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Tues. P. M.

Dear Elothy -

I'll try to write so our letters won't cross again - got yours yesterday. Mail service is slower than it used to be. We can't get any night mail - it's left till morning.

Do you have time to make your 2 piece dress? I suppose you could do a lot on it on Saturday if you didn't have anything else to do. Can you find such a Saturday. I want to make a 2 piece dress for myself but I don't get at it.

Alice doesn't know what she wants and I don't know when we will go anywhere to look. The Spring M. W. & Sears catalogs aren't out yet.

We didn't go to S. M. last week and there will be about 30 little calves & more lambs next week & on after that which means about 15 more cows to milk.

It's sure cold today but no snow so hope it warms up soon.

Daddy took Grandpa to Hatfield to a funeral yesterday. Old Mrs. Hefenbaugh was buried Friday & Frank Waugh on Saturday. I went to Mrs. John Miller's sale on Sat. but didn't bid on anything - everything went high. Emma is in La. City, I think. She & Owen plan to go to S. M. to work I think & Floris B. will stay with them.

Naomi was here Fri. night & Sladdy took her to Mt. Airy Sat. morning to the bus. She & Mrs. Hendricks were going on to Caspar yesterday. John had gone to Michigan for ski troop work & then on they didn't know where - He came to Chicago Sat. night to see them & left Sun. so Naomi went back to Caspar with his mother.

Has Margaret written you lately? I'll put in her last letter.

Slad & I went on a Red Cross trip Sun. P.M. - called on Kobbes - Savilles - Ljungrenis & collected \$3. The road was fine & I thought we better go before it storms.

James Kobbe, L.L. Norris, Calvin Henry & Cleo Norris took their second blood test last week and will have to go to L.M. the 3rd week in March. If Cleo goes, Madge will go to L.M. and get a job. Jimmie came to L.M. last night - he has a furlough now & then goes somewhere besides Great Lakes.

Orin is in the Air Corps now - in Denver. Maurice is still at Seattle. Ruth & Luther went up to San Francisco & Ruth was to stay over a week or two with Norrine. Leonard Jigler drove Haskis to Calif. & he has to be back by the 17th, I think.

The Juniors bought the stuff for their banquet and now the report says "no banquet" but they

will do something surely for the seniors.

John just brought the mail home & another note from Margaret with money for the Guild P.O. sale, so I'll have to find something to send.

Tod had too much stock for his pasture so sold some & Jedie has a lovely new walnut dining room suite & sold her old ones -

You were lucky to get your shoes - Alice wants Margaret to look for some for her but I don't think Margaret has much time.

Jedie is going to Creston tomorrow to see Will - they are getting paper signed to send Will to La City. He is so terribly thin & weak - he might not even know you Jedie doesn't think it will do much good for him to go up there but they may find out what is the matter.

I wish I could send you a box of cookies but I have so little sugar I don't make any or cake - I use the pudding mix that is all sweetened. So you buy some cookies if you can find some good ones.

I must get a line off to Margaret -

Love Mom

Yes - Alice did sound drowsy - she dreamed she was sitting down here on the couch & leaning against Louie

1st letter

1404 to 2nd

File. 4007

Dear folks,

Well, how is everyone down there? We were having pretty nice weather up here until it rained yesterday and snowed today.

We've been awfully busy these last two weeks but I guess it's about time I got a letter written to you.

We are finally getting settled around here and the place really looks livable - the only thing is we can't seem to find time enough to get our washing and ironing done although we have an ironing board, one which ~~was~~ I had to carry home from the hardware store last Saturday. We shopped all day Saturday for things around here. We can probably use another rug, although we have two new ones. Our living room is mostly maroon so anything blue or maroon would do. The paper is a very light green & peach figured. We are wondering if those chair covers with the drawstring if they are very expensive. The chair looks rather worn and a cover would help things considerably. By the way how do you think those turkey sacks would work into a cover for our couch by day - (it is one bed at night) or do you think we are going to have a rather large variety of patterns. The rug on the floor is

plain maroon. Enough of this - it is rather boring.

Saturday evening Jim & I went to see "Road to Morocco" & "The Navy Comes Through". He nearly had fits laughing at the first one - it really was Crazy!

Sunday we went to the Great Lakes to see Jimmie and it was really a swell day to go but everyone else thought the same thing. It was really crowded but we got to see Jimmie and I guess he was glad to see us. He is leaving Monday but may stop in Des Moines first.

Monday eve. Naomi was over for dinner and then we walked her home. She left Tues. for Indianapolis & she is planning to spend a day or two around Mt Airy & Redding before she & Mrs. Hendrickson head for Casper. John came in from Wisconsin very unexpectedly Sat. eve.. Naomi was coming home from work & John got on the ~~Sand~~ Elevated at Union Station. They were both nearly floored, especially Naomi, when they saw each other sitting across the aisle ~~from~~.

Tuesday evening (lshhh!! don't let this get around) a corporal came over to see Leonto. Lu & Leonto had double dated last Saturday

night with the fellow and another one. Anyway she practically chased me out of the house so I spent an hour + $\frac{1}{2}$ at the church listening to the festival chorus practice for their spring shindig. Jim + I got back about 9:45 + then Louie + Bud fixed hot chocolate + toasted cheese sandwiches + cake for a "snack".

Tonight - well Bud is here again but at the present they have stepped down to the drugstore to mail some letters. You can't fool me - I was probably in the way. (For goodness sakes don't ever let this get around - I'll be murdered on the spot).

Jim is on next month's draft list, No. 2 to be exact so he thought he might as well get a job. He is helping load box cars from 8 am to 5 pm and I guess he is really tired when the day is over. I guess he is getting his muscles hardened up for the army.

Tomorrow night I'm going to bed if I possibly ~~can~~ ^{can} Friday eve. There is a Sun. School Class party + then Saturday a date with Jim.

S. S. Sunday morning + church + league in the evening. Bullah Hickey is leading a song fest for league Sunday eve. This was Clyde's old flame.

Enclosed is a very vague blueprint
of our room but maybe you can get
an idea of where we are.

We got our ration books last
night so we are all set for awhile
now if we can get everything ~~that~~
that the stamps are for.

This letter is getting rather
long and it is after 10 and Bud is
still here but guess he is getting
ready to leave.

so guess I'll say good
night to all,

Love to you all
Margaret

2/28/42

Dear Mom,

This will be a rather hurried letter as I forgot something in the last letter.

The Wesleyan Service Guild is playing post office - that is each of the girls are asking someone in another state to send them a gift for 25¢. We then take the package (unwrapped) to the next meeting and sell them by states for a quarter - lots idea - huh. Maybe you can try it. Our next meeting is the 10th of March.

League tonight and a famous callist from So. America is speaking

Jim is leaving the 9th & I guess he is rather ~~st~~ relieved. Probably because he knows when he is going. He has been working this week about 11 hrs a day.

Last night as sort of a fare-thee-well present he gave me

a very lovely ~~box~~  Gold with
amethyst settings. a large setting in the
center with smaller ones around it.

Well, guess it's close &
I hope I don't forget to mail it.
We had chicken for dinner
with all the trimmings & ice cream.

Well, along with

Love XXXX

Margaret

very vague and
rather out of
proportion.

