find myself sleeping in the morning and in the afternoon too. Just can't stay awake. I forgot to tell you about the salt water and fresh water baths we have plus a lovely little black-eyed English steward who makes our beds! Irons our uniform and in general makes us think we are Astor's pet horses. Have an 8 o'clock performance tonight at which we wear our summer uniforms for the first time since I went home. It's been terribly cold ever since. Incidentally - had pork chops, broccoli, mashed potatoes, carrots, baked potatoes with 3 cubes of butter and more if desired, tea!!! (getting meaner) and apple pie with cheese for lunch - just lunch. But I'm starved again and I've eaten a chocolate bar and an orange since. It's the salt air I guess. Ah. . . this is the life. Start looking for a good buy, Dad. You know what we need. More later. Wish you were here!

Had a howl of a time at the show last night. Those G.I. boys are real showmen. We felt the least professional of all - as you can imagine, but it was lots of fun and the boys all enjoyed it. You can't put anything over them either.

Slept all morning up on the sun deck (in the fog!) but the air was much better and we had plenty of privacy. Went down on the deck to entertain the G.I.'s this afternoon. Played cards, sang and the usual, which they seemed to enjoy very much. Then went up on the sun deck for a good game of volleyball. Saw a movie for the evening and filled in the rest of the day with food! More tomorrow.

The sleeping hours are much too short! And it's hard to get up in the morning. We're getting closer - lots of fog still and colder and amazingly enough light until about 11:30. The stewards on the ships are wonderful to me - do ironing and soak our wash! Plan to play some more with the G.I.'s this afternoon down on their deck. Have been challenged to a volleyball game with some of the staff and have another entertainment tonight. Guess that will keep us busy. They say we get off at Gerick or somewhere like that in Scotland just above or around Glasgow and take an all night ricket train to London. We all have to live on a K ration then because the British have had no dining service since the beginning of the war. It will be some different form than we've had on board.

Well, more later my dearest family. I hope you get this without too much delay. Will try to tell you all I can. Love you so much and wish you were with me. Hope I'll see the Catches. Write as often as you can. With much love,

## Pat

Dearest Family:
Thistro' really efictuig Our orders were
for houdon as you can see. This morning wehad to get upas 60 clock-eat an early heatifast -our last on the beautiful queen - ard have ours lagos ready by 7 . Ne Arid them all ap in the hall and a long came a gang of gi Is - and picked them ups (single file.) et t ins funny to see some of then we gathered alton gean shirrs - belt eld and marched down to the bo aloof the ship and stepped off onto a small ferry boat shore were most of the trow ps had gore earlier list were waitued for wo on tho same train. The halos wo fuel of all Binds of ohijes - tho See de trance which has been ehanfed vito a hoopshipi andwos waiting to leave with its sligo of and about-seeminjly very' busy. - there were hundreds of beantifiut thing (slack tacked) gill The harbor hives so peal ceful and cozy. The 'fog was he any it tunes. hut lifted Enough sew harbors large enough or dey p enough th the
furn chary - but not spoibel by lots of factoid Goren chary - but not apoicb by At offac york. - The hills were a beautiful pea green and dark in spots where the Angell theshadit been cut. . Them at the foot of the hills ionuggled in weft to the water were. These hecuetiful-neat litter stove houses many painted coble te and many. stone colored with red roofs. Hist ike the plotuis
 looking but all with gardens and. lovely flower o No ugh y sky sappers - Even the litteeshb ald along the was just like a dream

I had guck a hard thine benouning our stay scotland would he a matter of minute. - On for a bridle and a chance to round these lovely hides. Q wish 8 coned clesciile it to you. It was quite cold and rainy at times but you could dee the hills At Asked like some gats of America hit a rupture of lots of places. The distant hies looked think of $w$ yoming sone of then be cause in tee lower sides of them would he hircine goren fields with thin trim litter white fam houses haveguin my footlock; shitesse and last so \& to have had a horse and plenty of time. - Well-we
finalh pulled out, andy from the big ship. ard
whet a magnpurent thins it is.- She looked hike a Mother hen with her hood of ting boats nett To he loading t unloading cargo + men - A big tanker had pulled up along the right side to refuel But the farther andy we got - The more thatgrest giant looked like a little toy and so did all the rest. in a play pool of water. On the gurich dock we were greated by ${ }^{2}$ Red Coss girls
doneghmits. and ${ }^{\text {to }}$ of Bitiohens - S doughunts. and Rots of Bitiohers - Scotchmen and along with then - all the local color and dialect. We stegoged right outs the train at the dock -and were asogied to compantruents - 4 each. - Thesectraing sent feogele in 4's line we try to -get at home if mere tranehng together. Ext theses chant the changed. Some of the chs me hike the colony cans in Canada. Wed heard hour duty Guin was - how ditty the trains were - how awful the ide was, how terrible the Limes are and enough talk to make anybody vonda if Amerreains can ever say y anythrig nice abnet anything but New York. Every, Thur They didit like on the queen Mary was "Jritains gules, Tummy they didit like on the queen Mary was "Opitain gild, to cay Lin an Annencian sometimes because it's so obrions to these other foozle and wee theyie guests! It gives ns all such abad start. But dim not sony dim an amenian, one
minute. - limonly porn these jeer He see so much they orly knew the country, and ty e West and the real genume Amencain. I Well-enving of that. We pulled out of Gurich at abut 9:30- after leavis the shine about 8:05 and spending 1/2 h on the tend at the dock. - I have a map Din seydingt fought it at Carlisle gave the litter gill $2 s$ bi for it at first untie l fond 3 shelling meant fo a map.- lit it was worth it. - I conceding bo d
for mine paring
Wrote the above at 2 this morning while we were waiting for a train fut keef getticic ahead of mu l cory. Traced our train monte (sac dthat before
That i the trouble with chis haphaird epistle That the trouble with Chis haphazard epistle but Choke you iniloveloik a four of those unliterary mistakes. - The people waved to no all the way
out of gunk. glasgow isint half as bad as they tan it is - Even the slum parts have anall.ne net core birlduigg + gardens. They look like our ohew settlement houses only. in old Inghi'h style well but and only 2 family's to a house. The flowers along the road' whe leantifiul! - Rhododendron a its European cousin in large purple cluster lots of Butterengss A daisies. heathen and in the Culturated plots- flowers that look like Lupin or tall defphmim of guess. - Poppies (red) and the lovely be + purfer sural fores - Caver The fields look like New England only much neater the wallo are of square stone - and there are man Not much woods hut lots of litter green field lording by store wall- and the fields look as tho they't been autivated for centinive (do the have) - But 2 noticed the celsence of an sough pasture - true stumps It rocky bouldel-like gr ain g field like we have. Ileir pastures look like the Blue grass Country on a small
scale. - Jean the strange part of it all is the misiture of $w$ yoming in this picture too. The
 bise these barren - moveland hills-evered with heather hour - ane sid of much vegetated yet they never have any ono in scollond. It was sight Cinadentalh - until 11:30 the might hefore - Oust of tho field. - Most every fam has a goat $\sigma 2$ and a hose, The lanes are just as You picture them in that song paved with asphalt - Everyone rides a drigcle or wald.the fils with he suitifil collies a R doit know when Scotland ceased + England he gan -hit N. England is Adust like the alone- As we came forth South we got into the hone countryi-lost shone of the more mugged scenery of the North. . It is truly like niduig a magic carfect tho fain lond. - One would nee parts. It reminded me of home a lot-as an as e et as e concerned - Potato -vegetables - lobo h ha fields come real Corm. Dally country quest for the absence of wood chuck holes. -
'Played some Rum

+ Cards with seat mates. Toured evening - The country we were thew inding the looked like bris.. We had seen our first lome shelters - grass covered and neglected - so they choked now. and were heginmin to get into the buzz 3 lome areas. - Made a so, called grand slam or whatever you could - in Hearts you. kow-by taking, all the clad cards. - It was fum. Had nench lemalhle to do cit lelfockut 2 mus put thin in to show Eur what a card shark Rim gettrin to he hicidutall- if I ever see a park of cards when \& get home pill Commit a neat we got off at kensingtow just rutside of London. seen one those likes like the had in $B$, A, - at a station
stopover inquired as to pice and found o contd bun are in London for 50!' 10 ilo so had made all nu g future flans around that - and tho in several hostel tiro on tho side. . However more of what mares this: life so nuterestin; Cane along Gand also a lit trying at times when youve dine the abve-in any detail' and 2 found myself with the other on another thai bound for South and tor where we embark for the continent + Paris. Et was a blow to bot of us because wed hoped to see London lnt-wer let it he said we didst ce something Solving thy make the most of my time you Anowr. Were taken in large buses (left hand
driven if conure) over to the other side of the town t ans th station. - On the way we paw just enough to mat us wait to cove lack. It was gist past tivengit hent we cold see the Palace spires- At de Pares canige-lize Fapri. The onthie of Westrunste Ally - Parkin. Buitdinjo - big Ben st. Thomas Ho jitale * the Thames. - When we got to the otherstatroni a alvb-molile met no -with the uscral morale hiildw. Then we had about 2 homs so Peg x 0 walked lack tho the A. A. tunnel to d corner where we met taro Bobbie (wonderful) whowalked no back to the abbey + Thames so we could see it as its pictured on the post cards. We heard Bi Ben trine 1:15 - Sour where the SY. Thomas hor finial had been gutted. And the parl. Imldnijo to and bulduy near the rotation. It is stile (to no) black ni England because the cen consewing fuel but t them there is mun hight. - Henry saiduilit the lust 2 week one could see absolutely nothing in front of him. Shy had flashlights so we could see bone. And sig Ben Which had only been alight for 2 wecho) phone he a
hi moon across the Lhanveo. The ste was

Berghtenongh of show the speiss of the cathedral + Parl. Buildnjo. - After racemiz the bombed ace as we wondered how on hearth these people ever card smile now- and cary, on the way they have. People are still hiving in the shelter they say suable to find quarters os "a flat" "oo They put hecause they don's have time t look. The women s annul + Wong are hiring released - as are minn got tho men. They are so prevideg here is you s bon them Jon eam he halfway polite apprecatwè. I thin time hat maghe O can coon. If Oget a furlough. - Sack Catchpool's. Founder of British youth 1 torte ling Gree tvhere $O$ arm now r - on an English freighter converted into a troop ship. in an nipper hints again - writing in the dak, Ale 25 of vo are allays ito 9 Am and we jurist got to he d alost $3 / 4$ hr ago oo we are all really weary $\alpha$ dirty. Everyone Louts to sleep now so they can see no le ave at 2 thin aftemoow. - We got, a few cat naps on the way down to Southing', but they merent worth much as yon can innagine. - the men trope had the an the floor. Have been hiving to day on $t$ rations - Lunch we had the one marked sugose coned corned beef + cants nixed, 4 concentrated cracks that inst like annual cracks-choolate gum, eigairettes - Cimon juice (pond) -sugar, Tonight we had dimer - can of cheese - somaller crachro-candy lar (milk Way made for Tropical weather) cig. - sugar. Crilhoin coffee that you can mint in your cantu in cold mater have reed coffee- The chis interest seem to be \& What kidd of agaiettes did 2 get'" so I hang onto mine T owned for chewing gin and the wondufue fruit la that utrues in the headefart bert. . Ats chopped apricot- pines - raisins churents peaches sean ett-all pressed into a cake. They have

Tied healogast food ts and He ham tyg mixture or samsaget $\lg 9$ in ace an- wite Markers :- Very good, = The fellowsjint Bought down some beanheti so were all dis Curbed again hut some are regular enough to take it. - Your can certainly till what people are made of in times liketro: - Were still alongside the pier-Andwill stay there tile more troops come alroard-swaíe eaten. Get hot food this moon. Sonthangton has been lade bombed around here - Watched some of the men fishing off tho dock for "Whiting" or something like that. Pill hates all oven mulish throated wire ed.

Wed. 13
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and turning vines. Behind me iou first and tursting vines. Behind me sour first
stopowh in l our nett horneland (France) a once beautiful. French chateaux spic which now louses sone Amy muses.- girl sleñografiens t tile. Opentors firm algeatis and an other lady transients from Cunerica. i This mors have beech one of the shoot beactifinl harbnain the wild. I wish you Could be here to see the view from the hilltops where we overlook all of the Hame. Whee been here acrice 3:30- St now 7o'clort and the sen n is stich $\frac{1}{4}$ of the var above the horizon from the village below comes the chimes of a bell which as far as $D$ can see, must hd the sumiver of one of the deadliest and most ruthless series of bombings ever to hit any

Bugle towns - I enclose a postal letuch nay Give a poor idea of what the seasidetityonce used to be and the pictures $O$ ann sending soon will, show Hon what hes below nos tonight. The dechuctioi is undeseritable. and Yet acth the heart of the torn is gutted beyond recognition sits. perpece are backand life has been reounced ag in the same quaint French fashion. The stores are ali many gutted but people are Trading pistasthy did before, the chiedien are going to shove and the prisoners are trynig to make sone impression on the nubble of their feet. Hereseare loatsin the harbor - with only their crows nest above the water hive. - As the tide Changes-mne derehits show their care outcures. - Chidien are playing ow the beaches and suminning in aniongst some of the piles of lwteencement Ne were loaded into large arm trues at the port and driven through tho verst panto if the torn to this hilltop po ravens we had a hasty closeup of what has to be done to restore the silage - Siftrat is humanly possible. - A snapped pictures left and right, oo much ofuciat Gould see and release dear God. delver mug Gilmo safely aud uncensored!) hill be Le taine. a viol now o had token pictures all the very and let them tace the film if they wished because they say anything is dengit nowtud Some of the boys were taking then all the way Tot ups con rage en sough to stat taking thenov the voyage from silianypton so you will see a Lew of the ships as we enter Le Havre. - Here vile Abe nor of Scot. England and the queen-vorse luce hut del go back again someday. Ot' not the same though. - The picture coil stour us debarking, the city. The chateau here-where sere stanjuig this evening until we have odes to move on to pins (probably abut to o'cloch) the view through t the
arbn - tho new from or pilleox abve here and of pillhares jist abre there which eornmand the Whole Garlon. - Prire is the girl in them, mo the After we landed we were allorved to uxledous into the toun to see the peopee and shops and for the firiot tinio efelt a cletlee atrange. Atmates You uneavy - to benow many of the perple hate yru hecause of the detruettrilbut yrucait blame them in a uay.- Some are very friendly tho-too. Q had nuy first exfenence in tryorig to sfeatl, French! Amagive ne speaking French!!! \& went nito a higcle ohop and heleie itton not \& managed to get out oonething Nout Comben est ce que nonde bme brajelette" OK. Thadmorielle an araower and Somethinit dout the aboe, ce of tries os vight now ofiel like quite a fhent comersathorahst and jubt guess s go acryplacenin France- without an minguter. - Mrist a dinit tho he suehed for a litte ditionaing Nopon as he saide we couldnt sary "Bon ooir" moted of "Bon jou". - Everyone is luackenigo Eychig. ontho Gis' have caid oigs truchs - and inadentally they sure semed glad to cellls. Dnost of them ant realnge we were ni K. y. not too much more than a weik ago. Presse $\forall$ hiked in on the hile geter we carne back from toun, o get the pitures and she fell at the bottonn of so ne ommbed ort steps and spraind har ankle tersibly. It wro bern canifhe. A big lump opp blodd as big as youk hist collected there bait ohe was a woide ful oppost about it. A guaid from the gillbore.
came out + caned her untid she dainted whil come out + canned her untid she fainted while 2mshed back belrinh hill and ment to a furit and etatioi that was pont of a lange defene
unit - behirid huge eement on inchades, now
snauned by us - Nirey frailly got her sits a truck and up $t$ the doctor who has bandied it till we get 8 Pair hut che didnt unit $t$. have to leave the group here. Ines shell have \&s go to the hooppitat there and have it essayed. They say we have been very hel as a group-an form
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sony this wont more consistent but I doit unit forget anything and it' fur to unite in the parent for a i change.
after about 3 hour of s. Trust. a lout ADM. Ans. at the pirn the boys after about 3 hor with no) threw faith in
everything to the tillele liter on the docks. The was an empty nasion frat boat fist's on whatever they are - he tween no o the pier -the boys would junip rite it and code cute days in the water for the money -gu m-Candy and everything. - Oped boys have so shuch - and give sorost of it away - but they say the people object very much to this Ale nactisi he
the lads get pretty unduly. and obnoprois the lads get pretty ununly- and obnoproins
They begged all the uar down - at "ever ystation top van Erich to S. Harp. Chum?" Theyve been taught and "Sohvenis?"' Those 10 hide mut have made a goodday pay out of the toss ores - Even old men wee thew. Chasuǵ them - and it wo litter drogistuig. It made us look like Manor Cords fleding then elaves.or tossing con to the ehlckien for sport. The hoys laughed at them and then they'd. throw a washer med laugh more when the lender dis covered What it was. But the boys wee trilled th the elis to oe Amercain give - they were most returning
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Dearest Family:
This is really exciting. Our orders were for London as you can see. This morning we had to get up at 6 o'clock, eat an early breakfast - our last on the beautiful Queen - and have our bags ready by 7. We lined them all up in the hall and along came a gang of G.I.'s and picked them up (single file). It was funny to see some of them walk by the big ones and grab the tine ones. Then we gathered all our gear stuff, belts, etc. and marched down to the bottom of the ship and stepped off onto a small ferry boat. There were the group of us and some American officers. Most of the troops had gone earlier but were waiting for us on the same train. The harbor was full of all kinds of ships. The llle de France, which has been changed into a troop ship and was waiting to leave with its cargo of injured veterans. The little boats putted in and about seemingly very busy. There were hundreds of beautiful big (Black backed) gulls (For Em's benefit) hovering around for refuse. The harbor was so peaceful and cozy. The fog was heavy at times, but lifted enough so we could see lovely little Gurich - one of the few harbors large enough or deep enough to hold Queen Mary - but not spoiled by lots of factories and dirty slum-looking buildings like New York. The hills were a beautiful pea green and dark in spots where the small trees hadn't been cut. Then at the food of the hills snuggled in next to the water were these beautiful neat little stone houses - many painted white - and many stone-colored with red roofs just like the pictures in "My Book house". They were in neat rows like this. Each one very much like the other - chalet looking, but all with gardens and lovely flowers. No ugly sky scrapers. Even the little shops along the wharves were tidy and very "Williamsburg"ish. It was just like a dream, a real fairy tale come true. I had such a hard time knowing our stay in Scotland would be a matter of minutes. Oh for a bicycle and a chance to roam these lovely hills. I wish I could describe it to you. It was quite cold and rainy at times, but you could see the hills. It looked like some parts of American but a mixture of lots of places. The distant hills looked like the green Mts. The hills close to made you think of Wyoming -- some of them -because in parts they were brownish and barren. Then on the lower sides of them would be luscious green fields with their trim little white farm houses set into a cluster of dark green trees. I'd have given my footlocker, suitcase, and last 50 cents to have had a horse and plenty of time. Well, we finally pulled out - away from the big ship and what a magnificent thing it is. She looked like a mother here with her brood of tiny boats next to her loading and unloading cargo and men. A big tank had pulled up along the right side to refuel. But the farther away we got, the more that great giant looked like a little toy, and so did all the rest, in a play pool of water. On the Gurich dock we were greeted by 2 Red Cross girls, coffee and doughnuts and lots of Britishers, Scotchmen, and along with them - all the local color and dialect. We stepped right onto the train at the dock and were assigned to compartments -4 each. These trains seat people in 4's like we try to get at home if we're traveling together. But, these seats can't be changed. Some of the cars are like the colony cars in Canada. We'd heard how dirty Gurich was, how dirty the trains were, how awful the ride was, and how terrible the Limies are and enough talk to make anybody wonder if Americans can ever say anything nice about anything but new York. Everything they didn't like on the Queen Mary was "Britain's grudge against America." It makes me so mad I'm almost ashamed to say I'm an American sometimes because it's so obvious to these other people and we're they're guests! It gives us all such a bad start. But, I'm not sorry I'm an American, one
bit. I'm only sorry these people see so much of what should never be called "typical U.S." If they only knew the country and the West and the real genuine Americans. Well, enough of that. We pulled out of Gurich at about 9:30 after leaving the ship about 8:05 and spending $1 / 2$ hour on the tender at the dock. I have a map I'm sending to you to show you our route down. It was funny. I bought it at Carlisle - gave the little girl 25 cents for it at first until I found 3 shillings meant 60 cents instead. I couldn't imagine paying 60 cents for a map, but it was worth it.

Wrote the above at 2 this morning while we were waiting for a train but kept getting ahead of my story. Traced our train route (said that before - that's the trouble with this haphazard epistle but I hope you will overlook a few of those unliterary mistakes. The people waved to us all the way out of Gurich. Glasgow isn't half as bad as they say it is even the slum parts have small, neat stone buildings and gardens. They look like our new settlement houses only in old English style; well built and only 2 families to a house. The flowers along the road were beautiful! Rhododendron or its European cousin in large purple clusters, lots of Buttercups, Daisies, Heather and in the cultivated plots - flowers that look like Lupine or tall Delphiniums I guess. Poppies (red) and the other lovely blue and purple small flowers. Laurel too I think although I thought that it was native to America. The fields look like New England only much neater. The walls are of square stone and there are many. Not much woods but lots of little green fields bordered by these stone walls and the fields look as though they'd been cultivated for centuries (as they have). But I noticed the absence of any rough pasture -- tree stumps and rocky boulders - like grazing fields like we have. Their pastures look like the blue grass country on a small scale. Then the strange part of it all is the mixture of Wyoming in this picture too. The lowlands are these lovely green fields spotted with cattle - mostly Ayrshires and some Holsteins - and rising right out of them are these barren moorland hills covered with heather and void of much vegetation. Yet, they never have any (arrow???) in Scotland. It was light incidentally until 11:30 the night before. Just like Canada. There were many wild rabbits in some of the fields. Most every farm has a goat or 2 and a horse. The lanes are just as you picture them in that song, "There will always be an England" narrow but many paved with asphalt. Everyone rides a bicycle or walks. Toward evening we saw many couples walking over the fields with beautiful collies. I don't know when Scotland ceased and England began, but N. England is just like the above. As we came farther South we got into the loose country - lost some of the more rugged scenery of the North. It is truly like riding a magic carpet through fairy land. One would never know this country has been at war up in these parts. It reminded me of home a lot as far as crops, etc. are concerned: potatoes, vegetables, lots of hay fields, some real corn valley country except for the absence of woodchuck holes.

Played some rummy and cards with a U.S. officer and my seatmates toward evening. The country we were then riding through looked like Ohio. We had seen our first bomb shelters - grass covered and neglected - so they looked now and were beginning to get into the buzz bomb areas. Made a so-called grand slam or whatever you could (in Heart's, you know) by taking all the bad cards. It was funny. Had never been able to do it before but I must put this in to show Em what a card shark I'm getting to be. Incidentally, if I ever see a pack of cards when I get home I'll commit a neat, but hasty suicide. Our orders were somewhat confused. We got off at Kensington just outside of London at 10:00 p.m. I had seen one of those bikes like they had in R.A. at a station stopover - inquired as to price and
found I could buy one in London for $\$ 50$ ! Or 10 lbs so had made all my future plans around that and thrown in several hostel trips on the side. However, more of what makes this life so interesting came along (and also a bit trying at times when you've done the above - in any detail) and I found myself with the others on another train bound for South Hampton where we embarked for the continent and Paris. It was a blow to lots of us because we'd hoped to see London, but never let it be said we didn't see something! I always try to make the most of my time, you know. Were taken in large buses (left hand driver, of course) over to the other side of town to another station. On the way, we saw just enough to make us want to come back. It was just past Thirty Ct. (??), but we could see the Place spires - Hyde Park Entrance, Kensington Park, small English cars and funny carriage-like Taxis. The outline of Westminster Abbey and Parliament buildings. Big Ben. St. Thomas Hospital and the Thames. When we got to the other station, a club mobile met us with the usual morale builder. Then we had about 2 hours to Peg and I walked back through the Abbey and Thames so we could see it as it's pictured on the post cards. We heard Big Ben strike 1:15 - saw where the St. Thomas hospital had been gutted and the parliament buildings too and building near the station. It is still black in England because they are conserving fuel but to them there is much light. They said until the last 2 weeks one could see absolutely nothing in front of them. They had flashlights so we could see some. And Big Ben (which had only been alight for 2 weeks) shone like a big moon across the Thames. The sky was light enough to show the spires of the cathedral and parliament buildings. After seeing the bombed areas we wondered how on earth these people even could smile now and carry on the way they have. People are still living in the shelters they say, unable to find quarters or "a flat" as they put it, because they don't have time to look. The women's Army and Navy are being released, as are many of the men. They are so friendly here as you show them you can be half-way polite and appreciative. I'm sick to think I won't be able to see the Catches this time but maybe I can soon if I get a furlough (Jack Catchpool's - Founder of British Youth Hostelling.)

Guess where I am now - on an English freighter converted into a troop ship in an upper bunk again, writing in the dark. All 75 of us are asleep. It's 9 AM and we just got to bed about $3 / 4$ hours ago so we are all really weary and dirty. Everyone wants to sleep now so they can see us leave at 2 this afternoon. We got a few cat naps on the way down to South Hampton, but they weren't worth much as you can imagine. The men troops had to lie on the floor. Have been living today on K rations. Lunch we had the one marked supper - canned corn beef and carrots mixed, 4 concentrated crackers that taste like animal crackers, chocolate, gum, cigarettes, lemon juice (powder), sugar. Tonight we had dinner can of cheese, 8 small crackers, candy bar (Milky Way made for tropical weather) cigarettes, sugar, bullion, and coffee that you can mix in your canteen in cold weather and have iced coffee. The chief interest seems to be "what kind of cigarettes did I get" so I hang onto mine and swap for chewing gum and the wonderful dried fruit bar that comes in the breakfast kit. It's chopped apricots, prunes, raisins, currents, peaches, etc. all pressed into a cake. They have dried breakfast food too and a ham and egg mixture or sausage and egg in a can with crackers. Very good! The fellows just brought down some blankets so we're all disturbed again but some are regular enough to take it. You can certainly tell what people are made of in times like this. We're still alongside the pier and we'll stay there till more troops come aboard and we've eaten. Get hot food this noon. South Hampton has been badly bombed around
here - watched some of the men fishing off the dock for "Whiteys" or something like that. Pill boxes all over rubbish-twisted ?? etc.

Wednesday, June $13^{\text {th }} 1945$
Just hope I don't skip anything. So much is doing and it's all so thrilling. I am now sitting under a small canopy of this kind of a tree, whatever it is, they are trimmed like an arbor of grapes and are shading a hand built picnic table which is sheltered to the sea side by a stone wall. Behind me to my left is an ugly undestroyed pillbox camouflaged with ropes and twisting vines. Behind me is our first stop over in our next homeland (France) a once beautiful French Chateaux, which now houses some Army nurses, girl stenographers and telephone operators and any other lady transients from America. This must have been one of the most beautiful harbors in the world. I wish you could be here to see the view from the hilltops where we overlook all of our home. We've been here since $3: 30$. It's now 7 $o^{\prime}$ clock and the sun is still $1 / 4$ of the way above the horizon. From the village below comes the chimes of a bell, which as far as I can see must be the only survivor of one of the deadliest and most ruthless series of bombing ever to hit any single town. I enclose a postal which may give a poor idea of what this seaside city once used to be and the pictures I am sending soon will show you what lies below us tonight. The destruction is indescribable and yet although the heart of the town is gutted beyond recognition its people are back and life has been resumed again in the same quaint French fashion. The stores are small, many gutted, but people are trading just as they did before. The children are going to school and the prisoners are trying to make some impression on the rubble at their feet. There are boats in the harbor with only their crow's nest above the water line. As the tide changes, more derelicts show their bare outlines. Children are playing on the beaches and swimming in amongst some of the piles of broken cement. We were loaded into large army trucks at the port and driven through the worst parts of the town to this hilltop haven so we had a hasty close up of what has to be done to restore the village if that is humanly possible. I snapped pictures left and right so much of what you'll see (and please dear God deliver my films safely and uncensored!) will be Le Havre. There will be none of Scotland or England and the Queen -- worse luck, but I'll go back again someday. It's not the same though. The pictures will show us debarking the city, the chateau here where we're staying this evening until we have orders to move on to Paris (probably about 10 o'clock), the view through the ??, the view from a pillbox above here and of pillboxes just above there which command the whole harbor. Pierre is the girl in them, mother. After we landed we were allowed to walk down into the town to see the people and shops and for the first time I felt a little strange. It made me uneasy to know many of the people hate you because of the destruction, but you can't blame them in a way. Some are very friendly though too. I had my first experience in trying to speak French! Imagine me speaking French!!! I went into a bicycle shop and believe it or not I managed to get out something about "Combien est ce que . . . un bicyclette?" Ok. Mademoiselle ?? anyways. I got a "Non-Native" for an answer and something about the absence of tires so right now I feel like quite a fluent conversationalist and just guess I can go anyplace in France without an interpreter. Must admit though he rushed for a little dictionary as soon as he saw e couldn't say "Bon soir" instead of "Bon jour." Everyone is walking or bicycling. Only the G.I.'s have cars or trucks and incidentally they sure seemed glad to see us. Most of them can't realize we were in N.Y. not too much more than a week ago. Pierre and I hiked up on the hill after we came
back from town to get the pictures and she fell at the bottom of one bombed out steps and sprained her ankle terribly. It was very painful. A big lump of blood as big as your fist collected there but she was a wonderful sport about it. A guard from the pillbox came out and carried her until she fainted while I rushed back behind the hill and went to a first aid station that was part of a large defense unit behind huge cement and brick walls now manned by us. They finally got her into a truck and up to the doctor who has bandaged it until we get to Paris but she didn't want to have to leave the group here. Guess she'll have to go to the hospital there and have it X-rayed. They say we have been very lucky as a group as far as sickness is concerned. (There are 2 little boys in front of me. They're adorable and have heavy wooden soles on their shoes, part leather and the tops are made of yarn.)

And now to backtrack a bit to South Hampton. I'm sorry this isn't more consistent, but I don't want to forget anything and it's fun to write in the present for a change.

We pulled out of South Hampton about 2 AM after about 3 hours of sleep. At the pier the boys (about 300 with us) threw farthings, shillings and everything to the little boys on the docks. There was an empty invasion flat boat, or whatever they are, between us and the pier and the boys would jump onto it and wade ankle deep into the water for the money, gum, candy and everything. The boys have so much and give most of it away, but they say the people object very much to this little practice because the kids get pretty unruly and obnoxious. They begged all the way down at every station stop from Gurich to South Hampton. "Any gum chum?" they've been taught and "Souvenirs?" Those 10 kids must have made a good day's pay out of the toss over's. Even old men were there chasing them and it was a little disgusting. It made us look like Manor Lords feeding their slaves or tossing corn to the chickens for sport. The boys laughed at them and then they'd throw a washer and laugh more when the kids discovered what it was. But the boys were thrilled to the skies to see American girls. They were mostly returning hospitalized men who were being sent back to their units and then perhaps home or perhaps left with the Army of Occupation. Most of them hadn't been home for 1 or 2 years. We heard the men would love us no matter what we looked like and I can really believe it now. They wanted to talk and talk they did - all about their wounds, battle "Remember when my division was caught in the bulge," they'd say. "I was in the company that held this and such . . ." and then we'd shout with praise wondering all the time if they'd ask us any more about what they did and where this and such was anyways. The first thing was "Any of you from Carolina? " Then, "Ah, a Georgia peach. Wahoo! Look at that girl! They're all like that in Georgia." But they loved us all. They thought I was from Texas and almost insisted I should be. We ate in shifts in the officers mess: steak, French fries and good food I thought but anything that's not cooked by Americans is terrible so the kids had a lot to say about it. The English cooked it. (We were on a small English ship.) Must admit though their puddings are a little heavy for us. (The birds here are magnificent! I've hear nothing but Warblers I guess and Thrushes all singing anyways and not just amateurs either.) My face is wind-burned from the storm we hit last night. For Channel weather we had a calm voyage but we rocked a lot more than on the Queen and to make things interesting several loose mines floated off either side at a distance of 200 yards or so. We wouldn't realize it until they'd fire on them to set them off and then the worst part of all, they'd miss. Both times they missed which meant both mines floated on to perhaps hit some other ship. It was a most uncomfortable feeling and for the first time I realized much of the war was still "at large." When I
went to bed finally I found myself wondering when the ship would buckle, how well the steel deck would hold up, how far above the water line my bunk was and what would happen to the big steel beam over my head. I felt better after the survey. Had it all figured out l'd be blown out to the middle then hammered or pinned into a nice little compartment all my own but nothing more. We had boat drill again early and then had to carry our preservers all the time. At night they gave us a little red light to pin on our shoulder straps and a battery to put in your pocket. By handling a little plug touching the battery we could flash it on and off. The sunset was lovely but the wind blew terrifically. We wheeled into it and rode it out so didn't make it Le Havre at 10 PM as planned. When the boat turned everybody gasped and looked for another mine. Every theory from then on was a mine. At night it wasn't a very comfortable feeling though to know they were still floating around but in perspective (reflecting on what had gone before) we knew it was just a joy ride especially with the men there to tell you how bad it could be. I met a marvelous older fellow, Joe White, from near Detroit who wished he had been a professional violinist. He reminded me of Gene Cullman - talked a lot like him and was getting the most out of his travels. He was really a prince of a guy and made me realize there are some left who don't talk saloons and women every minute and who are older and still quite eligible. He really had sense. We talked quite late on the upper deck and I loved it. We anchored within sight of land. This morning stayed there until noon. Sang on deck with a fellow from Texas who looked just like them - the real thing: guitar, square chin and all. Everybody had such fun. The men couldn't hear enough new songs enough of good old U.S. They roared at anything we said. Whitney (another good pal from N.Y. who took me to NBC) and I swept the decks to amuse them and did they get a laugh out of it.

Now I'm on the train with 2 others in a compartment that seats 8 ! One more just added but we still have enough room to stretch out and sleep. The seats are like this: and so on until the end of the car. They run across the car not lengthwise. There's no John and you have to have good kidneys or something. A couple of G.I.'s came up to the charter so I got pulled in on a walk as much as I wanted to avoid that tonight. Most of the other girls went to a dance for the boys but I wanted to stay and write and then hike upon the hill again for the sunset alone for once. As it was, I ended up in the day room of these boys - very nice dancing and then in a little liquor place with a glass of red wine. Very mild (the wine) but stupid (the fun). That's one thing about this business I'll be lucky if I can find any time to myself to do the things that mean the most to me. Incidentally Em, one of our other visitors at the Chateau was none other than a guy in a grey Coast guard uniform who stood leaning on a small French car talking to a Wac and just gabbing with some of the officers - Victor Mature!! What a droop. Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra have reservations on the car behind us with their troop shows but they didn't show up!!! For once, the show didn't go on!!! We've just started so if this is a little rough, please forgive. We've been waiting for them a half an hour.

Where was I? Oh yes. This morning we sang and all. Then after lunch, sang some more until we pulled into the harbor. It was just like pulling up alongside of a set in Hollywood - on location. We had to be backed into the anchorage pier place to allow the SS Brazil to go in ahead of us with its load of civilian, which we later read were Hope and his gang of troupers. The pictures will tell the story from here on. Well gotta have sleep! Will try to keep this up-to-date. Love you all very much and hope I get some mail soon.

June 12, 1945
Fell asleep immediately but nearly froze to death. Woke up in time to see daylight and hideous ghosts of ruins which were caused by street fighting and land attack I suppose as well as air. This was Rouen as far as I can guess. Then fell asleep again and had a terrible dream about bombings and prisoners and all the rest. If that happens to me from just looking, what happens to those who have to live through it. Seeing cities like Le Havre in ruins really hits you, but when you see shell holes through a barn parts of country stone wall chipped out and trees splintered, you know how far reaching war can be. Pierre hobbled around bravely! We were met by the Red Cross and taken in trucks to the hotel Normandy, which is right in the center of everything. Don't know how long l'll be here, but I hope long enough to see a lot. How I wish I had some hostel addresses. Paris is as beautiful as they say it is and a relief to see after Le Havre. As the pictures show, everyone is on bicycles or on foot. We have a wonderful room with a private bath and even a foot bath! 3 to a room. Pierre got a single, fortunately with a bath. I as usual have a cot, but wouldn't know what a bed felt like or how to sleep in one. We eat at a Red Cross Club. Wonderful meals and what fun it is to talk French?!! I had a glowing conversation with a taxi driver this morning about "Que ce que c'est le sa?" or something. He'd blubber away and end up with the world "Universitie" so l'd give a quick glance at the enclosed map and "We, tres bean. Magnificient!" -- back to him and the kids with me thought I was colossal. It was a howl. Amazing what you remember when you have to though. Was in a taxi because Peg had to have a tooth out. We were going to take a tour for $\$ 1.20$ but decided against it and were just as glad when we found out the Red Cross furnished a taxi over and back to a dental clinic, which was miles away. We had a free tour for nothing! (hold your nose please when you say that!) and it only cost Peg a cigarette. Haven't done any sight-seeing yet. Am living with Berty again and Peg, the Phys Ed. (above) and they are both asleep. Guess most of the kids are. Wish I could get a bike somewhere because I don't feel like going out tonight and loading up. Want to get some pictures while the sun is good. Also need sleep. Can't send you these for a long while I guess but I will keep writing so you'll have something more than "I am well" to look forward to.

Love you all. Don't know how long l'll be here or what happens next. Sort of like this unsettled business, but it will come to an end shortly. Much love again, Pat.
P.S. Please send me some soap if possible. Latest song hit sheets, Em and the stockings. Also any cigarettes if you don't go out of your way to get them. I can trade them for things sometimes. Not imports though.

Patricia fermingo
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Following the Seine we reach SEVRES, passing the famous porcelaine Manufactory - CHAVILLE - VIROFLAY VERSAILLES - The Palace of VERSAILLES, built under the reign of Louis XIV, and used as a residence for the Kings of France, has been for the last three centuries, the center of great historical events. Its Hall of Mirrors, King's Apartments and Gallery of Battles have to be visited, as well as its famous gardens, the Petit Trianon, Marie Antoinette's Hamlet and the State Carriages.

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MAPS. - Large maps are to be found : a) outside, at the entrance of every Metro station;
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c) on every platform.

On the maps each line carries a number. Directions, however, are usually given by indicating the name of the end-stations of the lines.

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The name of each station, in large white letters on a blue background, is repeated on the walls between the advertisement frames.
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- By means of its 14 lines stretching over 86.4 miles underground, 6 miles in the open air and its 348 stations, the Metro can take you almost anywhere in Paris and the suburbs. - There are a few Stations that are closed; do not plan on getting off at these Stations.


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To continue the long epistle - am now on a little train enroute to somewhere from the port -- a lovely little town in Scotland. There is a lot to tell you about. So much has happened in the last 2 days. I'm in love with Scotland and England already. Yesterday we got up early, washed and the rest of it and I managed to go to church. The service was held in the officer's lounge on the ship. During a hymn we heard a series of loud retorts toward the stern which had some of us wondering - but it turned out to be land, our first sight of it in $4 \frac{1}{2}$ days. And from then on we hugged the rail every second of the time. Talk about Puget Sound! I was standing as near to the front of the bow as possible right in the middle of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ deck. Just below us was another short deck and then the deck with the hold - and the booms which lift out the luggage, the ladder ropes and all the wenches, etc. Then in front of that is the short deck as high as the $2^{\text {nd }}$ one with the anchor wench, etc. A cross section looks like this: and I was standing at x .

Written June $12^{\text {th }}$ in Paris -before finishing next letter
Hope I haven't forgotten anything. Everybody says I write too much, but I'd rather do that than go somewhere sometimes and often the only time I have alone to concentrate is while they're all asleep.

I'm afraid I have missed a lot of what I was going to tell you about our ground entrance into Scotland, but l'll try to recollect. As we went between the narrows at Millpoint (see map), we fired five salutes to a little old lady who stood near the wall of her immaculate white low swang farm home waving a flag. That point is very narrow as you can judge by the scale but the queen went right up her just the same. Oh how I wish I had more than just a mental picture of the scenery there, but I've been effusive enough about it I guess. Anyways, we must all see it together sometime. We stood on the front deck all afternoon watching the land change, waving to passing ships - one of which was a transport headed home - watching for people on shore and trying to catch a glimpse of their lives by the sea. English (ambassador we later found out on attaché to Brazil) was on deck with his field glasses. I'm afraid we Americans did our worst at that point because we practically confiscated the glasses and the poor old chap didn't have a chance to even focus them. It was disgraceful, he probably thought, but he was very generous anyways and we had fun sighting in all the ships, carriers, islands as they appeared and for me - ducks and gulls!! Saw my first Puffins - which are the cutest 8 ounce (??) birds you ever saw. They're tiny anyway and look just like baby ducks. Saw thousands of great Black Backed Gulls (feel like I'm repeating as I must be but I can't stop to read all I've written every time. I'll catch up this trip. I know Em will appreciate hearing about the birds
again.) We finally anchored late at night and stayed on till the next morning. We watched the men run up the ladders to untie ropes which helped swing up those booms to hoist the luggage from the hold. The anchor went out so fast it flew dust all over the deck. They began to unload as soon as we anchored so we watched the little boats come up alongside for their business. Some carried important people who were coming aboard. Some took away hospital cases and others took off generals and the great crippled singer who was pushed around the deck on a wheel chair whenever the going was good-Margaret. It was cold and we were all tired. It was nice to have a finally decent sleep in the brisk without hearing the throb of the motors and also minus the roll - however slight. We loved every second of the Queen Mary's voyage only wish we had been able to fraternize with the boys more. They thought we were all out for the British Officers because many of the girls went with some, but the Colonel said, "No talking to enlisted men." However, there are ways and ways and so far I've been able to get around it. Towards the end of the last evening, I met a wonderful sailor by the name of Stewart from N.J. who owned and managed a dude ranch -- loved Palominos - had been to the farm in PA and was just a grand guy whom I wished I'd seen long before but that's the way of this man's war. We talked horses till I began to want to turn right around and head back for good old Wyoming. That afternoon we were on deck again socializing with them - and I in particular helped a Queen Mary permanent R. Cross worker with crafts. She was a lot like Helen Toy, same build and lots of fun. Had been on the ship a year. It's amazing how those fellows went for the craft part of it. They love to make things. She was doing just the thing I had done with Mother in group braiding - making bracelets with that plastic stuff that looks like leather. It certainly kept them occupied. We also had a little birthday cake for one of my roommates who's a peach of a girl from Indiana named Berty Howell. I'm trying to write down names because we all may be separated and it's nice to have some record.

Well so much for this one. Am enclosing something for you to try with cold water (as we did) or hot. This comes in our K. ration. Wish I could send you a whole box. More soon. Follow the maze if you can. Heaven's knows when you'll get this though. Love you all. (K. Ration sealed in paraffin. Everything packed in this heavy cellophane.) Pat

Dearest Janis: Dune $16-45$
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Dearest Family:
You don't know how good it felt to get a nice bath and have some clean things on for a change. I'd slept and lived in mine for 3 days and you know what that does. Paris is beautiful. After Le Havre and London, I wondered if we'd see anything over here but ruins, but Paris of course was declared an open city and with a few exceptions such as the one I wrote to Em about everything is as it always must have been except for the vehicles. There seem to be more cars now because of the army jeeps and taxis are beginning to pop up. Also some civilian cars are now on the road. After washing everything in sight and writing that last letter, I fell asleep and none of us woke up until suppertime. We eat in one of 2 places for nothing, but we cannot buy food at other places - more rationed goods. That must be for civilians and also because of sanitary reasons. No one would want to eat some of the pastry and rolls they peddle/serve in the subways. It isn't at all uncommon to see people walking down the streets with long bare rolls of bread slapping them on their knees and kicking them around in the dust. A Red Cross man sat at our table and before we knew it we had an invitation to see Paris at night. The other kids were all for it, but I had a hard job convincing myself it would be fun. Well, to make the long story short we finally went and had a wonderful time. But that's enough to hold me for the duration. Paris is not immoral - it is amoral. Oh it's just wide open and our boys seem to lap it up much to some people's disgust - including the French. However, to retract, we went over to the ARC main hotel while he changed his clothes and waited in the lobby with some good old G.I.'s who were having a real jam session - drums and all. They were lots of fun and two of them would have come along if the cover charge hadn't been $\$ 10$ a head! It was my first chance at seeing how money talks in this Army life and I didn't like it. We went in a subway - all Americans ride free. Incidentally we have taken over all the best clubs in Paris - hotels and all to billet our men. If it weren't for the Red Cross, though, the boys on leave would have no place to go. We have really done a terrific job over here and I think most of the boys appreciate it. Well I always digress. We went to the club Lido as the pictures I am sending will show (I hope) or perhaps I should hope they will be censored. Don't be alarmed - just art in the form of burlesque but unfortunately they won't show what went on behind us. Several officers came over to our table and though slightly tipsy were very nice and respectful all of which would either make or break the evening for me. The funny part of it was the Red Cross man, of these married adventurers who was about to go back home after spending $21 / 2$ years over here. All I can say is I hope the R.C. man in charge of our unit will command a little more respect than the ones I've seen so far. Well, after figuring it all up, we decided they spent $\$ 48.00$ on champagne ( 3 bottles) and the ARC man got hit for $\$ 30.00$ more to get us all in. And yet they'd do it every night if they could I guess. What a terrible waste. But everything is relative -- all depends on how you looked at it. A very nice Lieutenant asked me for a date tonight, but I knew it would be the same thing all over again and I am not anxious to burn myself out too soon - so renigged - Got home at 2:30! And was what you might call a wee bit weary! Had to get up for a 9:30 meeting at

Headquarters where we filled out vouchers and hundreds of sheets one of which was the sole decider of my future after which we went back and were told whether or not we were club or club mobile and from Em's card you know what I got. Than heavens I didn't set my heart on either because some of the girls were terrifically disappointed, but as a starter I am thrilled to pieces with club mobile and as I reflect back it was just what I'd wanted club mobile in ETO. How things do work out. Of course, club is the lasting thing and I will have a chance at that later, but this way I will learn a lot about the country and have plenty of variety. Captain Bill will probably have a fit but I'm going to try to make it more than just coffee and doughnuts. It can be done. We go in groups of 3. We had our pictures taken with the commissioner of all club work in the ETO from Boston! Must tell you how we were chosen for it though. As I was standing in line going to change my money from American to French, I overheard the conversations of the 4 who were deciding our fate. The man read from the papers we had just filled out to 3 women who each had piles in front of them. "Patricia Jennings," he said. "Age 25 " - then he lifted the sheets to one where it said "Experience" and where we were to list very briefly anything we wished. Assuming they knew all about us, I had scribbled off a couple of things which to me were very insignificant as far as time or length of experience but I did mention my job with Mr. Pease. He read hastily this - "Range naturalist guide (that meant all the stuff about Canada), leader of YH, inspector, farming, truck driving, soda clerk, etc. Recreational training, but when he came to the 2 words, "truck driving" - a lady snatched the papers from him and yelled "truck driver" so I knew then and there I would be a club mobile even though I thought all such jobs were saved for old girls. I guess there are lots of them who don't want the harder life after all. That's how much good all the ballyhoo in Washington did us. However, I'm not sorry in the least bit. This has been the most thrilling experience I've ever had. (Almost) and I'm glad if I can't be a program director that I'll have the chance to do mobile work for awhile. It sounds fascinating - greeting and sending home boys at Ports of Emb. Etc. More about that when I know myself. Got our instructions today and a chance to change our minds or have an interview. Also got what is called Battle dress - a pretty royal blue Eisenhower -like jacket and pants and hat like the volunteer cap and boots. Have to go to the R.C. garage Tuesday and drive a truck all day. If we are good enough we go right out the next day. If not, we have to have more training. We all would like to go to Germany eventually, but Id like to stay in France long enough to learn to speak it some and to get to know the French.

After that excitement was over yesterday, we had a tea at 5 where we met the personal woman and health officer. Then went to supper where we enjoyed the company of a woman who was eating by herself until we asked her to join 3 of us and it turned out to be the one who is written up in "At his side" Ma. She has been over 31 months is now in charge of supply. Gave us lots of wonderful advice and then took us over to her hotel where we met a little refugee she's caring for until the girl gets back to the states. She was a slave laborer in Germany - is only 18 but an American citizen. We all walked down the beautiful Jardin des Tuleries while Ma walked her dog and talked to us some more. Wish I had time and room to tell you all
she said but it will be so helpful. It all boiled down to "Remember the American boys over here must never be allowed to forget we at home love decency and honor." Came home and read my mail. Had lots - and so much from you. Am glad Em is there to help remodel but wish I could too. Think things are working out the way they should with Uncle Willy and all. Hope the Schlaffs are happy there and you with them. Don't get too tired fixing it up though. Suppose by now Em has gone to camp. Did the boys finally come? I'll find out before you get this I suppose. That's the trouble with this business. These will be stale when you get them. Can't send my films yet. Think I'd better start my list of necessities for winter especially since it takes so long for things to get here they say.

Dearest Family:
Found out today we can tell about Paris so I'm sending this letter \# 4. 3 others are about our trip over which I can't send until later. Last night I found a little bicycle to ride and believe me that's a job here because it's like borrowing a car -- and had a lovely ride down to the Eiffel Tower and back along the Seine. Saw a little old man feeding the birds. English sparrows no less. That would slay Captain Bill. The flowers are out in full force in Paris and much to my dismay I ran out of film. Our suitcases have been temporarily lost which for me means my film too. I really felt it today because I love the 9 o'clock tour to Versailles. Oh mother and day - we must all come over here when I get home. Versailles just simply dwarfs anything we have in the U.S.A. as far as historical magnificence is concerned. Em would love history this way. Versailles of course personifies the glory of France in the past. You can't imagine how colossal it is - how many billions of dollars and hours must have gone into each little corner of the place and grounds. I was overcome by the faire tale beauty of the little village of Marie Antoinette which was built for her as a retreat from Versailles and although it is within easy walking of all the palace grounds it is completely different. It reminds you of the stage settings in the Hansel and Gretel. She wanted a peasant atmosphere where she could escape in the summer time from her burdens at Versailles and King Louis came through in the usual Louis style. Of course, now it looks somewhat unkempt perhaps because none of the parks in Paris were mowed or kept up during the war. They are just beginning to set things aright again. To show you what a magnificent hour we are living in today was the first day Versailles was opened to civilians. Yesterday the first day the Eiffel elevator was opened too. In the Place, the paintings are slowing finding their way back to bare ugly walls, but many of them are still unhung. The French hid them from the Germans. But the murals are still there - magnificent and the tapestries have been hung. Most of those are $25 \times 18$ or so feet. It takes 1 year to make 1 square yard so you can imagine what they're like. No carpets as yet, but we walked through the hall of mirrors which overlooks miles and miles of beautiful avenues of courtyards -- gardens with fountains as you can see in the picture. Everything is marble, pink and all colors. Each room in the palace stands for a god like Apollo, Jupiter, etc., and on each ceiling there is a huge mural of same. I've
explained some of it on the pictures, which will give you a little idea but I'm going back there on a trap with film and spend all day. The pictures on the second film some of them make me weep when I think what they should have been but I'll learn. You can't send me enough film. This afternoon I slept because we were all so very tired. I was planning to go biking again tonight but Berty and Peg are leaving tomorrow so I let them take it because Berty hadn't been anywhere today. They have a marvelous assignment. Berchtesgaden! And, they are both thrilled to pieces. I'm so glad they can be together. At this point though, I'm thrilled to pieces too. Have been hunting all over for someone who knows anything about hostelling. I've been so anxious to get out into France on a bike and to find some French people more like us and Caramba! I've found one - a perfectly charming little French girl that looks like Allison who has invited me to go camping! And hostelling with her on weekends. Unfortunately I won't be here but now I have found a friend and if I ever get a leave, I can come up to see her I hope. She has invited me to the home tomorrow night and I am so excited about it. Imagine her even thinking of it with food the way it is, but she told me she would meet me tomorrow night at her shop and in the meantime would ask "Mama" if it was alright. I'm dying to get into a nice French home. Fortunately for me she can speak English and do you know how I found her? On the street. She and a nice fellow were stopped in front of an eating place. They had their bikes loaded with a tent, saddle bags and all. I just went over to them, asked them if they could speak English and mentioned something about tours and there we were - old friends. They were sunburned had been gone all weekend - told me of the beautiful hostels with swimming pools and all - still opened and they'd take me to them. I'm so excited I could scream. Now if only I can find her again. The address was a little complicated, but I've managed to get along so far. Must go out to see Pierre too tomorrow. Now if only my bag would come with the film.

Well, want to mail this in the morning and get some sleep too. Love to you all and write often.

Wrote to Mrs. Catchpool and sent it to England by an Army Nurse who went by place last night so it will get there sooner. But she's going to put it in an A.P.O.

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Dearest Family:
Yesterday was a busy one and full of new experiences. There was a holiday here for all of Paris commemorating the anniversary of De Gaulle's liberation speech. He was here and plus the sultan of Morocco and every soldier in the French Army I think from Algerians to the Foreign Legion. A parade to the French is like the rose bowl game is to the Californians only with 10 times as much patriotism thrown in. If you can image it. Fortunately I didn't have to do anything yesterday so I tried to get near enough to the thing to see at least the hats of the passersby. After much milling around (some people came with seats at $5: 30$ ) I found myself on the top of a rickety old slatted covered wagon with my mind more on my collapse than on the parade. Finally ended up on a balcony in an American exchange depot where I liked a wonderful view and met another lovely French girl who said I was the first American she met who said anything good about the French and Paris! Everyone in her opinion said New York had buildings 10 times as high, parades 3 times as long, lights 5 times as bright, etc., etc. She thought Americans forgot France had been in the war for 5 years. She was perfectly charming and invited me to supper Sunday night if I was still going to be here. I'm going to ask Monroe to send her a pass and I wondered if you could send him some money to cover the cost of one for her and one for Lilyan but on second thought, I'll send him some stamps just for some literature because a pass wouldn't do them any good. Please excuse the writing but I am now on a train headed for Southern France. Have a lot to catch up on and this is the only chance I'll have to do it because when we get to our destination we'll all have to spend most of our time soaking in the tub and sleeping. Have been riding since 5 yesterday with 7 others in a tiny compartment with all our luggage so you can imagine what sleep we got.

To go back to Jeanine Chevalier - her address is 39 Ave. E Zola. St. Muar Seine, France in case I lose it. She said yesterday her whole family would be disappointed because she told them all I was coming but I must remember her.

The countryside is beautiful here. It's amazing to see what France has done with her land. There isn't an inch of space wasted. We are now passing through the vineyard country. Lots of peaches (small), apricots, wheat, neat little thatched stone houses. Much of it is very flat but in the distance we can see rugged cultivated foothills. Even the trees (mostly poplars) have been planted in the forest areas. No scrubs or underbrush. Every village has a tall church or cathedras in it. And almost every village has been bombed or shelled somewhere. Saw them spraying the trees dad - but don't know with what. Give up. These trains really bounce along so I'll have to count on the stopovers.

Must continue now. After the parade I got a bike and Peg and I rode through Paris along the Seine and up to the cathedral. She's a catholic so I understood the jaunt more. Bought a French medal there from a seller and had it blessed by some padre. The church inside is really stupendous. You don't realize how high it is until
you get inside and look up. We then biked out of the city about 4 miles to see Pierre who is in the hospital with her ankle and I have since heard has to have an operation on it. It was certainly a tough break. I don't know where she'll end up. Peg and Berty got a perfect assignment. Bertesgarten, a really choice place as you know from the pictures (in the Bavarian Alps). I hope to get something like that later. This is just temporary. Now the country begins to look like Southern California dry and warm. Big white cliffs where they are milling out cement I guess. Am glad I'm assigned to France for awhile so I can learn French. They grow beautiful little red poppies here mixed into the hay so it makes the fields look pink.

After our trip out to see Pierre who seemed in good spirits, I went back and had one of the most interesting evenings imaginable. In the other letter, I told you about meeting Lilyan, the little French girl who had camping equipment on the back of her bicycle. Well, I went out to supper at her home and really it was unbelievably interesting ad pleasant. I stopped for her at her little shop and discovered she is one of the youngest dress designers in Paris! She makes beautiful clothes and the dress she had on was worth $\$ 400$ or $\$ 50$ a yard in American money. She was working on a bathing suit - one of those wrap around ones. Em would love it because the material was out of this world. We haven't seen any at home like that for a long time. She showed me some of her designs and then we biked out of Paris to her home. On the way out she told me Mama and Papa were so anxious to have me come and when they had enough to eat she could often ask company. Her brother was home from the ski troops and was anxious to meet an American girl who liked the outdoors. She told me how she had worked for the French underground. How her older brother joined De Gaulle's forces and how the German's took over their Châteaux home etc. It was all quite realistic and interesting coming from someone first hand. Fortunately both she and her brother spoke English. I felt quite resistant about going because of the food situation but she was so insistent and I did want to see a real French home and family so I could know France wasn't all "Le Lido" clubs. I took my K. rations along, some chocolate (which they loved!!) and some lemons I got at lunch. They give us lemons every meal for vitamins etc. but I've had plenty of lemon juice lately. I have never been more warmly welcomed and never have I had a better time. They lived in a little house quite a ways out of Paris proper. It had a bright gate, garage and lots of flowers in the backyard and a summerhouse with an outdoor ping-pong table in the front. The grounds around it were small even so. The buildings to the left and right had both been bombed and all while Lilyan was in the house (by Americans). Mama came to meet us when we rang the bell at the gate. It was very late - 8:30 about, but Mama had supper all prepared. The atmosphere was just like home. Her brother Daniel is a wonderful fellow - lots like an American boy - a real skier - on the Paris Hockey team - one of the best fencers in France and a real outdoor guy. He plans to travel after the war as he did before selling bicycles like the kind I always raved about which Papa makes. He wants so much to come to America and he would like addresses of people there who might be interested in cycling. Would you look up that cycling magazine in my bureau drawer I think Mom? The one with the red cover and write to Nordquist Publishing Co. for another copy and send it to Daniel Guyonneau; Poste restante. B.A.R.C. ELONNETTE.

Bassess-Alpes-if they can't send you an extra copy (because of its antiquity), will you send him mine because it has so many cycling addresses in it? He will be there for 2 months anyway I think. On second thought (sorry I have second thoughts) but perhaps this is a better one. I was going to ask you if it would be too much of a difficulty both ration wise and otherwise to save up a few cans of spam or dried beef, chocolate, maybe some jam, dried corn, etc and send it to them whenever it is convenient after finding out from the post office if you can send it and if you are restricted to amounts. Perhaps it would be better to put the magazine in the box with the food because then Papa could read it and the whole family could see it before sending it to Danny. Also, would you ask Em to pick out 2 or 3 new pieces of sheet music from Oklahoma or "Candy" "Rum and Coca Cola" or something else on the peppy side to send to the girls in the same package. Both Lil and her sister Hugette (who by the way is an expert and champion figure skater) love to sing American songs. They learn them from sheet music they get somehow and harmonize just like the Andrew sisters - really good too. They sang "Rio Ron de Grande" "Bese ma mucho" and another peppy one, but old. This box doesn't have to leave until Christmas if you can't send it before then but I'll tell you more why I'd love to have you send it.

For supper we had: $1^{\text {st }}$ course - bread and a bowl of radishes, $2^{\text {nd }}$ course some canned meat from Madagascar which students of Mad. had sent to the students of France last Christmas. It was Hugette's but they wanted to save it for company. It was like corned beef! I really felt badly to think they had it just for me but Danny had a friend from the ski troops there too so it wasn't so bad. $3^{\text {rd }}$ course a bowl of cooked carrots, $4^{\text {th }}$ course - a bowl of lettuce and $5^{\text {th }}$ course - - some apricots and green peaches. Those are just the things you see on the streets which people line up for by the hundreds and I know this was a high class family who could have had more were it available. Lyl said they looked healthy, but they had been very hungry at times and had less now than before. They get meat only once a month. They are really starved as far as minerals etc are concerned. No fats and no sugar. Yet they shared every bit with me and we laughed and kidded Papa and had a wonderful time. After we played a game and sang and then Danny and Lyl rode home with me. They are a most effusive people as you can see from the pictures but they are really very close to me now and they made me stay in Paris a most happy one. Will you please return the pictures when you've finished? They are all coming to America to see us after the war. Also, forgot something. I promised Lyl and Danny a picture and wondered if Em could find among my things the negative taken by Warner Brothers of the group with the bicycles and Bogy. There is one smiling one I think and she would like that because she loves American actors and has pictures of her favorites. Hope Em can find it and have several prints made. Thank her for the ones she has already sent which I appreciated so much. Also in your monthly box, Mom, you can add a little "speaker" heated stove about 4" 3 " like the ones we used to call something else. The pills come with it but maybe you could send an extra set of them. Never realized how handy such a little thing might be but one of the girls has one and we use it all the time for heating our K and C rations.

Also some of my good cotton socks white and colored to wear with dresses because where I am working now it is hot! Clear air like Colorado but very warm.

I hope we can date our letters now. Next day - June 23.
The weeks are flying by and I am thinking of you at home, the garden and what the house looks like and what Em is doing. It must be getting real warm there too and you are probably having lots of good old ice tea and ice cream with strawberries. We have been very well cared for and have had plenty to eat. The ride down on the train was a very dirty one but we all felt so much better after a thorough scrub and home cooked food and a good sleep. However, I got a touch of diarrhea today so had to stay in bed while the others went out on our first assignments. 2 others of the 6 club mobile girls were out too unfortunately but we've had a chance to meet some of our leaders and they are wonderful! We are taking the places of 6 who want to go home, transfer to club, or something else. All of them have been in a long time and are at least 7 to 10 years older than we are. It is easy to see how tough they were in the beginning.

The following day after I went to Lylian's, I drove the truck all day. There were 5 of us and we all took turns. Had a Cockney instructor who said I was the best driver he ever had but that is not saying too much if you could have seen some of the others. One girl had never driven before. I don't know how they gave us our assignments but I do know our records evidently meant nothing to them, which is more or less discouraging when you think of what the future could bring and what it probably might bring. Anyways, whatever our work is, it will be worthwhile I hope and so far l've had a marvelous experience.

Peg, Berty, and I asked Danny and Lylian to dinner and you should have seen them eat especially Lylian. The waiter - a French man - told them he knew what it was like to be hungry but since he'd been working for the A.R.C. he had had enough. We afterwards had some fruit juice at a sidewalk café (Lylian said the nice girls in Paris never drank anything stronger on the street) and Danny had some kind of peppermint stuff. That's the only way you can get ice in a drink - either in fruit juice or cognac (and how I hate that stuff!) It was rather embarrassing later when we tried to find a place to dance and got put out of all the clubs because one isn't supposed to take civilians into any RC Club, but I did have a dance with Danny and he's a beautiful dancer - a real Frenchman alright and he could even jitterbug!!

The next morning Danny came down and we biked around the Louvre, went up to Lyl's shop where she showed us lots of pictures and then went out to the racing club for a picnic (Peg, Berty, Lyl and Danny + 2 others) (see map). Then came time to say good-bye. 2 had to report for "briefing" so to speak and get some more clothes etc. Spent the evening saying good-bye to the other girls who will be spread all over Europe. Ran around the next morning on last minute details and then left about 5 for our new work. I don't know much about it yet or what anything is like but will let you know when I can.

Be sure you have the new address - APO 772. Will have some pictures to send to you soon. Am so glad the Dourses liked theirs and hope too many weren't off center. Just think - it will almost be the $4^{\text {th }}$ of July when you get this. My love to all the neighbors -

And write -
Your letters mean so much -
Keep the camera. You can send the book of Mary's anytime. Keep Captain Bills for awhile.

Love to you all -
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Dearest Family:
By the time you get this is will be July $4^{\text {th }}$ and then some I guess. We here in Marseille are really hot and with a heavy winter battle uniform it makes us all the hotter. I have 3 days to catch up on now so guess I'll do that before I am too rudely interrupted.

I told you about having diarrhea or what the Army calls G.I. runs. Well everybody else got hit too and since that day l've been the only healthy new girl around. Sunday was my first working day down on the docks. We never know when we have to be ready because everything depends on loading time for the boys. A G.I. takes us down to the doughnut kitchen where we load on the doughnuts and lemonade and then off we go to the wharfs. This is a new operation for the old girls also so it's rather disorganized. We sometimes have to wait 3 hours after we get there or sometimes we're right on the dot. Much depends on the good old Army, which has the standing motto "Hurry up and wait." Of course Red Cross does its share of that too.

Yesterday I had a real job out in a little village called Saint Victorette or something like that. I went out early in the morning about 15 miles toward the sea to just a tiny place and there we served men (from the club mobile). Had a marvelous time eating with them (stood up) under tents and taking pictures of the surrounding country. These old girls are grand. Whity is still with me and she and I are going to try and go back to Germany with 4 of the older girls when they go next month. May have to stay here though because there is much to be done for awhile. Have never seen so many American soldiers in my life.

Next day I did some more dock work and went to a party given by Sergeants at their own special club. Was lots of fun and believe me these fellows really appreciate American girls. They all rave about how wonderful it is to hear a girl speak English and when you stop and talk to them on the street they just stand there with their mouths open. It's really pathetic to know some of our men haven't heard a girl speak good old American for over 14 months. And they are so polite and cute when they do talk to you and they'll give you anything! It is almost necessary to ignore a beautiful ring or belt or bracelet because they'll insist on giving it to you if you even so much as admire it. Out at St. Vict. One of the boys said he'd go through his trunk that night and have a whole basket of things for me the next day. Souvenirs are not quite so difficult to accept as the so called "liberated" material. Unfortunately our boys have done their share of looting, not that it wouldn't be expected, but some of them are confused now on what they make take (if you can say that they ever "may") and what they should pay for. It tears your heart out to know many of these men aren't going to have a chance to go home to reorient themselves, to get back their sense of what is right and fair and what is wrong before
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June 28
Life has been too easy so far but they say after the $4^{\text {th }}$ our lolling days are numbered. I won't mind because this "vacation" is not what I came over for. Took some pictures of my first club mobile assignment (the one I spoke of before) so when and if you ever get the slides you'll see one of the "chow line" from the inside out and one of us taken by the fellows plus the view we had of the bay and the touch of California hillside. It's been quite warm here ever since we came but there is always a cool heaven sent breeze, which makes living easily bearable. Met a Kenneth Parker - friend of Roy Cooley's and the Lacroix's and Markhaurs who was in the automobile business in Springfield. Nice fellow and so glad to see someone "from home." He stood in line 6 times just so he could come up to the window and say a few words more. So many do that and you just want to spend hours with all of them. When they ask if you're from Oklahoma it just about slays you to say "no (but you've been through there)." Wish we could send them all home.

Yesterday I slept after having spent 5 to 6 hours far into the wee morning with 2 hamburg- eating Sergeants from the party and a Captain who turned out to be an ex Lord Jeffrey Amherst. We sang his dear old Alma Mater until we were "blue and gold" from head to foot. I had my first straight Scotch, which I couldn't even get to my lips because my eyes watered so. That's one thing -- I'll never be able to stand up to the drinking pace of the Army so I try to joke them out of it and fortunately find many men who are pleasantly surprised because I do. They are evidently the exception but they make it worth the trouble.

In the afternoon yesterday, we sat in on a Court Martial and once again I was reminded that the Army is not one of the most democratic institutions in the world although we at least give men a chance to state their case. The judge was the biggest bear l've ever seen. We wondered if he put on that show just to impress us but we heard later he was in one of his better moods! Most of the cases tried are Negroes who get terrific sentences. There are no enlisted men on the jury and only one Negro officer. (The junior member) as he is called. The Captain, Lord Jeff, who is a lawyer for the court here reviewing some of the cases for us and each time the officer was guilty - had a very noticeably different verdict - for the same crime committed by an enlisted man. We heard a manslaughter case - a truck driver ran over a French child, but he was acquitted fortunately. Gosh it seems truly cruel to keep these men
over here after they've spent 2-3 years fighting in the Army without insisting they go home for a good 30 days at least if not discharged. I wish you could see this Marseilles. It's a real melting pot with millions of soldiers almost as many French prostitutes far too little healthy entertainment, no colored girls for the large number of Negro troops and virtual reservoir of Cognac. Of course, it's a jumping off place and has just recently swollen its ranks from little too much because of V.E. Day. The men are quartered in huge staging areas or camps - live in tents for 2 to 3 weeks and have that time for relaxation before shipping out. Special Service tries to keep up but the job is stupendous now. When I think I'm only serving coffee and doughnuts in the midst of so much need, I turn a pale green but there are many advantages to this job and one of them is to know you're the brief "Hello America" they need desperately. Perhaps this way we reach many more men however short the time may be. Also, it soothes my restless feet. Never the same job, never the same place - always new faces, different hours and that "surprise package" anticipation for what's ahead. I love it. Although I know can and must do more.

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Today I'm going to catch up on mail if nothing more and back I go tonight to the club mobile and Saint Victorette. We're working nights too. Forgot to tell you last night before going over to see the fellows at the villa we went up with a club mobile to a point near the R.R. station where the men leave the city to go back to camp. It was the first time we did it and they loved it so guess we do it again. We wish we had more CM's. There are only 2 and there should be about 8 . However, we're lucky to have 21 guess.

Was glad to hear Marsden is on his way out of that awful mess but hope he isn't too badly upset. Haven't gotten any mail since leaving Paris, but it will catch up to us soon. Can't wait to hear more about the garden, how the house is coming along, and what Em is doing. Don't send me any of my allotment please because there really isn't any place to spend it. I'll have plenty as it is now and if I need more can cable for some but I'm sure that won't be necessary because I have a good reserve of travelers checks in case I ever get stuck.

Give my love to all and write when you can. Would love it if you could stick a package of Peds in a letter, Mom. Miss you all so much already. 3 great big hugs and all that goes with them

## Pat

P.S. If you have a map of the world you can ink in where I've been and follow me. Gurock or Greenock Scot., by way of N. Tre Glasgow, Manchester, London, South Hampton, Le Havre, Paris, Dyon Lyon, Avignon, Marseille so far.

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Pat

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## Marseilles Saturday Night

Dearest Mom and Dad:
Believe me - just finished a long letter (for me) to Em and now hope to get this one to you before I'm interrupted a thousand and one times. As you can see from the 2 preceding it's sort of a stop and go process with short sentences - a variety of ink and much repetition but I hope they are understandable and partly interesting if you stretch your imagination a little.

Just got 3 letters from your other little girl and 2 more supers from you plus Cap'n Bill's one from Papa Roy and a nice note from Peasy [Peasy was one of Pat's father's Boy Scouts from Somers.] who is near enough to Paris to get in once in awhile. I'm going to try to make the connection and we'll have a heyday - all I can say is I hope I don't see him in Marseilles because that means only one thing probably. By the way - just remembered that in my usual absentmindedness I wrote on both sides of this paper to Em so if she doesn't get the letter, I'll know the reason why. Don't think it will need censoring though. Got the Pansy and have it stuck in Bureau so all can enjoy and brag a little because of my thoughtful and wonderful Mom and Dad. Will keep Mrs. Darveses note on hand and hope I get to Lyon. It's about 200 miles from here but one never knows and I'd be so thrilled to see her if I do get up there - oops (pardon me censor). I never knew the Darveses called their place "Deerholm." Explanation please if you can.

Guess what - went to an officer's club the other night with a perfectly wonderful married Warrant Officer by the name of Bob Hardy (cheer up - it seems to be done over here and if it's strictly on the dancing partner level it's ok with me - The men like it that way too and spend most of the evening raving about their new born baby protégé. Well - to make a long story short, who should come over to me at the table but a gal with the "isn't your name Pat Jennings" look on her face. Bless me if it wasn't the best diver Northfield ever had - Edith Bender - a nurse lieutenant on her way to the C.B.T. or home obviously. Anyway, she's here now for awhile and we're both thrilled to pieces to find each other. Spent most of the night screaming in each other's faces about the pots and pans and fellow classmates who don't know enough to stay single (No sour grapes - believe me - but, I'd like to find out where the single ones are if there are any) and we had a gay old fest with our dates bearing up nobly. In fact, they even offered to get us all together again, bless their dear jeeps.

Sure - sign me up for talks if you wish, but by that time I get home they will probably have heard the story from 50 other girls. Anyway, I'll have colored slides to go with it which is more than most I think - so far - There is plenty of black and white film over here but no color.

Everytime you talk about raspberries and strawberries, I turn a pale sea green and grayish homesick. Tell Lancy he'd better reform because when I come home there'd better be
birds or else and that goes for bunnies too. Loved Em's "Loving Arms" stationary with pictures included as I mentioned.

Had my first motorcycle ride last night with a sailor and got the old bug again. How about investing Dad so I'll have something to use on those happy little furloughs. Don't worry you will probably have enough time to go through that month-by-month installment business, but I'm not trying to be too pessimistic. Stranger things have happened.

Was sure sorry to hear about our new tenants but hope it doesn't make too permanent a change for them. Would love nothing more than a good chat a la Scotland over a glass of ice tea and chocolate cake. Wish you'd send some of that rain over here. Only the boys from Kansas could love the staging areas we've been in all week long. I have to wash my hair every night! But, the little plain is still going strong however dried up and beat out I look.

Will drop Rod a note but chances for seeing him are somewhat remote. Do go to Aunt Gene's if you can or up to see Em. Hope Whit, (Boy from home in Burma) sees Janet Pullen.

By the way, Mom, could you send about $\$ 1.00$ to the American Red Cross Uniform Dept., Hecht's Dep't Store, Washington D.C. and ask for as many Red Cross pins (like the one I sent Em) as you can get for $\$ 1.00$ ? Get it?) There are none absolutely over here and 2 of mine broke (defective clasps). I still have one to send if they need proof.

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Dearest Mom and Dad:
Haven't done much of any consequence lately but want to write to you just the same. Miss you both very much and Em too.

For the past 3 or 4 days we have been what they call "sweating out" a bigger job which is to come after the $5^{\text {th }}$ of July. From then on we should be busy 24 hours a day in shifts because the men will begin loading and we will have lots of doughnuts and coffee to dish out. That part is anything but stimulating but there are compensations which make up for it such as meeting certain very interesting people, touring around a bit, learning to speak French, and hearing the boys say you're just the tonic they need before leaving. (Flattery always helps, but these kids are really starved for some decent female company.)

Missed my trip to Nice, which was disappointing but will get there again soon. I'm sure of that. Got the job of transportation officer for the whole group here which is a terrible mess at present but at least I'm sure I won't be footless for the next few months if I have anything to say about it at all.

We are now living in a villa or half living there. Some of the girls aren't' that way and some are still in the hotel because there is no food out there at present and no clean running water. It is a lovely little place though with a beautiful view of the Medit. Bay and lots of green around the place. Will send you some pictures of it soon. There is a wonderful lady next door who speaks both French and English and who said I could come over to her place anytime for a rest. So many of the boys say they dislike the French, but I am beginning to realize what a barrier language is. When you find some who can speak English they are delightful and want to do everything for you.

Well - old dears-want to mail this right away so you'll know I'm still in the land of the living. Have to go to a general's reception July $4^{\text {th }}$. Every lady is supposed to have a day off but we'll work all the more. Write and let me know if you're getting my mail. Incidentally - did I send my bathing suit home?? I can't find it and is it essential!! $\$ 40$ for one here. $\$ 100$ for a cotton dress. Love you all so much -

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Dearest Mom and Dad:
How I wish you were with me now. Am sitting out on a little path sun bathing in one of the most beautiful French villas I have ever seen. It is the most so far and I don't expect to see another any better. The lady who owned it is Madame Vidal - a young French girl who lives here alone most of the time with a 5 month-old baby. She is a neighbor of ours, but the others don't know it and I don't aim to tell them because I don't think they'd appreciate it. I offered to take one of them over and I heard her tell one of the girls she'd rather sun bathe than talk to a French woman so this is what she's missing - a magnificent palace subdued by tall white pines, coconut trees, fig and plum trees with all the fruit I want to eat - a swimming pool, flowers, winding paths with all kinds of greenery - subterranean passages with fountains and flowers - a full view of the Medit. Just below us - tomatoes, onions, lettuce, everything and anything and complete privacy. Mrs. Vidal said I could take off all my clothes and relax completely anytime I wanted to. She's really charming. Speaks English and is just what I need to come back to normal. I'll send you some pictures soon of it here. Will you please send Cap'n Bill several of my letters to be returned when he's finished with them? I haven't had a chance to write him a decent letter and I want him to know a little something about things.

Have to work tomorrow out at St. Victorette. Just met a girl in club mobile here (came from U.S. last week). Elizabeth Duffield - who was at AYH with me all summer during the training course!! Am wondering what happened to Pierre.

The birds are real singers here too. More later when I can. Love to you all -
Pat
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Monday, July 8

## Dearest Mom and Dad:

Just finished reading my "jackpot" as the kids called it. I'm in the dog house for getting 13 letters today but I've waited since Paris to get even one so I don't feel too greedy. Your last one is dated June 23 rd and yet you still haven't heard from me evidently. Hope to get word soon that you've had mail from way over here. They say our letters to you go much faster than yours to me because I have changed my APO a few times, but whenever they come they're so worth waiting for. How I'd love to be down in the garden with you picking peas and strawberries and taking care of the baby chicks. I sure miss the farm so very much. Am glad Em is having such a wonderful program - sounds terrific. I know she'll get so much out of it and her summer. The house sounds like a "vacation well earned" coming up. Have to laugh at Dad. He just works himself into another job by doing such a good one on the room before. I certainly haven't been much help to you lately but I approve of all you're doing - believe me. Sounds wonderful and wish I could see it.

Am sitting on the porch of that beautiful villa I told you about last week. It's just like spending a vacation on the Riviera or sitting in the sand at Palm Beach. Hope you get those 2 films I sent the other day plus one I will be sending very soon. This week has been an extremely hectic one. They put me in charge of transportation here without telling me anything about it or knowing anything about it in the first place so l've had to run all over the place plus doing the regular dock work and it hasn't been too easy. The girls I'm with are all pretty good sports although I think a few could stand a good discharge. They have done their share in Club Mobile and are now about ready to give in completely. The old girls are pretty disgusted with this assignment because it was what they broke out of in England and it isn't easy to find yourself back where you started but the job is here to be done and somebody must do it. I'm having a wonderful time so far and feel some of what has gone on in my work is worthwhile. This morale business is rather intangible but when you have a chance to talk to men who say you're the first American woman they've seen in 2 years, it all seems very important and you wish you were 2 million girls.

Yesterday I had a day off and took full advantage of it. Remember my telling you about plans to go to Nice last Sunday, which fell through because of the transportation job so I just decided then and there that if I had a chance to go anywhere I'd go! Yesterday one of the boys from the Judge Advocates Court, the mess Sergeant for the Headquarters, and the Mess Sarge for the Chief of Staff no less, -- took a WAC and another RC gal and little me on a wonderful picnic to a little coastal town called Casis. The boys brought all the food including and out of this world chocolate cake. We stayed at the chief of Staff's villa, swam in the officer's pool down by the sea and hiked along the shore. I got a beautiful sun burn out of it but not enough to keep me from sleeping like a baby when we got home. The ride out there and back along the Med. Was just like the descriptions Cooke has in his pamphlets only better. Those jeeps are just the thing (next to a motorcycle)
especially when they're upholstered like ours was. The night before some of the girls went to Casis to have a real French meal - 250 franks or about $\$ 15$. But it was good and there was plenty, surprisingly enough. In the country there seems to be an abundance of any vegetable, fish and chicken, but the cities are starving except in the black market world.

One thing you can't do here is to keep your hair clean. The water is hard and the wind is full of dust all the time, but will have to try again this afternoon.

Finally got Janet's letter from Les so will send it along to you. It's so wonderful I want to share it with everybody and many is the time I've read it to bolster up a few of my own weak spirits (which I do have occasionally).

Thank Em for the magazine and nice long letter. Keep them coming. Nearly laughed myself sick over the picture she sent but think it's a gem and so indicative of something wonderful about my Mom and Dad.

Not much more news but will let you know where I am and when. Love you all very much and hope you're getting my letters soon.

Pat

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## Dearest Family:

Have been rushing around like mad again because $1 / 2$ hour after I wrote you last we moved again!! This has been a crazy set up here with little or no organization all of which is most unsettling to a newcomer but you get used to it after awhile and are almost happily surprised if something planned ahead of time works out as it should.

The villa we're in now is truly a magnificent place - a Vanderbilt affair with a long tree paved drive-way, plenty of wooded trails, tennis court, volleyball court, built-in dance floor (outdoors), large gardens, boat house, corral, swimming pool and ponds, large house with a billiard room, music room, huge lounge and all the comforts of home - except for the fact that there are about 20 too many people. Arrangements are being made to get another villa, which may mean I have to move again, but here's hoping not for the moment.

The days are warm here but there's always a beautiful breeze. Have gotten a good tan since my sunburn at Carlise. Worked like crazy that night to move and the next day also. Dock operations still continue full steam ahead, which means all our outside business such as packing, unpacking, and the one big item of letter-writing must come in between times. I still haven't heard from you saying you know where I am, but I hope to soon. Could sure use my bathing suit too but no hurry. Amy lying on my cot now listening to the frogs and peepers and watching the fire crackers and flares shoot up between the starts. Can hear some big guns going off in the distance and can't help but feel these people should have had enough of that by now but the French love to celebrate.

Have found an adorable little French boy about 14, the son of our caretaker and cook here who, by the way, has an assistant and laundress to help her. We are really spoiled. You can see that. There are 3 others in my room now but I'm slated for a single in the very near future as soon as the other villa is found.

The girls had a meeting about the disorganization here and ended up by going to the head man of this area and hence getting some temporary results at least which makes us all feel much more like working.

Hope you get my letter from Janet. Went to an enlisted man's dance last night - had chocolate milk. Tonight had some spare time so tried the little kayak here in the fish pond. I know one of the girls and her date thought I was crazy. Day off tomorrow so plan to sleep. Love you and miss everything so much. More later,

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Dearest Family:
Came home last night after a long day at one of the staging areas and found 8 wonderful letters from you, from Frannie, a V-Mail from Helen Roy, one from Timmie, and 1 from the little French girl I met in Paris. You don't know what a marvelous feeling it is to get your long awaited words from home in such abundance. Am so glad to hear finally that you know where I am and know I am enjoying myself so thoroughly in spite of any unpleasantries I may have mentioned before about no organization, etc. That's all part of the game I guess. Army included and I keep trying to remember the words of the Field Director in Steigers who said you learn to be "patient." You sure do but there is so much to be thankful for when you are willing to take the bitter with the sweet. I love it here in Marseilles and am having one of those "never forget" experiences people tell you about when they get back home. Have so much to tell you I don't know where to start.

Guess where I'm sitting now! Just outside the women's john at the staging area. It's the only place I can find where men are completely hesitant about giving you the good old "man, she speaks American" one. Two it's way up on top of a hill overlooking the whole camp. There must be thousands of tents below me. All you can see for 2 square miles back and then below the tents is the Mediterranean. I've tried to write letters on my day off and in the afternoons sometimes but someone or something always interrupts so now I can truthfully say l've found the solution. Am waiting for the Club Mobile to be loaded with doughnuts and coffee. For some reason the men really appreciate the little wagon so we try to give them as much time as possible. From 6 to 6 when we come out here and then someone is always waiting for you when you get home so I just decided to bring my equipment out here and hunt like mad until I found a quiet little corner to use between loadings for just this. Was I kidding!

Can see an airfield near here down by the sea where planes come in by 3's, peel off and go around our heads again for a landing. They're beautiful to watch and more beautiful because they're going home no doubt.

Sunday was my day off because we work everyday at St. Victoret this s week. No dock work for me until I get through with this assignment. The girls who are on here regularly have taken their 4 day leave, which comes every 4 months. We get one day a week, 2 days every month, 4 days every 4 months and more than that I don't know. However, must tell you about Sunday. Marcelle - the little French boy who lives with us - and I went fishing! - and caught 9 fish! (Sardines) It was a real change for me. Lots of fun trying to talk French to him and to a French man of 20 who understood my "C" French well enough to take us out in a boat all afternoon for gracias with hooks, lines, poles, and bait furnished too. It was lots of fun and I will say again in answer to your query about our friendship with them - if we show these people we are interested in them for what they are - not for what they can throw at us garnished with flowers - they in turn show us the same. Almost all the
soldiers here say they love Germany best - it is the most beautiful country in Europe. They can't wait for non-fraternization etc., etc., but they hate the French the country is filthy (which it is in some places), the French rook them for all they can get, etc. I think the language has much to do with it. Men who can't speak French or who don't want to learn - hate France. They're the griping type anyway and are always ready to tell you they like something else better. The fellows remember how the French threw kisses at them when we came into Paris and how the wine flowed freely. Now they still think the French should be passing out all kinds of luxuries. High prices can be explained easily by the story I told you about G.I.'s throwing money to the children. We came in and threw money all over the place. Naturally somebody's going to try to cash in on a set up like that and some of the boys are so stupid about the money they do spend. I saw one the other day who paid the equivalent of $\$ 5.00$ for one of those plaster mold things you get at a carnival. I've seen so many in perfume stores in Paris paying $\$ 15$ for some stuff they could get for 50 cents in the country somewhere.
--- Two days later ---
I thought surely I'd finish this long ago because I do so hate to have any time lapse between letters. Have so much to tell you and I'm so afraid I'll miss something if I don't keep up, but the Victoret business is exhausting. Have had absolutely no time to myself in 3 days and I've completely swung in. Had a chance to go out 4 times tonight, but insisted I stay in to write home. As it is I'm starting in again at 10:05 p.m., which means with what I've got to say, I'll probably be at it all night.

Guess I'll start afresh. Have your letters and will try to answer some question in the next one.

Oh for some of those peas and strawberries - and a big juicy melon. Am so glad my letters are reaching you.

Much, much love,
Pat

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Dearest Mom, Dad, and Em:
Am so glad you finally got my 4 letters from the boat and hope they weren't too heavily censored. Ate lunch this noon and dashed out to Victoret with our Clubmobile Captain. Tomorrow I do some touring around in a weapon's carrier to deliver doughnuts and coffee to isolated groups. So I probably won't have too much time to write for a few days.

Got the letter with the other sock telling all about your wonderful lawn party, the new tenants, the Holt's, etc. Don't send me much more now, Mom, until you hear from me as to plans after I visit Paris. Got the grand letter from Em and can just imagine her diving off the Birchmere board at 75 years of age. The bathing suit situation sounds tough, but please don't fail to send her $\$ 25$ from my fund which she can use to get another suit if she wishes because when you live in suits all day you like to have some variety.

I'm getting a little on the dark side too for a change. Hope I get real black though. Thanks for sending me the things. Haven't come yet, but all will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for the poem, Mom. That's a lot to live up to but I am confident I can do more and do more I will somehow.

Tell Em so far I have found no skunks in Europe. The enclosed are choice bits of letters to me so you can see how one daughter unites to another overseas. I am incidentally lying down while doing this so don't be alarmed if you can't read it. Took me 10 minutes to figure out what Em meant by "babe" - great story after you decipher the penmanship!! And the pictures - Yikes!! Especially the captions behind. Anyway, old dear - thanks a million. Do it again!

Love the pheasant. You think of everything. The flowers sound beautiful and the berries too. Wish I were there to see and eat! It's hard, but keep the home fires burning. You never can tell.

Love to you all -
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Pat.

Dearest Mom, Dad, and Em:
Just got another windfall from you so will start by answering some of the questions etc., and keep up to the minute as I read. It's so good to get your letters. Have just come back from the airport after taking 3 girls to a plane - homeward bound! You don't know what a thrill it was - especially since one of them will be calling you soon I hope - from Berlin, Conn. She's a great horsewoman, Bunny Bunce, we call her and had a lot to do with Ted Buell and the Trail Riders Association [that] Red and Scotty are in down at Hartford. She's a character. I sure hope she calls but if she doesn't within the next 30 days or so, call her home in Berlin (Bunce) and she'll tell you all about us here. The girls heard yesterday they were going and left this morning at 9 A.M. Bunny wasn't going to go because her dog!!! Was sick. Can you imagine? But she's on the way. One of the girls gave me her jumping boots (Para troopers with 27 jumps to their credit and lots of Bastogne mud so they have a real history and I'm very proud of them. Also her bedroll. Thus another Red Cross chapter is written and a good one too. Can't help but feeling I wish I'd been with them but hope I don't have to stay over as long as they have almost 3 years!

The house sounds lovely even if Lancy will have to get acquainted all over again. I sure do feel sorry for Aunt Emily because when she complains you can be sure the rope is wearing thin. I, too, though am more than relieved to know you don't have him right under your feet to put it crudely. Thanks for the clipping, Mom. The mail comes in fits and starts as you can tell from the answers probably because I am now getting more with APO 887 on it having already gotten some with 772 also. Could stand at least 2 films every month if not more. Use my money. That's what it's for please. Just read the letter with the AYH card in it from the Hutchings. How perfect! And what a good picture to take along with me. Reminds me of many pleasant hours with some wonderful friends. Wish I could help Dad with the garage and you too Mom because that's not going to be an easy job. Am so glad Johnny and Brandy got together. Incidentally, what furniture are you selling? Am glad the Blaises found your ad because they can put it to good use. The garden sounds like something too remote to imagine. I've just eaten a banana one of the boys brought to me so you can see we aren't faring too badly, but l'd eat strawberries and nice new peas from our garden anytime.

Haven't had to change any tires yet but may. Incidentally Dad, if you get a chance to buy a jeep, please do because I think it would be one of the best investments you could make. They can do anything and are not half as uncomfortable as people lead you to imagine. Hope you had fun at Art's. Tell me more. Just looking over Em's letter in blaring red ink about her lovely experiences at Camp Manhattan. Nothing like a few sloppy broken bones to make you feel confident but guess we have to take it the hard way sometimes. What a terrific schedule.

I'd like to try it myself sometimes just to see if I could do it but ain't getting any younger so they say. Nothing like having mediocre instructors - yipes-all they'd do is give me a complex I'm afraid. Incidentally, old dear, can you do a back swan? Teach me - s'il vou plait. I'm eager, but dumb. Oh yes, I can see you know how to drive, my dear. Read your letter to the kids here and they nearly died at the thoughts of your strenuous life, which is 10 times as rugged as ours. They want to know when you went to the john. I can just hear you groaning along about 4:30 or 5 o'clock. Yipes!

Enjoyed the letter and clipping about Mrs. Stocker which made me wish we'd known her even more than we did. If you're wearing liquid stockings, Mom, you're one up on this daughter - don't wear any now. Bet Mae and Bob had fun at dinner. Was it their first time? Sorry to hear about Uncle Frank and Fran's math, which is no joke at this point. I'll bet Cap'n Bill was disgusted. If she couldn't pass this spring, I don't see how she'll ever make it in the fall after lying idle on it all summer. Boy - I'm lucky. That's all I can say. Monday is my day off so far, but am taking an extended weekend to Paris this coming Sunday.

Your letters mean so much too, Dad. Hope you both don't get too tired you don't find time to keep them coming often. Use the room by all means and they canoe equally as much.

Gang for dinner just rang so l'll sign off now and continue in another letter later on when I have a chance to read the July letters! This is sure fun.

Guess what - Amy (???) Robertson, Mom, an old Northf. Classmate Brad spoke about is here with us now. Came in yesterday! Wait till Brad hears that.

Love to you all -
Pat

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## Friday

Dearest Mom and Dad and Em:
That woman's john idea was just a joke because before I knew it I had company and there we sat leaning up against the thing going through the usual "Where you from, Soldier." I'd love to do it though and must tell you that today for some reason I was lucky in pairs. If you will read the paper I'm sending, the only E.T.O. paper (in English) for all troops, you will see something that is enough to knock anybody out completely. How they got that choice bit of information is more than I can savvy, but believe me I was one thrilled little girl even if they did talk about turkeys. You can't imagine the razzing I got! It's on page 3 just to give you a hint and incidentally what farm are they talking about? I'm sending you the whole paper so you can get an idea of what we have to read for a fun in a day. It's really a god send to the news starved American and our only source of non-letter information. Then, to top it off, the other half of my luck today was seeing a helmet with Conn written on it. I yelled to the fellow way down the long line in front of the clubmobile. He turned around and what should be written on the other side, but Somersville!!! He was a little Polish fellow who knew Em, he said, Johnny Seibert - a great friend of Peasy's - Dad. Johnny asked for Warren - told me about playing ball with the team at home - and talked on and on about what the kids were doing. He was so hungry for news of Abby and Alex Sonski and all the kids that age. I told him I'd write and ask Mom to call his mother, but he said he didn't have a phone. I wondered if you would mind going over to see his mother, Mom, on School Street opposite the Legion Hall and telling her how I'd seen her boy - looks grand and is still as anxious as ever to get home. He thought that would be a marvelous idea. You don't need to tell her what a terrific dust bowl he's in (just like the desert out there today with blinding sandstorms) but, he's stationed there for awhile, which at least means he's not going to C.B.I. for the time being. It's so much fun to meet people like that over here.

Had a picnic on the new beach set up here for Delta Base Section with boats, hamburgs, lifeguards, coca cola - a club and all the works run by Special Service, which means the need for HRC clubs were somewhat on the shrunken side also (as well as clubmobile) because the Army can do so much more with less effort - staffed by older women though the Army hostesses and the boys have lots to say about that!)

Well, I started to tell you we went on this picnic with 2 wonderful boys who had been to Wyoming University!! We had a howl of time -- Whity and I - the only 2 girls on the beach. There was even a man inside our john out there because women were a thing so far removed from anyone's thoughts or vague imaginations. We got the old whistle more than once, but it was fun - played ball, had hamburgers and tried to swim around the jelly fish. Must tell you
how funny it was thought to hear a guy yell from inside out and have to carry on a "shall we throw you a life line" conversation with all the men standing on the beach laughing.

Thanks for sending so much to me, Mom. I got the 1 white sock, 3 packs of peds, the little 4 leaf clover (I could just see you picking it) and the film. Was so glad to hear about Syd Wilson - that you have the new boarders even though the house is still not to your liking, Mom - as far as our part is concerned, it will look mighty good to me - all "mess" or no as you say. So keep the bed ready. You never can tell. Don't let the discs get you down. "Take 5" and have a nice cold drink of lemonade. Wish I could send you some of the lemons and sugar we have here. Hope Shirl enjoyed my little bed. Give her my best and let me know if its blue or pink as it comes. That angle on the food for my friends here is wonderful. I checked and found it's the thing to do so send it anytime with what you mentioned and I know it will be greatly appreciated. She made a bathing suit for me, which is on the way somewhere she said, but l'll be glad when mine arrives (if I sent it home). Think I sent it back from Washington, didn't I? Got Cap'n Bill's letter. Oh, did I tell you Em seems to be having a wonderful time? Her letters are a joy and I just hope she keeps them coming. Will you please send her $\$ 25$ from my next allotment to use for spending money this summer so she can have her own for school? I have wanted to do that for some time and would send it from here if I thought you wouldn't. But, if you do that for me sometime [then] I won't have to pay any M.O. rates, etc. Thanks a lot. Wish I could see the chicks. Am reading over your letters now so I can be sure to answer everything. Did you get the ones about our trip over? 3 or 4 in all. Thanks, Dad, for your letter too. Keep them coming. Was surprised to see my name added to the honor roll. Give Mr. Heayas my regards and let me know about him too. Good sermon. Must write to Warren because I plan to go to Paris in another 2 weeks to see about changing to hospital Recreation or club. I want very much to get into something with more Rec. and less donuts regardless of the fact that I am having a wonderful time here. I have Headquarters permission to visit them on my monthly leave. Pierre is not with us. Must try to locate her. Say good-bye to Mrs. Thorp for me. Glad Mae and Bob had fun too. I can buy soap here so don't need any more. Get a bar a week. No more cigarettes either. Thanks - get a pack a day. Glad you took off to the cottage, Mom, and hope you do it more often. Take dad and the canoe. Wish I had it here to paddle on the Mediterranean, which is very calm at times. No rain here for a month. Will look for a ?? and ??. Thanks for sending Sal and all my addresses. Am so glad Dad used the sleeping bag and hope he continues. Wish I could have spend father's Day with all of you, but we'll make hay when I get back! Sent another film - a German flag to Dicky. What would you like in the way of souvenirs?

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Dearest Mom and Dad:
Got some more wonderful mail today so consider myself unusually lucky. That's my middle name anyway and I have a feeling it will be for a long time. The breaks just seem to come if we wait long enough for them and if we continue to appreciate what we have. Thanks so much for the package too, which arrived a little the worse for the wear but whole - except for a few noodles. Everything was just right and I know it will be greatly appreciated by Lilian and her family.

Got Mary's lovely book and will read it till the pages turn grey. It's so typically home - America - New England and down on the farm. If you ever wonder what to send someone overseas don't fail to get Frost's "Come In" and other poems with commentary by Louis Untermeyer published by Holt. It's a nice size and so full of the things we count worthwhile - illustrated too.

Am still getting some of your June mail for what peculiar reason I don't know but I'm not complaining. Do me a favor Mom and date your letters because sometimes I can't read the postmark and it means a guess and by gosh for sequence and I love sequence.

What with doing over the house and all I don't see how you've had much time to work in the shop, garden, can, and take on most of the town affairs too. What's your secret besides a 24-hour a day schedule? Incidentally, to answer some of your questions I have been driving an English truck on the American side of the road all of which is a little unsettling at times. There is a girl with us from Springfield who looks a lot like Dot whose name is Ginny and whose picture may be in the Springfield paper soon so keep your eyes open. Thanks for the clippings. Am surprised in a way that they are recruiting so many but we need them too I guess and the old girls should go home. You should be getting some films by now. We had our first drop of rain yesterday and do I mean drop - not even the car seat got wet. It's a terrible dust bowl here. What's Billy Finley doing home? Got a nice letter from Ruth, which I must answer. I wish I would hear that you'd cone to California. It wouldn't hurt my feelings a bit to know you'd found B. Col. either but for heavens sake if you think anything more drastic than that is going to happen please let me know long enough in advance so I can fly home. 3 girls have been told (by cable) of deaths in the family - one message was 6 weeks old. Thanks so much for the Chinese business. I wondered what it was - very interesting. Thanks too for sending the check to Monroe also for the peanut blossoms, which must be lovely if they're very abundant. That Dad of mine will try anything, won't he? Now I can't wait to get the fruit of those little things. You're right - villa up north is Chateau. We love it here but there are far too many now and more coming all the time. Those raspberries sound too divine to be earthly, but keep canning cause I may drop in for a nice long afternoon tea. Will send Sally a card and thank her for the Peds. The stamps too find a hasty outlet as you well know - I hope. Will be looking for Leroy Filkins. Oh for a glass of milk, but must tell you I went to a Navy dance last night and
had ice cream - real American chocolate ice cream so don't think we're being to mistreated - drove to the docks and were taken out to the SS Memphis - small cruiser - on a landing barge - very exciting and a pleasant change to see spotless Navy whites instead of dust bowl khaki. The Navy really get the best of everything alright. Never saw so many French girls in my life and you should have seen them go for the food! We had ham and cheese sandwiches and delicious fruit juice, which they squealed over and ate in gulps so they could go back for more. We Americans have so much and think it's so little sometimes. Saw lots of Chiefs in swanky whites and wondered how John would look in one of them. The news of the fire has reached me finally through you and that's just what I suspected. The only turkey farm in Somers big enough to make the Stars and Strips would be Gerishes. My heart aches to think that lovely old barn with all its history is no more. I can still see Monroe Stibbins throwing Em over the rail to the haymow without the hay and now what? Had to smile at what you said regarding our feeble Uncle and then also much bemoaned 4 F . Gad what bridges we cross that don't need crossing.

No, would love to have you send Shirl a picture and that will be fine because she put in a special request this last letter. She has a splendid job by the way and seems to be very happy in it. Will send the letter too plus one from Cap'n Howes. Am glad the pictures are good. Will you send one to Johnny too please and Cap'n Bill. Then how many will you have left? Guess you have the list I gave you anyway. Lars (??) and Pappy and all - I can't remember what I said, but think it's a good idea to save C. Bill's for 10 Zaiglor. Also, would like to have you send one to Cap'n Luther Howes and family. RFD \#1 Box 22 Holyoke, Mass. because they were so good to me last summer and the Hutchings.

Got a check finally. Hope Em gets that Waterfront woman a good drink some night - a push in the lake or a big egg in her beer would do it either way. Soooo, just read where she thinks I spend too much money on stamps. Well, by now I have redeemed myself with an airmail I hope so she can eat her words in haste. Also, Mom and Dad, what her men are telling her is going to her head (not about P40's, of course, but please remind her once in a while that she weighs a good 175.) Also, not that she isn't sweet, but I wish she'd stop sending me those hideous pictures of myself!! Gad - I know how repulsive I am without having to be reminded in every letter. If she thinks I'd give one of those flattering god awful poses to anybody - fan or fossil - she needs a quick examination and a quicker assignment to a place in Northampton Mental Institution and it's not Smith. I get my mouth all whetted for some beautific scene of the good old fireside family album affair and find those things staring me in the face - Love you my fond child, but it's wearing thin. Hope she gets the chewing gum.

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Dearest Mom, Dad, and Em:
Am now in the day room of the Air Transportation Corps - awaiting a truck to take me to Marseilles. Judy and I have had a marvelous 3 days and guess what I flew to Paris and back in the nose of B-17!!! It was one of the most thrilling experiences I've ever had and I hope the pictures I took won't be all window and no scenery. On the way back this afternoon we flew above a sea of snow-white billowy clouds. I took a picture of Versailles, which may or may not come out - several shots of bombed areas - field and village patterns, a feudal castle surrounded by small red-roofed houses, and the airport itself. Had a heavenly rest at the "Neuilly" in Paris (a hotel) and accomplished my mission beautifically - all which (in short) means I am transferring to hospital recreation work as soon as someone is found in hospital work who wants Clubmobile. Had 3 very pleasant interviews of the type I expected when I arrived and discovered one of the woman was a Phys. Ed. Teacher at Smith - knew Cap'n Bill, had been to many Mass. State Conferences and thought I'd be just the thing they needed. It was so much fun talking with her because I knew then she understood my background without my having to draw it out. She'd been hostelling too - in Europe and knew many teachers at Northfield.

Paris seemed so clean and quiet compared to Marseilles. We spent much of the time sleeping and eating! And interviewing. Judy was the girl with me at Logan field. She wants to go home because her boyfriend was sent back to the states from England and would like very much to marry her. How she makes out, we won't know until the day before probably.

Haven't much news, but for that. Didn't see Lilian because didn't have the time but will send them my little package soon. Will you please send my mail from now on until notified further to APO 887? I'll get it faster when I'm changed.

Love to you all. Saw Pierre who is still in the hospital, but progressing beautifully. I knew the moment I went into that hospital that's where I belonged with those kids.

More later - hope there is some mail waiting of for me back at the villa.
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Dearest Family:
Tonight I am back in Heidelberg in a lovely little hotel for R.C. personnel. Have a small room, nicely furnished all by myself and just wish it could be transplanted to the $302^{\text {nd }}$ Station Hospital.

Came here today on my day off so I would have a chance to get away from my confined surroundings and so I would also have a chance to write to you. It has been impossible all week to do either. I have been extremely interested in my work, but it has demanded far too much time. I got to bed at night completely exhausted more from the tension of pressing matters perhaps than anything else. I have not written you since the day I saw my first operation. Monday I think. It bothers me so much when I don't get a minute to myself, but I hope it will be a little easier from now on. l'll get used to the routine perhaps and can adjust my time accordingly. All I ask to keep me in a good humor is a chance to write to you, do up my hair, and take a bath once a day plus a day a week to get beyond those 4 walls and a courtyard.

Must tell you about the operation! In fact 2 - a hernia and probing in a leg for a foreign particle. The doctor came for me on the dot of 9 as he had promised so I didn't dare back down although I would have gladly but I knew if I did I'd never get in there under my own steam again. So - I donned the white robe and mask and in I walked as brave as the circus lion tamer. After standing (no chairs) for 5 minutes while they bathed the poor patient in ether and gave him a spinal - the 2 doctors came in - gave their arms a final soap suds bath, flourished their hands into rubber gloves - a-la- much drama and ceremony - stood with said arms outstretched at a ridiculous angle while attendants tied on their sterile gowns. All was missing but the fanfare. By that time, I didn't care whether they took me or the patient. I began to look for a stool, a window sill - anything!! There was nothing. I hacked madly at that stupid mask gasping for a breath of good undiluted ozone and knowing all the time I was contaminating something and probably ruining the poor boys chances for a healthy comeback. The head nurse was very upset at my presence. In the hospital where she was before they never let anyone in to observe because they were a terrible nuisance - always fainting and contaminating everything. The only doctor who spoke to me was my little anesthesia man and after all - who was he in the middle of 2 surgeons? The sweat was dripping off my eyelashes and down the back of my neck. I knew what they'd think of me if I fainted. I knew what a nuisance I'd be if I fainted, but I so wanted to faint and get it over with. Well - finally at long last one of the surgeons spoke to me before the more gruesome proceedings began. From then on, I was able to sit up and take nourishment. The patient laughed and kidded all the time, which of course, made me feel like a stupid jackass. I was finally able to take a more
objective interest and believe me - I was glad I stuck it out. It was all very interesting. In the next room was the probing business, which too - was different and more exacting from the doctor's point of view. They were all very jovial after the first few slices - seemed to treat the patient like a laboratory frog, which all in all, was the healthy attitude. Me with my chicken hearted "touch not or it turneth to gold" ideas would have accomplished the whole of nothing and taken twice as much time. However, need I add, I was glad to say "thank you very much How do I get out of here?"
P.S. Please don't tell Dr. Thayer and family. They must never know. My usual daily schedule so far amounts to arising at 8, eating in the ARC apartment at 9, going down into the craft shop and working till 12 , telling the 2 Germans what needs to be done along the heavy carpentry lines. At 1, going back to help the boys when they come down until 4 , usually 5 - eat at 5:30, in the game room till 8:30 with ping pong and pinochle, and then off to a party till 12 . One evening we had a picnic along the Rhine River. You'll see a sunset picture of same with a role of some pictures of the Negev River at Heidelberg. Last evening had a swing band concert for the patients. Some days I go onto the wards. Love the kids - even the V.D's! It surprises you when you go into that ward and discover the boy you thought had such handsome features, enthusiasm, good sense, etc is a V.D. Have doughnuts and coffee once a week. Went to a famous pottery factory here yesterday and made arrangements to have some of the boys go on a tour there to have their pottery baked. Also, hope to take some of the ambulatories to a circus and have a few of the acts on the wards. Yesterday was my first day out of the hospital on business. I'd forgotten what it looked like and today have made up for it. Got to hospital about noon on a shuttle truck. Had a very good lunch, biked for miles because promise of sunshine spurred me on to good picture hunting grounds. Got a few good views of the river. Stopped to chat with some boys. One gave me a ride up through the mountains and back to supper where I sat down to write most of this. Then he came back for me. I went out to his unit for movies, "Suspect" (good), played ping pong, rode some more and had a very nice chat. Seems his name is Joe Duome. (???) On his way home hopes to stop up to see you?? But if he comes, give him a good dinner, Mom and get Em to talk theater and writing to him. He loves it. Tomorrow must head back early for an Open House date there.

Have much more to write, but will when I can find a minute so your wonderful letters will have answers to boot. Bout time I said "Many, many happy returns," Mom. Hope you get the lace, the card and the other box I will send soon (which may be late.)

Wish I were going to be there with you all to give Alphonse some business again. We'll make up for it.

Much, much love, Pat

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Somers, Conn.

Got a very recent letter in big time - sent to 758 - wonderful. Now have to wait to fill in the pieces. Am glad you're getting the pictures. Hope they're good! The roll now may be a little off because the camera has fallen from the case several times and now needs a little repair. Tell Shirley Avery that Upson Garrigus and I have met!! He was a champion baby beefer one year from Stovis. Wish I could see the Glads and the fish! And the leaves now. It's getting cold here. Yes - I can buy writing paper. But to think you suggest bartering with my black bathing suit, Mom!! Tsk tsk. Am so glad you sent more film, which I will have for a Bavarian Alps trip soon!! I hope. What has Shirl? G or B!! Do you know? Yes, I have seen digger maps but didn't know they were so profuse. You were sure sweet to send me a birthday box. Maybe they will hold it but I won't mind. Your last letter said something about Em's neck all of which had me agog, but l'll probably find out. The mole no doubt, but stitches sounds awful.

Got Em's VJ day letter. The excitement was too much for everybody I guess. The enclosed pained me - why didn't she buy that suit? Dope! What a piker.

Well. More in kitchen. Love you all so much.

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April 20, 1946? Tuesday night, Mom's Birthday

Dearest Family:
A lull - believe it or not - so to take advantage, I write madly and somewhat disconnectedly but by now you are used to filling in the gaps.

Went to Mannheim again yesterday to get a top for the jeep and a few more accessories. Mary Jackson (a marvelous gal here) and a big tall Texan (the one who can ride) went with me. You'll see pictures of the 3 of us leaving on the little old jeep in front of the clubmobile. Took Tex to dinner Heidelberg - stopped in the PX to get a heavy trench coat beautifully line (one that comes out) and a pair of horrible moccasins which I had to get in desperation because I was shoeless! Completely. You will shoot me when I tell you I gave Lillian my other pair of these hideous things I hate so violently, but I thought I wouldn't want them. Oh well. Anyway, don't buy any more because I may be able to get a pair here later. You can send the ones in my drawer however.

Saw "National Velvet" with the patients the other night and it was all that I hope it would be - Technicolor and what a horse!

Had "nurses" night in the craft shop last night and drew in about 14 gals all full of interest. The jeep is in the back now being winterized so I cannot go anywhere for awhile. If I get to Berchtesgaden it will be a miracle, but miracles have happened.

Tonight is detachment night. Coffee and doughnuts for the boys. Have been asked to a party for 2 of the Lts. Bearing for home but don't know if I can make it after 11 o'clock. That is the absence of sleep thereof.

Am so glad Em likes her room and studies. Sounds greatly encouraged and happy over the whole thing. Sure makes us all feel better too, doesn't it? How I miss being home to tell Mom what a wonderful place "home" is but I will do the next best thing by saying so on paper. Will sure make up for it when I get back. Anniversaries, birthdays and all.

Love you all so much. Your letters are a blessing.

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Not sure about date, but in with Oct. 1, 1945 envelope
Dearest Dad:
This is not to cut out the rest of the family or anything, but I just finished reading your wonderful letter and think your idea is terrific. Roger would do a real job I think if he is interested in it and if he is willing to ride the linup (??) until you get everything on the way. It is hard for me to picture him doing too much shop work and yet if he has a good head for organization with your cooperation on the sales end he should be able to just supervise the little factory, design new dies, new machinery, etc. and get someone else to do the monotonous labor part. Does he want to work at home? Sometimes it scares me almost to hear you talk in terms of "partnership" again, but this arrangement seems pretty solid if you can be sure Roger or whoever you get has a sound interest that will last and also be willing to accept your suggestions and experience. I certainly hate to see you wasting away in that garage pounding out discs when you should be out traveling and selling, meeting your old friends and getting back into your business man's circle with mom along to lend her share to the social side.

We are at heart simple people - lovers of the soil and country life, but we belong also to a more cosmopolitan group than can be found (by and large) in Somers - and that's just as I see it - plain simple fact. Mother and you now have a beautiful chance to enjoy each other and live an interesting, fruitful "middle-aged" life. You can stay there in Somers as you are without widening your horizons bemoaning your daughters' absence and all the rest that goes with it or you can find a solution to the business "shop" angle, invest in an easy riding station wagon and have one hell of a good time.

Naturally, we want a home to "come home" to, but I know Em and I will feel much better if we can know you two are having fun and are also anxious to "get home for a change." We can make this old life a merry race. You know the first one home has to put on the coffee!! And Em and I may want to go along sometimes. Remember, we aren't always going to be at school or in Europe. You pick out the spots and we'll join you for fishing trips, cabin building, and you name it.

Well, old dear. The boys are coming in. Just choose your man carefully - that's all I can say. You will I know and then it will be his responsibility to keep those old punches going. You'll send him the orders.

> Love you so much - Your daughter Pat
P.S. Everybody asks me where I learned so much about tools!! Believe me - I'm sure proud to tell them.

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Had to get back for an Open House here - tea, etc., which turned out very well in spite of being rather poorly planned. These kids here sure don't overwork l've discovered.

Traveled around on the wards last night with cookies and thus ended another day. Surprisingly enough it is quite tiring because you have to be on your toes every minute.

Mom, I don't know whether you'll get this for your birthday or not, but it is all I could find in the way of a German birthday card. I also hope you get the box with all the things I sent from Belgium. It shouldn't take too long.

Enclosed is a wonderful letter from Skipper. How I'd love to be visiting them again up there. Am so glad for her that Joe is out and perfectly healthy too. Am wondering about Wes Pullen.

What's news from Shirley? Hope Em and Dad finally got down on the river with the canoe before (camp puts??) it back. What will the Davis boys be doing incidentally? Just hope the third package you sent gets here. I got 1 more film last night. As far as I know the Duffield girl is not married yet so hold on. She may not be because I understand the Army gave them some trouble.

Thank Em for writing to the Belgium girl. When does she go back to school? Incidentally, Mom, will you get something for Becky Walkin's baby and skip the wonder shoe idea because l'd rather have you keep them, anyway if they even get there.

Well, got get my laundry out. Love you all so much. More later.

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Dearest Family:
This is another rainy day - worse luck but I don't care as long as I don't have to go very far. My hair is as straight as a string. However, must do something but definitely.

Am thrilled to think Mr. Heaps sold you the projector because now you can see them when you please and show them to others without always having to ask to borrow one. What kind is it? Was it the new one he got last year? How does it work, etc.? Also, hope the screen is included. Did you say yes? I can't recall.

You must have a bulging cellar, Mom - with all the things you've put away. I'd love to see it and get a picture of the colored jars. Am so glad you're using my clothes for something worthwhile. Keep it up.

Have you gotten the film of Richard Schuman yet? Plus the box from Belgium? Hope so.
Did you hear from Shirl yet? Am so glad you all got down on the river. Must have been beautiful. Got Dickie's letter and loved it. Can't you just see him struggling away?

So glad Bud thinks the pictures are Nat. Geog.!! Material but as long as they're easy on my families eyes - that's enough for me.

Incidentally, did you send Skipper a picture? Want her to have one because aside from just that, she hasn't heard from me for some time she says. Doesn't even know I'm in the R.C. and I know I wrote her several times.

Appreciate the enclosed. More later - again - someday I'm going to shock you by saying - No more later. The next time you hear from me l'll be there!

Love to you all - Pat

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## Dearest Family:

Have much to tell you about the last few days - the biggest news of which is that your little wandering daughter has a jeep! Yes, you suggested it and I always do what my parents tell me!

Well it's a long story. Heard about some tools I could get Thursday so chased up to the $7^{\text {th }}$ Army collecting point where outfits moving out hand in lots of supplies and there I found a sergeant - a sergeant who has the world at his finger tips over here. It wasn't very difficult to get tools - Dad would have heaved a real sigh of dismay if he could have seen what lay out in this open shed exposed to the rain and sunshine. Hundreds of dollars worth of tools lay there rusting. We heaved into the back of a truck all we could carry. No motor tools but lots of fills - sans planes hammers, vices, etc. All over a 10 acre field lay trucks and tanks and ambulances of any nameable description. I casually mentioned our need for transportation and before I had time to think of pressing my cause I had a jeep, which I was to collect the next day. Woohoo - and then the girls here say getting transportation is difficult to get. They just have to ask. I went up the next day and drove it home (from Mannheim). Had I been two people, I could have had another one. The boy promised me a heater and radio plus a good windshield wiper, top and any other accessories necessary to make the little thing comfortable. Were these gals every surprised! And, frankly, I was too. We hope to have it winterized (covered in by Wednesday) so one of the other girls - Ann - and I can go to Berchtesgaden Wed.! I'm so excited I can hardly wait. Hope the weather is good because they say it's been raining there and they've had heavy snow storms much of the time lately to block the roads.

We had a birthday party Friday night - 12-piece orchestra - RNNRA girls and lots of fun. These kids never put too much planning behind anything at least they don't make too many noticeable preparations in advance so I ended up by being semi-master of ceremonies - plugging in a few mixers plus displaying models and announcing the winners of our plane building contest. I had beautiful prizes made by 2 of the boys out of plastic. Wish I had the time to do some for all of you too because plastic is such a fascinating medium and takes such a beautiful finish.

Love my work and feel I'm making some progress although at times I wonder. The boys make it worthwhile though because some of them are so responsive.

Yesterday was a big day for the hospital - a wedding and many good-byes to 12 who were heading for home. 2 were my roommates - am now changing to a room with the physiotherapist, which will be more pleasant perhaps because there will be just the two of us and perhaps I can learn something on the side. The 3rd nurse in my room was quite upset because along with plans for her own wedding was the difficulty of saying good-bye to the other two who had been such good
friends for 7 years. They went in training together and have been together ever since.

Went to the circus again last night with 2 of the boys from the hospital - one from California who loves horses and the big tall handsome Texan who really knows his stuff. It sure made me wish I were back in Wyoming!

Today has been quiet so far but that's the way it goes on Sundays and I'm just as glad. Have to go after a roof for the jeep this afternoon, play a few games of ping pong, wash, iron, move, clean up the craft shop, make posters, write a dozen letters and support a pinochle for some. Oh for another day in the week, but that would probably shorten our lives a good 5 years all over again.

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Love you so much and can't wait to get your letters. More soon - Pat
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Am wondering how Shirley is making out and what she has to offer these days in the way of something new in children. Can't wait to hear.

So Abe is on his way home. I haven't heard from him in sometime. I just hope things work out for him. He should be much happier now and able to contribute a great deal in India if he gets off to a good start.

Can't imagine getting married to somebody who is about to enter the army of occupation. This is the worst place in the world for men, married or single, if they want to hang on to anything they love, keep their ideals, plan for the future, etc. We talk about the French not having any morals, but I honestly think our army can't afford to throw stones.

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Can't get over the way you two "old folks" are gadding about Vermont football games and everything else! You don't know what it means to me to hear you tell about it all and to know you aren't grinding away all the time.

Strange how long my mail takes sometimes. Guess most of yours has arrived on this side now. Can't expect any more huge windfalls until I move again.

Must tell Dad that I agree on the puddle jumper (Model A Ford with Rumble Seat) if he wants to sell it. As it is now coming winter it will be a care an will fast lose it's value whatever that is. Les Giles in Amherst near the Loy's wanted to buy it anytime if you have no other offer, Dad.

Am so glad you liked the little anniversary gift, but hope you don't have to wait too long before you can turn it into a fireplace or something. Would give anything for a fireplace.

Mom, for my birthday can you send some ice cream and maple syrup?!! Incidentally, maybe you could find an ice-cream mix or two for Christmas. We have a very nice little refrigerator with a tray just aching to be used.

Am so glad Em is glee-clubing because we all know that means so much. I didn't have any zipper notebook left unfortunately. It caputed last year and Dot Willard gave me another (without rings) which I have with me.

Mom, just to make you feel more secure I live right across from a new S.S. Concentration Camp. It is just being set up and last night one of them was shot trying to escape. Never fear though because I never go over to the motor pool unless I go for something important so therefore I don't have to pass it unless I go for something special so therefore never fear! Honest, Mom, if something is going to happen to me it will and no amount of worry or trying to avoid it will make an ounce of difference. But, my day hasn't come yet and neither has yours or Pa's or Em's. We have too much to do first! A class example of the above however is the boy who came through 16 months of solid combat as an ambulance driver unscathed - was on his way home the next day - had avoided all jeeps and football games to keep from getting hurt before he went to Marseilles and what should he do, but slip getting on a trolley and lose his arm. Very sad case, but it shows you the story. He's right here in our hospital now. One of the hospital boys.

Did you say you got the box of shoes, etc? Please give Em her pair - the large ones, of course, unless you want to save them and give them to her for Christmas, but that's not necessary.

Hope to get to Berchtesgaden soon. The jeep still isn't fixed. We're having beautiful weather for a change. Real Indian summer. Went to see "Sons of Fun" last night and really laughed. Just plain work today. Shop, rec. hall, etc.

Will look for ??? and others.
Love to you all - so much -
Sleepily,

## Pat

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Dearest Family,
Tomorrow if all goes well I will be on my way to Berchtesgaden for 5 days I hope. Ann, another little girl here and I were planning to go in the jeep alone, but the C.O. didn't think it was such a good idea so we are taking 2 E.M.'s along with us all I hope is that we have good weather so I can get pictures. I'm taking 5 films so I should have something to show you by Christmas time.

Not too much news from here. This is pretty routine work after you once get it set up although I'll admit there is much to be done. Have the craft shop fairly settled with lots of tools now which came in yesterday from Red Cross.

Saw "International Sweethearts of Rhythm" last night with some of the patients. It was a (in the main) colored all girl jazz orchestra - very good. Of course, the boys went wild, but I couldn't help wonder what the few German civilians in the balcony thought of it.

The strikes of home are most distressing and with the Queen and Aquitania off the list it makes redeployment seem like an endless task. I just with some of those people could see these kids over here who are still waiting to get back.

There is a wedding this afternoon at $1: 30$, which I have been asked to attend. One of my former roommates, a nurse (one of the group of 3-2 of which have already gone home). Last night she came in, got me out of bed for my suitcase and just moral support. The poor little gal was in a dither, but she had a marvelous bridesmaid who was well under control and giving her the strong arm she needed. I feel rather helpless when it comes to something like that over here. There is so much red tape you have to go through to avoid stepping on some higher officer's toes. So many drinking parties you have to have - a double ceremony - one for the civilian laws, by a burgomaster and then the church business where cometh all the nurses and officers and any of the detachment that is interested - Gad - me for something at home and very simple. I'd hate all this business with the military having to be satisfied on where you stay, how long, what you wear and how you get there. No thank you.

Wish I could send you the beautiful rainbow flashing across this paper. The glass is at just the right angle and the sun is bright and warm.

Family, you were just wonderful to remember my birthday with so many things I needed and so many things that tasted so good. Watch - I haven't eaten all of them yet, but at the moment I am enjoying the cashews and apricots. Lush. The socks are perfect and the scarf is just what I wanted. Thanks too for the film and shampoo and stationary, which you can see I'm using now. Of course I couldn't wait till November $10^{\text {th }}$ because it would be absolutely impossible to wait a month to open a package. Anyway, I celebrated just the same and will think of you all so much when the real day comes. Gad. I'll be old, won't I?

Saw from "Pillion to Post" tonight at the movies - very funny.
Lovely wedding in a real wartime setting - a beautiful church still open in many places from bomb blasts and broken windows. But, the reception was a drunken brawl. Well, some people like it that way, but please - not for me.

Beautiful fall colors, but they still don't have the luster of good old New England. Drove through King Karl's forest today and past his castle, which was the beginning of Karlsruhe or "Karl's Rest." The grounds are magnificent - long, dirt trails stretching for miles through colorful timberland. This would be some haven for horseback riders and bikers too.

Must get up early in the morning as we are off to Berchtesgaden. I hope.
Love to you all - Can't wait to get some good pictures to send you. Thanks for the thoughtful package and pretty wrappings - Pat.

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Dearest Family:
Just got your letters of the $14^{\text {th }}-15^{\text {th }}$ and $18^{\text {th }}$ with the skip in between which probably means I'll be hearing about the trip to Amherst soon. Have enjoyed so much reading about your jaunts to Novich and I'm so glad you can make it comfortably now without having to worry about things at home. Must have been a real treat to "be selfish" as you call it with Aunt Irene and Uncle Wes. If only you lived near them, but perhaps that makes the visits even more precious.

Am glad to know Janet has a Colonel interested enough in her to get her home, but if she has done a good job and really wants to get home she probably can. Will be so interested in her future plans because I think a lot of Janet and know people like her can do a lot of good in this world if they get into the right nitch.

Sometimes now it is hard for me to see how any girl can stay in Red Cross overseas and feel she is doing the world a good turn. Show me the girl over here now who isn't thinking of the program in terms of her leaves, her trips around Europe, and what she wants to see before she goes home. That is especially true of the girls who have been in for a year or more and I can't say I blame them. They have done a wonderful job under difficult conditions, but the increasing personnel, the improved living arrangements, the tours and school programs and relaxed regulations are enough to spoil anybody. It's spoiling me and I've only been in 5 months. But what can Red Cross do now that Special Service can't do even better? You should see the things Special Service plans - elaborate football games, USO shows, dances, libraries, schools, recreation centers. The Army didn't have time for that before, but now it has plenty of time. There are men here with nothing to do but plan for recreation, entertainment, etc., and they should. I believe what Special Service is doing over here now and what they still do is a good antidote for homesickness and an idle army of occupation. Let the men help themselves. The one thing we do is provide the good old "you speak our language" atmosphere, but we're such a pitiful few for just that. The men go out and date the Frauleins all the time unless they're very faithfully and happily married or similarly engaged. Otherwise they're extremely loose and frivolous about the whole thing and you're being here doesn't make one dam bit of difference. They're morale is just as high at a big drinking party without you as it is with you. The only difference is that when you're there, you're part of the drunk and thus have more in common with them later when they have said party to talk about. I wish Red Cross could have sent in a completely new group of personnel with new men in the army of occupation. All volunteers because then the interest I think would be more in the job and less in "the fling before the homecoming." That's a contagious disease - this fling business - and it's not good when it hits the new growth.

Ah me - I didn't mean to be off again, but sometimes this world is a pretty discouraging place for young people just out of college with vision and ideals and their hopes hung on a banner staff. We look to our wise elders, but they're so
pitifully outnumbered. So many ideals they held in youth have been sacrificed for the sake of compromise. We have our greats who plan and carry through on the battlefields, but where are they when it comes to clinching the very things for which we fought? We look to our co-workers, our classmates, our friends who left homes and schools when we did with the same hopes and ideals and where are they? Most of them have been snowed under by this tide of "grab what you can for yourselves and run."

But then there are those who, like a window lamp in the dark out-of-doors, give depth and perspective to such emptiness. Without them, things would be two dimensional instead of three. With them there is some meaning to what you see. There is some reason why you have ideals and why you must clutch them in both hands with all the tenacity humanly possible. I'm glad I have a home - so glad - I can't imagine living today without a home and people who care a little what you do and how you do it. I can't imaging living without the few friends I have in Amherst and Northfield and in my travels who keep reminding me that what I think isn't just mine, but theirs too and they believe it all just as strongly as I do if not more. The enclosed letter is perhaps just one of the reasons why my thoughts have wandered this way tonight plus your letter from home and Em's too.

Things like this I wish I could do for my friends all the time, but I must say what little good I can do by being here makes the whole trip worthwhile. I don't ask that each day be filled with spectacular missions to Richard and Naomi, but I would so like to feel my business over here was easing the wounds a little somehow. We can't all be Joan's of Arcs I realize because in the first place they're aren't enough white horses to ride, but I'd be satisfied with a little burro and a 2-wheeled cart if I had a good reason to take it somewhere. Well, in the meantime, we must fill each day with the work at hand and there is plenty. I love the craft shop and I'm learning all the time. Last Thursday I took the boys (3) on a picnic into the woods near the castle here. It was the kind of fall day just made for cooking over an open fire. We had grilled cheese sandwiches with bacon in the middle and I had plenty of good, clean-smelling smoke to take home in my jacket.

Yesterday we had a party for the boys with some Polish girls from the D.P. camp near here. It was fun for them all. The girls could speak English (many of them) and of course they loved our cookies and cocoa. We gave each of them a bar of soap (hope they weren't offended), but they have to pay 30 marks for a cake at the camp, which they get from Polish boyfriends who in turn get it from the G.I.'s at half the price probably. 30 marks is 3 dollars in good American money. You (and the Loys) should have seen them when the orchestra played "Roll Out the Barrels."

Tonight I knocked off to write letters. As usual, my first one was for you and I am still at it with much more to go before I answer all your questions, but find a better way for me to spend an evening over here - and I will.

Thanks so much for the article on hostelling. The very things you marked are the only things, which keep me from resigning here for a quick return to all that they
have there. How near I've been - so many times and yet something always makes me hesitate. If "he who hesitates is lost" -- Ye gods - I'm too far gone for resurrection.

Love you all and will try to be more practical next time - Pat

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## Dearest Family:

Have been terrifically busy these last few days, but it has been fun. 2 of the girls were away so that left the whole rec. program up to me because the other 2 left where the social work and see. Have had the craft shop open 2 nights for the officers and detachment and Wednesday night we had a Halloween party. We dragged in most of the Karlsruhe woods for the decorations, got a large pumpkin and built a tent-like contraption for our fortuneteller. I had the games and was pleased to hear the A.F.D. say it was the best party they'd ever had. The joke of it was I could still see lots of room for improvement and wondered what in the name of Suzan they usually did when they gave a party. Oh well. Am ready for a couple of days off so think I'll head for Frankfurt and the Schurmans.

Am sick to think those 4 pictures which were of him and his family are no good. That's also a frightening indication that almost every picture I've taken since then will be bad especially ones of people because my range finder was broken and I couldn't get it fixed before I went to Berchtesgaden. Oh woe.

Am so glad you're on the trail of a dog, Dad, and sure hope you get a nice one. The head rec. worker just came back from Paris with a cute French poodle! and I never thought I'd appreciate anything of that nature.

Thanks for sending the piece in the coronet. Net yet arrived. Also the pictures of friends.

Am glad you're keeping the car for Em.
Had 3 days for Berchtesgaden plus travel time! Don't take days off during the week when that happens.

Just had a huge filling put in yesterday. 3 more to go.
Thanks for the cash sheet Dad, but according to my figures I still owe you $\$ 235$. How about that. Please take the $\$ 135$ from my cash savings. I will get the other 100 because have a great deal sent here I don't use. Then and only do I want you to put in money in my account. Please take the money sent to you first for

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Oh to see some snow. It has been just like spring here for the last 2 days.
Must bring you up to date on our doings. Went to a very pleasant German entertainment Sunday night then to an officer's dance. Had lots of fun, but danced every one and was numb from my hips down because I had done nothing in the hospital for over 2 weeks. That same afternoon I had to hold forth on the Polish Christmas party so you can imagine great was the happy fatigue thereof. The day before Christmas spent much of the time decorating and getting ready for our Christmas Eve Polish festival. Open house to all personnel and they appreciated it so much. The DP's did beautifully - sang and danced in very colorful, pleasant costumes. It was quite a pleasant change from alcohol and boredom. After that went over to the nurses reception - stupid drinking affair and then on to another house - also much drinking, but they were just about ready for midnight mass, which we were all intending to grace when I found myself in the arms of a forlorn medical officer who really needed a little on the morale side so with a "tant tant tan a" and much blowing of bugles I played the Red Cross part and frankly - as is often the case - enjoyed myself. (much more than I would have at church because I really think staying up until 5 AM talking speaks for itself.) Went over to one of the kids apartments first for a fried fresh egg and some "cheer" and then Chuck and I found our way back to the living room where we wound up with the latter of arts already mentioned. Funny, but I woke up at 7 AM to the ringing of church bells and it was Christmas. Had coffee with our wonderful chaplain. Took a long ride in the jeep in search of something to make me feel a little more in the spirit of giving. Filled my pockets with gum and candy in hopes I'd see some little ones who hadn't crossed a soldier's path ahead of me. Rode through the woods for quite some distance. How I wish I might have been at Richard's and gone to church with them. I was trying so hard to find that experience which would make Christmas in Germany something to remember. Passed a Germany soldiers grave hidden among the trees, but showing signs of a recent visit by his loved ones. I was sorry I didn't have my camera, but am going back there if I can again. Gave a young girl with a stout suitcase a ride to her
home. Found the children I wanted playing hockey in an open field in a little far out of the way village. They almost knocked me down in their eagerness to get the goods, but I made the big fellows divide it with the younger ones although they weren't very anxious to at first. Guess self-preservation has been too long the first thought that enters a child's head over here although they do share with their own families.

Went back to the hospital. Had a brisk bike ride with one of the patients and then time for dinner. Many of our patients who were sent to Stuttgart to the $216^{\text {th }}$ hospital the $23^{\text {rd }}$ came back the whole 50 miles just to be with us for the holiday. This was really their home away from home and we were quite touched. That's where the worth of Red Cross really comes to the fore.

In the afternoon, we had Open House for all - a beautiful cake, coffee and nice music - German orchestra with carols and candles. Took some of the patients back to the Autobahn so they could catch rides to their respective companies and returned to a super supper of delicious turkey and sauce and all the fixings. More good music with the orchestra playing "Silent Night" as only these people know how. The little waitresses were all teary-eyed and we could have been the same easily but we have not suffered as they have.

Then four of us went to Camp Keui Lingen to see the D.P. Christmas celebration. It was a real experience. One would not expect those people to have such vivid imaginations. It was a real production with flares, beautiful costuming, songs and excellent drama. King Herod would have put Paul Muni to shame. They portrayed the vision of the shepherds, Herod, conflict between the Angles and Satan, and the nativity scene. Later they had their own dancing in costume. Over 2000 there in a large Army. Took the Chaplain and he loved it.

Have about made up my mind to have my knee operated on when I get home. Had an examination today by our orthopedic man who incidentally was my 5 AM companion, but who also incidentally is the best in ETO according to many in authority. He (in 5 minutes) told me I had a torn cartilage, where it was torn, that I should have a feeling of insecurity all this time (which I do) and that if I wanted to participate in more athletics (especially skiing which I do so want to do), I could easily have an operation, be hospitalized about a week and perhaps inactive for a month, but it would be worth it. Would you inquire about for a man - orthopedic surgeon - nearby who has a good reputation in the American Medical Association? Find out if I could get any hospitalization by continuing my ARC policy or what insurance I could get, where I could go to have it done (a good clinic or hospital) etc. Although, I can always say I didn't give the shots a fair try. I am forced to admit I favor that leg as much as ever and am always conscious of a weakness there - a sliding of the bones and I have no confidence in it under difficult going.

Well dears, I am working hard to close shop and pick up loose ends. Don't know where we're going from here or when all the patients will be gone tomorrow. Many thanks for my Christmas. Love you all - Pat.

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Lancy must be huge. Give him a chase for me.
Sweet of Mac to send me a package. Many thanks. What do you hear about Janet? Thanks for thinking about Nylons, Mom. Loved the little card. Merry, Merry Christmas to my wonderful family.

Lovingly,
Pat

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Speaking of Lancey (cat) reminds me that the gods must have been leaning in your favor. You almost collected on delivery one adorable St. Bernhard puppy, which I had $1 / 2 \mathrm{a}$ notion to ship post haste and take the consequences. How I'd love one to come home to!!

Wish I could see the house! What's happening? Keep me informed. Am so happy you're doing it even though I would like to be there to help. Gotta keep my hand in things somehow.

So sorry to hear about Bucky Wild, but Aunt Mary was a blessing. What's the score on Michael, Em?

Am glad Dad has worked out a stamp for the discs - much better and how many presses has he got now? Can't keep track. You should be getting some boxes from me -- some with Plexiglas samples in them.

For Em - the delicate box came from Bavaria (Berchtesgaden). So glad you can use the little pictures. The fawn and other pottery came from the Karlsruhe Potteries - a very famous small factory, which does beautiful work here. Wish I had another chance to get some wooden shoes for carol and Skipper's boys. I didn't have any Belgium money làst time or I would have. What a dope. How are the films? Think it's wonderful for you and Nan to go to the Cape this summer and I'll cash in 50 cents if you can afford the rest. By the time I get through with the income tax business, I won't have one solid cent except a Germany mark souvenir.

Would love to have seen the Cowboys play in N.Y. Let's go next year. They'll be there again. I'll teach you the cheers.

Thanks for rescuing my big hat, Mom. I had heart failure until I read further. Love my blue sweater. It looks very nice. Also found I was wearing my ski pants every day, boots too in Switzerland. All the Swiss admired them both.

Nearly died laughing to think of Mother standing outside in the movie lobby while Dad and Em sat through it.

Am sure happy for Janet and am not surprised. I think Janet will make a marvelous Army wife. She's a natural entertainer. Would love the life I'm sure and be very happy. She's got a good catch as far as rank is concerned and if he's a regular fellow, Janet will be in for some
marvelous living. The Arm is de-lux! for officers and if they can take their wives with them, it's a perfect set up. Wish I could go to her wedding.

Loved your "comfortable living of a sort" remark, Mother, because Janet will live like the upper 400 if they get any kind of a decent assignment. Especially over here!!!!!

Had to laugh at your discussion of Cousin Mary plus the "almost got stuck in the mud in the cemetery" phrase, which had me puzzled for a minute. Would be rather obvious if you meant Cousin Mary so I gathered you meant you.

Am so glad Dad is scouting again. The boys need him and vice versa. The vets should be able to lend some new angles to camping out.

Do hope Em gets through school when she wants to. I know it's not easy, but I can still not believe I have a degree and am almost out now a year!! Where do the days go?

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Incidentally, I hope or am wondering how you intend to fix over the kitchen. Where do you eat? When you have company? Have you given Mony my $7^{\text {th }}$ Army address! Please send all mail there until further notice. I think I will ask Peasy to be the go-between if I go home. He's so dependable.

Am so glad Mother is resigning from the L.A. It's too big a job for one conscientious person and besides; when I get home I want her to be free to do a few things besides lug truck down to the church and back.

Prices sound high! Am so glad you called on the Garvey's (???). Suppose you've heard by now. Also I did get those delicious apricots and fruit. That was one box I selfishly devoured to the very bitter end.

The little spoons arrived from home! Did Dad get my box for him yet? Be sure to follow instructions, Dad.

So sorry to hear about Betty's party snafu. It must have been disappointing and quite a shock to John and Betty both.

Dad, it seemed so strange to hear you talk about that family of 7 who are practically destitute. We do have even those at home, but over here it's news to say "see that happy wellcared for family." Amazing, isn't it? And, to think a German scientist discovered the atomic bomb and didn't realize it. We are so, so lucky. That's all it is I guess with maybe a little faith thrown in.

Had in mind your using the tiles, Mom and Dad, in a coffee table top, which I think would look beautiful and be something we don't have. That's the way they use them over here and they are most practical and effective. If we ever get a fireplace we won't want to spoil the log or stone front with hand-made tiles, will me? But, you can decide that yourselves. It might look better than I think, but the only trouble is in that case there should be more.

Well, we just decided to hit the trail for Heidelberg to stay overnight. Our room is an icebox here and we have nothing else too pressing. Have to report there in the AM anyway.


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Dearest Mom, Dad, and Em.
Have spent all of yesterday and will most of today catching up on a much neglected correspondence. So many people have been wonderful about sending Christmas card, etc. I've tried to return a little message plus also trying to contact many families here for hostellers and other European friends. It keeps one busy, but it's not interesting.

I now go back to the beginning of time practically to answer many questions and scour your letters for missing links.

Of course, I was pleased no end to discover "Recreation" wants to use some of the stuff I've send home, but what? I can't imagine. Most of what I have written would be hardly interesting or fitting for readers of Rec. unless they approach it from the Red Cross Rec. angle and I haven't written too much on that or am I an authority by any means. They could get so much more and better stuff from a Rec. Supervisor over here who's been in the game awhile. Well, will be most anxious to see what happens.

Did you tell Cap'n Bill I was getting \$175.00 a month plus full maintenance with prospects of an advance in status if I stay over? I have wanted this to be surprise to you, but my request to go home changes the picture a little. I know I could handle a full rec. job and would work like crazy for it if I intended to stay on, but I don't. However, headquarters has promised me an advance to Assistant Rec. worker at least which would mean Ontario or bicycling with a hostel group through Europe or riding a pack horse through Japan Park then I would be pounding a typewriter, meeting executive committees or whatever else a job with a big organization might entail that would keep me inside and tied down to a five year contract. As long as I can see my family often and have enough to eat and to be independent - that's all I ask plus the joy of living a happy, simple life. Maybe N.R.A. can give me that. Good if it can, but from here the whole thing is still vague and I don't want to make any promises. I also don't want to rush right home and rush right into another job without first catching my breath. I haven't worked hard over here - granted - but it's almost as hard to not work-to have to hunt all day long for something to make your day worthwhile to the job. Fortunately, I've been able to expend my energies in travel, helping Richard Scherman and in getting a general picture of just what the Army of Occupation is and what lies ahead for our world to accomplish. Professionally, my improvement as a rec. worker for the time I've been over here has perhaps hit an overestimated $10 \%$.

But, I've had a rich experience outside and I must thank Red Cross for making that possible. I think I could have said "inside" too had I come over 2 years before. Then there was
a real mission for only Red Cross had the time to give the little things that made a soldier's life bearable. Now the Army itself is taking over. American civilian hostesses are coming in Special service - T and E (education) has marvelous opportunities for men over here even German civilians are being employed to teach crafts, entertain, etc. and the men are slowly or quickly adjusting their habits to include civilian home life (good or otherwise). I am not in the least bit sorry I came. Gads - nor am I disillusioned. I love it over here when I have a chance to see how these people live; to help a soldier once in awhile and to ski and tour to places only a Halliburton would see before the war. Who wouldn't? Most gals think I'm nuts not to stay over till I've seen Denmark, Rome, Russia, and all the rest, but I figure I don't have to use Red Cross as a tool to travel and live an independent, adventurous life because I have long since found out how to do it on my own without being a leech on society and I intend to keep right on that way. If I feel like going to Alaska, I want to be able to go and if I feel like going home to see my family, I want within reason to be free to do it. I hate Army life and jumping from a job that tells you when you can go and when you can stay. It also makes you sign a life-long contract from frying pan to fire so I'm going to be very, very careful.

Freedom means more to me than financial security. If I starve I'll deserve it probably because nobody needs to now at home unless they've lost all their initiative and resourcefulness. If my pictures are any good I might be so bold as to visit a place called the National Geographic Society in Washington D.C. Who knows? But I'm not making any rash promises to anyone!

Yes, I'd love to go with you to the conference March $15^{\text {th }}$ if things work out. You would enjoy it, I'm sure.

Have gotten 4 packages from Monroe and 1 more from you. Have now 10 films unused! Expect 1 or 2 from Holland soon and unfortunately no more than 2 from Switzerland. The weather was too poor except in Andermatt and picture taking with color was too extravagant and wasteful. Many thanks to Herm.

Love,

## Pat

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Got my teeth fixed for awhile I hope although my jaw is still huge. Go tomorrow to see Marseilles gang and ski.

How's the minstrel show going? Em's bedroom sounds precious - what's mine like? Do just what you want with it. Anything will be a great improvement. Wish we could have a built in bath tub plus shower!!!! Nothing like handing in an order on top of that design, which included a fireplace and a game room. Just don't want you to have too much spare time!!!

Love to the Benton's and lots to yourselves

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Dearest Family:
Still I know nothing - only that I have been able to finagle another leave! to Switzerland!! So, your little wandering wayward child is off as soon as orders come through and this time it's going to be St. Moritz for a wonderful 5 days of skiing in the mountains. I can hardly wait. Isn't it terrific?

But, in the meantime I find enough to keep me out of mischief or at least so I figure although Red Cross may not. Went to Wiesbaden with Mary and Ann and found that Mary was to stay on in Frankfurt to go to a professional refresher school for A.F.D.'s for 2 weeks. Ann's new assignment is a "detached service" affair for a month in Kassel. She came back with me to Karlsruhe. We packed her things and sent some on to Mary. Ann left this morning so I am alone in Karlsruhe for the moment. Live over at the nurse's home still. It's a very nice arrangement and gives me a place to hang my hat between leaves! My roommate is an Army hostess (librarian). Boy - this is the biggest picnic l've hit yet although I wouldn't want it to keep on forever. Red Cross just doesn't know what to do and chiefly because the Army hasn't made up its mind yet. The hospital, which moved in here after us, was told yesterday to move out again. They just got set up! Toute de suite (sp?) So nobody knows anything. I'll bet even God is confused at this point.

Have seen several movies, which is a good indication that if it weren't for the blessed little jeep and a few days of leave time, I'd go completely screwy. One excellent one, "Cap'n Eddie."

I honestly don't know what I would have done without the jeep. It runs like a Swiss watch and has been the means of making my free time count so much over here. Incidentally, my little watch is a marvel and I was so glad I didn't have to knock myself out trying to buy one in Switzerland. Almost everyone bought 2 or 3 and had no money left for anything else.

Went to the dentist yesterday to finish up supposedly. He spent about 2 hours on me -one terrific filling and another small one, but the worst part of it all was the novacane. 2 shots and my jaw this morning looks like a purple apple. Have to go back for one more at 11. Have an appt. with the hairdresser before that and so life goes on.

Yes, my Christmas box did arrive, Mom. Sweater and film and the fruit came too. Ski boots and everything plus 3 more films, which gives me enough film to take a trip around the world. Don't send any more please - also-and this is important! Any boxes you wish to send to Richard or any mail from Monroe to him - send as soon as possible to Mrs. Ann Hoffman, $115^{\text {th }}$ Gen. Hospital, APO 17190 PM, N.Y.C.

Ann has promised to take care of any immediate parcels and letters as long as they reach her within the next month. I thought the easiest plan would be to have her handle it because my plans are still uncertain. Then if and when I get another permanent address, I will send it post haste. Ask Dad to pack them in stiffer boxes please because almost all have been broken open, but nothing has been lost. I can tell.

Hope Em's arm is better and that she made her exams ok.
Sure hope you've gotten my letters about the New Year's with Rich. And all the ones that seem to be missing. I have sent much to you recently all about Holland, Switzerland, etc.

Love to you --
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-- Pat

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Went to a stage show again last night - the other extreme to the one before (strictly classical and much too dull for the average guy) and a wonderful movie you would like Hollywood's idea of "state fair" in Technicolor and guess who was enjoying it just as much as I? Henry Seften again on his way to see his grandparents somewhere. I didn't have much time to talk to him because he was 3 or 4 rows ahead of me and I left early to catch a bus, but you should have seen his grin when the steers came on.

Drove down with another R.C. gal yesterday. Leave tomorrow morning at 6 .
Love to you - all in haste,

> Pat

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Yesterday was another big day for me at the mails. I got 8 letters from you. Some as old as Jan. $14^{\text {th }}$ but none the less appreciated. I suppose mine have been coming through that way too.

Said good-bye to Karlsruhe about 9:30 for good I guess. Hated to leave the old place because so many wonderful things have stemmed from it, but we must always look ahead.

Had a nice interview with the Regional Supervisor, Miss McMullen, who gave me a wonderful evaluation much to my satisfaction. Came on to Wiesbaden in the pouring rain and arrived in time to get a good billet and a nice warm supper. Went to a superb rendition of Beethoven's $9^{\text {th }}$ last night at the colossus of colossal a la red Cross Club "The Feggle (???)" German orchestra and beautiful chorus and when ??? Guess who was paged over the microphone? None other than little me by Pfc Bill Arnold - one time bicycle rider and Casanova of the rolling Youth Hostel Group - 1943!!! Was I thrilled. He has only been over about 2 months so expects to have this very permanent address for about a year:

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Please send all packages and correspondence for Richard to him. He will see that it's delivered personally. Is so happy to have a chance to do it. Wrote Isabel so she has it too now. Haven't received the other packages from Mony but have left careful instructions for all packages coming to me now to be sent to R. by Miss Ann Hoffman so they will be held for her to send.

Was so thrilled to know Mony got over and look what bill had for me last night! I must have been in Switzerland when it came out in the Stars and Stripes. I'm going to try to see him today or tomorrow because this article says he planned to go to Germany.

I have an interview with Miss Awl this morning. (She works Sundays too I guess!) Said she very much wants to see me! Called Peasy last night - has been transferred to home! Hope to see him too today near Frankfurt.

Got Em's adorable Valentine and will save it for posterity plus the beautiful little one from my Mommy and Poppy! Interesting about photos on walls Dad. Color too?

Love ya bunches-- Pat


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