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New York City

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

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July 9th

Letter Darling -

Now I am so thrilled
that you are at last
able to leave the visit
with Marion Anderson.
and decides to say I
am now than begin to
hear all about it. I
wonder if you stayed more
than a day - the folks
will get there too late for
your visit but if you
wait there before you come

How you will have
this - We are so
delighted you will
be home the 20th it
is hot here now wonder
how it is in N. Y -
Alice is arriving home
the 22nd two days after
you get here -
I am writing this in such
a hurry for I have so
many many things to
do this morning and
have to be ready to go

To show for lunch at 1 P.M. -
We had a grand meal - and sent the things
over. They tried to get her on foot but
then they arrived at the New Orleans
Hotel for thousands waiting to try and
send her home - We are out for cards
in the P.M. I had a party Sunday Eve -
and Alice had the table Monday P.M. -
then they were home not to believe

Just had a letter from
Aunt Maud thanking us
all for the Antique Russian
after dinner coffee cups on
all that has and then
she wondered if you recurred
to give on your birthday
from her - so please drop
her a "Thank You" note at
once. Mrs Bruce Sanborn
Phmstead
Leop Nass.

Can hardly wait for my
precious little B. Coffin to
come home - He will soon have
a home full with the family
altogether - Mary & all mine!

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

to her around the 1st Aug.

The Longlegs said they
wanted you at the Falls
for a storm when you
get home —

I found my bed jacket
you can see there at
the new Reston also, the
Maid —
You don't need to send
my girdle or umbrella
or belt if you found
it ahead for our wait

Until you arrive -

Ellie is home on a
2 weeks vacation -

Mrs. Flores & Whitney
were here yesterday and
as always inquired

particularly about you.
I told them you were

at M. A. this week -

Mrs. Flores said - "You
tell L.). I am waiting
for her to come home!"
Ha Ha!

We had a nice day

With them but I was badly beaten -

Excuse me -

Mothe -



Miss Laura Jane Mosser
of the New Preston Hotel
Madison & 50th Street
New York City

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

June 9 1943

Letter my precious daughter -

Well I am waiting for a few
min. while Mary gets lunch - Sarah
just came in with a dish of churning
which she consumed quite a few
and her face was a sight but I
told her to go and wash it while
she did promptly -

I arrived about 2 hours late here
yesterday morning - Roy - Mary
& Sarah were down to meet me
and your precious letter was here
and how grateful I was to get it

And to learn how darling & forgiving
you were of Margaret - I could have
hugged & squeezed you it made
me so happy -

On the way to N.C. - a young man
on the Navy & a couple off to
the young back to Los Angeles on
a journey home so friendly & dear
to me - Mr. Tidmore from Corning, N.Y.
insisted upon paying for my dinner
that morn & helping me with my bags

But Laura was at the station but
I only had a second with her to kiss
her & run for my train - Roger
said something about a check

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

You had returned to Aunt Laura for
some money you had borrowed &
she had returned it to you and
a check she had sent you for an
Easter present and she hadn't received
any acknowledgment for either so when
you write thanking her for your birthday
check just speak about those for
Aunt Laura thought you hadn't
got the two - Maybe it wasn't a check
at Easter - I may have gotten that wrong.
You have so many notes to write
I don't wonder you forget some -
Hope you had an interesting letter lesson

today and that it isn't too warm -

Sarah said when she first saw
Mr. Lotters gave me this dress!
A Cut - but blue one trimmed with red
and she looked darling in it -

The baby is precious - A real boy
and not what I would call handsome
but so healthy & muscular - He
is so good now and doesn't cry
at all - Roger said "You know
what I would love to do - spend five
days of my vacation in N. Y -
with Lotters and just go to dances
with her & plays etc" but of course
he can't afford it & Mary might object!

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

Little Falls, Minnesota

They both talk about you so much
and are so happy to hear all of the
fine things you are accomplishing -
Mary loved the ship you sent her -
and your telegrams & note -

Last M. M. went to a movie "China"
into a battle piece & had -
It is quite warm - There's some is
so pretty & cool - Mary has a
nice young girl helping her - She
will only be here until fall -

I am leaving Friday M. for N. C.

and will be home a week from today

I left my umbrella in the closet
Can't find my best girdle - I may
have left it in one of the drawers
My bed jacket I haven't found -

A heart full of love from Darling
Little Hopper - My what a grand
time we had together - Yours devoted -
all the family send love - Mother -



Miss Laura Jane Whissner
of the New Preston Hotel
Madison Ave. 4-50th
New York City

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

March 6th 1942

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

Letter my Darling Little Bluffer -

No letter yet - and I worry as to how you are but perhaps no news is good news. The postman has just come and maybe there will be a letter - No letter -

I called Mr Ettinger about your ticket - You can either send it back to me and I will take care of it for you or you can have it attended to there and I will pay the \$15 and something which you will have to pay for exchanging it. Would have to know the exact date of your leaving N. Y. -

I have been busy lately visiting the new babies and the sick or broken bone cases! Inge's baby boy is adorable as is Mary Sylvester's - She said how disappointed she was not to have seen more of you when you were home. She had called several times but you were always busy or out but she said "I am going to get her when she returns"

Lothar Martin is having his operations for his broken hip - Irene Simonet's brother Harry Hall - a specialist with bone troubles is here this morning and is putting in a peg - Yesterday morning J. N. Martin her husband was found unconscious at his desk - He didn't recover but in - They fear a stroke - So much sadness

It snowed last m - Has been so below
for a few days - very unusual for
March - I am enclosing a card
from Edna Porter - that Mae Abon
sang in our choir for a number
of years -

I am just finishing my 2nd quilt
and I think they are my pretty -
Also am working hard on your spread
the Coral ones I am knitting -

Today is my turn to Van Dis. Club.
My Miss Aunt Laura & Lot. She
will be in the City another m -
Is going to St. Paul for treatment
of her nose. I will be with her

of her dress fitting and Dr Zittel
treatments - Try me again after
you try this O.G. any where! You
have many loving friends here -
I asked Mr. Hatchel about Mary &
it seems she is being transferred
and passed all of her exams - with
high marks - she loves the work -

Well my precious I am awfully
tired from you - A letter from
Alice says she doesn't know when
she is going to be able to come
home - Due to the boys farloughs -

Many many love - Plumps
and kisses for my precious
mother.

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

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LITTLE FALLS

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MINNESOTA

After 5 days, return to
MRS. R. D. MUSSER,
608 Highland Ave.,
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
of The New Western Hotel
504 Madison Ave
New York City.

Sunday. Feb. 14-43.

My darling Katie -

I hope you are feeling fine this
Bright St Valentines Day - It is Snapping Cold
26° below and we glad that with Coal for fuel
we can be warm and Cozy - We could
not stand a temperature of 90° in our house
with a better Cold with the wind howling out -
Side - Aunt Laura is fighting a fine
grim that does not seem to want to part with
her - She has been laid up for over a week
Mother is fine but she is taking the best
care of herself + much to be envied she
finishes up some treatments she is taking -
However we know + feel she is getting
along fine - I sent Paul Kelly & Peter each
a Valentine Box  of Candy this morning +
they seemed to be pleased with it.
Alice has written such glowing and happy
letters of the good visit + times she has had
with you. + we are so glad you liked to
be together + whatever you did was just the
thing you both enjoyed. Alice is a darling
soul + has had a lot of hard knocks - She had

Made an ideal mother & her boys love her
dearly. - 1 P.M. Will my precious Gal
your lovely Valentine to Mother & Daddy just came
in the form of a grand cluster of gorgeous
red roses & in fine condition.

Thank you dearest one many times.
Mother wrote you a newy letter which
was mailed before your flowers came so
she could not thank you but we both
are going to phone you at 10 PM her 11 PM in N.Y.
and give you our sincere thanks and a Swiss

Valentine Greeting -

Aunt Louisa is staying in bed until her
Cold breaks & both we had to have her go to
the phone when Margaret & Bud called her up -
Aunt Morian also called us up by phone -

She was so pleased that the Oldwicks who
had made some money the past year -
It has had a hard time for our boys.

I hoped the policy we ^{are} following in modern-
izing & keeping up to date has been the right
one. It took a lot of faith & hope to spend
a large amount of funds in improvement there
times. Florence & Barbara Walsh came home
for the week end & I understand Lillian &
also came home on Lucius' birthday for our
Sunday.

Pine Tree Manufacturing Co.

LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Address All Correspondence to the Company.

Pauline was so pleased to send you
a box of Brownies & hope they came
in good condition.

Mrs. Hartman has an annoying cold
The winter is now going fast &
the worst part will soon be over.

Oceans of love & good wishes
from Mother Anna Laura & you love
Love for Lettie Daddy

Love my precious little Ropper -

This has been such a full day so I did only write a note to Mabel and Daddy - We went to Church this morning - a gorgeous Spring day - Then the Moyers Bontons and Verna Miller came for dinner -

They all think it interesting about Philippa - I talked to Mrs Storey in Ft. Cloud and she was quite excited about Philippa and said she would tell Miss Griener and thought several would come up - Mrs Whitney is away in Florida so not here

Will enclose the one notice which has
been in the paper - Probably the
snow will be gone so we can
have the Easter egg hunt outside -
My dear Arrows most enthusiastic
about Phillips coming - It being
Holy Morn I hope it wont make
any difference with the crowd
coming - Bert Hartmann said
she hadnt heard from you but
she met & framed yesterday and
told many there who said they
would come if possible - I think
it would be nice to drop her a
little note thanking her for her
interest. Your letter just came at
least Daddy just gave it to me.

And I was so happy to get it - If
you think the time goes slowly I
know it does in Can hardly wait
for you to come - Last night we
went to the Burtons in Chippewa -
There is much going on this coming
week - I have tried by one about
our grand tour in New York
and of all the places we saw but
intimately no one has asked me
to review any in 3 years I should
have then call to pass my mind
in my mind - but didn't to have
fun and we will when you come
home - I love you so much and

Can hardly wait for Tuesday the 31st
It will be a week from tonight you
will be leaving — I am so thankful
you recovered so quickly from your
Cold — I didn't really ^{have} one —

Hebe is waiting patiently for us
to take her to the P.U. to mail this.

Pauline said she would be happy to
have Mrs. Schuyler come out and tell
her what to say for Philip — —
Don't it make their concert trip

seem so much a success — and
it must have given them a thrill
to ride in the Air Plane — —

9 Nov Days and you will know —
Mary writes Sarah to try my best
& says quite a few words — in ^{the} ^{best} ^{of} ^{my} ^{power}
Mother



Miss Laura Jane Musser
c/o The New Weston Hotel
Madison Ave. + 50th Street
New York City

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

April 3rd 1943

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

Letter please.

Your good letter was here when I returned from the city last evening. And I was so happy to get it and

Best of all you will be home in a little over two weeks. Well needless to say I can hardly wait and you can just run out in the sun keeping one plant in the garden or just sitting out in the sun - for I want you to feel like a million dollars after a few days. Wasn't that interesting you

running into Bess Burnett and
Mrs Walter Lapham - the grand-father
we saw was at one time ^{our?} Aunt Janie's
admirer - they are no relation to
our family of Laphams - How did
you like her - Are glad you got her
to go to the concert with you - you
will enjoy her a lot and I'm sure
like a sister - We did have such
a happy time together last summer -
Am so sorry to hear about her husband
for I thought he was coming along
so well - I'm his much love -

So you had a nice card from
Marion C. - did she say anything
about your visiting her?

I walked to the station this morning
to get your Chicago ticket. I wrote
on it that although I said to make
it out to Wash. & home he just
made it out the way it was but
he probably meant you would have
to buy your ticket to Wash. and
then the rail to A.K. from Wash.
home for the Pa. R.R. goes through
there but I cannot be able to get
time so will add on to the last of
this - This is one of those kindly friends

Days and I had a long walk the
A.M. so went to sleep after dinner
this noon and slept 2 hours!
Here it is 5 P.M. Pauline is in the
city and will be back tomorrow. Left
on Thursday so she is turning a
new little vacation.

Mary's baby is still not here. I
know they are missing you when
it comes - I don't know how she can
go much longer.

You ought to see our Zoo baby chicks
they are growing fast and by then
you get home will be almost big
enough to eat!
Daddy goes to the Mayors tonight

In Card so I will read & go to bed
Early - May Sam Fred Holst & Jo
Burton In dinner tomorrow - Regina
is attending Mary Elida's wedding this
P.M. - Faddy May is in Casper where
you return but won't be gone long -
A heart full of love with wishes
of things & things - Devotedly -
Mother

Mr Ettinger says the ticket is good
by via Nash - without getting another
ticket - but anyway you had better
inquire because they want to be defended
upon an A. U.

1943

HOTEL RADISSON

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



Mrs Laura Jane Mueser
c/o the New Preston Hotel
Madison Ave. & 50th St.
New York City

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HOTEL RADISSON

MINNEAPOLIS

March 25th 1943

My precious little Nipper —

Your letters to Daddy and me were forwarded to us here. - Stan just came in from attending a luncheon of Civic Women with Mrs Schanet where I heard the associate editor of the Journal speak on Post War Aims & Plans - My good-

I just feel so bad about your being sick again with a cold but was very happy Dr. Mitchell is taking care of you. For I want to know you are in good lands but I feel so sorry you have to keep taking these colds. I suppose the air is so full of infections you just can't help it but I hope and pray you will be alright from now on - I think the Spring has really come and maybe you can be out of doors more

From now on -

I am now here taking a series of treatments from Dr Zittel and feel just fine. Had two jointures this year and winter not to have had a single cold. I started once or twice but threw it off at once -

Tell about my coming on - I just can't afford to go on more than once and if you want me to go to visit Marion Anderson in May I couldn't go now - The idea of your coming home in April is a grand one and then to home for a month and then I could go back with you for a couple of weeks but I don't know longer than that for I simply can't be home to do about the planting of the gardens - Can hardly wait for you to get home and you can help me with the planting and then on will be out of doors and in the sun & shine constantly which I know you



HOTEL RADISSON

MINNEAPOLIS

Need and so do I. -

We are expecting any moment to get news of Mary's baby - The Dr. told her it shouldn't come later than the 24th and here it is the 25 - Roger wrote Mary was getting very nervous and restless so any news for it to be on and the Dr. is quite sure it will be a boy -

Last week - Dad and I drove to St. Paul to spend Sunday with Aunt Maud. She had a party Sunday m. and had about 20 people in an Buffet Supper and then Billy Lindsay played beautifully but he said he had been short for - ~~Capitated~~ - due to a Calcium deposit in the Crook of his Elbow - I persuaded him to go to Dr. Zetter who can probably cure him in 4 or 5 treatments! - A Mrs Emerson played the organ

Beautifully - Then a young married
woman played for awhile but she
couldn't play anything through - said
she had no time and 3 or 4 little children
to take care of for practice but she
has studied at Juilliard with some of
the well known men there and I
imagined did play beautifully at
one time - but I too best of all to
hear my little play - you play
with so much soul and I adore
hearing you -

Sarah Ward had us for dinner last
Sunday and we did have such a
happy day - Her children are darling -
Monday was her birthday - Little baby
looks so precious like a little Duffel
baby - I also called on Carrie & her
Elizabeth's mother and talked to her.
a few min. and of how you said
Peggy is such a darling and Ely -
has been so precious and kind to
you and of how disappointed you are



HOTEL RADISSON

MINNEAPOLIS

that Ely - hasn't been able to accept your
invitations to Concerts etc and that Peggy
also hasn't been able to go with you
and that you wondered if the reason
question was the reason - the highest
and said "Why I don't see why it should"
She also said how much Peggy loved
you and Ely - too - She is going to
be in N. Y. soon and I told her I
might be too but of course not if
I go East in May -

Can't Wend spoke of how much she
enjoyed hearing and meeting Anne Brown.
She said "You wouldn't know she was
Colored except for the pictures of her early
baby!" I will visit Anne Brown again
when I have a little time - Am sorry
she didn't get my note to her

Daddy and I laughed over your saying
that you were strangely prophetic
When you kept asking Daddy "What
is a tri?" Wouldn't it be nice if
Ann B. could stop off in Fort Falls -
Mary's Address is 817 W. W - 40th St -
Oklahoma City - Okla.

Daddy won't come this morning
and Mr. & Mrs. King are taking me to
the Club for dinner - I drive home
to morrow and will be so happy to
be home again -

Wells King has just phoned she
will be here in 10 min. - So I will
run to shop and get dressed -
A heart full of love to my sweetest
the dearest girl in the world & her
Mother and Daddy -

With many Blobs & Thanks -
Devotedly -

Mother -

After 5 days, return to
MRS. R. D. MUSSER,
608 Highland Ave.,
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



Mrs. Laura Jane Musser
of the New Westco Hotel
Madison Ave. - 450th St
New York City

Dearest Letter.

This is a beautiful spring morning - Hope it
is there also - Sat. P.M. - Mrs Taylor & Mayme
called - Mayme said she had received such
a beautiful letter from you - she said that
she would keep it for she did think it was
such a wonderful letter. That she did hope when
you came home you would go down to the
Ch and visit her - she would so love to have
you - I expect our Zoo Baby Chick will come
today - I hope my precious "Nipper" is feeling
alright again - No news as yet from Mary.
Am enclosing this bill which came for you -

Dearest son -

Mother -

We were at the Morgans for supper last Fri. - Jo
Barton was there and had so many nice
things to say of you -

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Little Falls

Minnesota

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

Jan. 18 1943

Letter Darling -

When we returned Friday morning
your letter was here and I was so
very happy to receive it - but it really
breaks my heart to hear you groan
in any way - You know how I adore
you and how to be with you and
I just can't understand why you
feel that I don't love visiting
with you - talking over anything
with you and I probably always
do ask too many questions but

I am so eager to learn about every
little thing - Your contacts with all
of your friends and you always
tell everything in such an interesting
way - You know so much more us
your everyday life than any one I know.
Can hardly wait for you to get home
this Spring - When will it be? -

Aunt Laura is planning to go to
the city with us on the 25th - Daddy
has business in St. Paul - All of the
annual meetings - And I will do many
things - Has put off going to Dr.
Prackman for my yearly examination
so will do that - And stay until Aunt
Laura comes - We shall miss

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

Los terribly - If you think on played
a lot of Cards when you were home
in play you know - Running & 3
handed Contract and I am the only
low man!

Last Saturday I had a miscellaneous
Showers for Peggy Woodward - there
were 43 her - Had Fruit Cocktail - Cream
Chicken in toast baskets - String beans
rolls - a gelatin salad on the plate -
and Ireg's meringue cake (w/ cream etc.)
& Ireg's cake & Cookies - Behrens
rubbers of Contract she would under-
jackages - Several people went in
together to buy presents and she
really got some lovely things -

She leaves tomorrow and arrives in
Buffalo Wed. night. They will be married
th. 22nd and are going to New York
on their Honey moon and she is going
to see you - Perhaps you could take
them for dinner or lunch - Marion
Hellersmoser is going to be in New York
soon and is anxious to see you
and wondered if you would enjoy
going to some of the whole sale places
where she buys, especially Antique
store - Helen Chapman has just been
East and stayed at the New Boston
but was so disappointed she didn't
know you were there -

Will leave back this morning after
a few days at home after her operation

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

She looks fine and seems happy -

I am sorry you feel as you do
about Mr. Newstead and really hope
you will continue with him until
you come home. - you didn't say what
his reaction was after you told him
what you did - What has Mr. Pinner
to say? -

What about Ann Brown coming out?
Mrs. Lamb finally wanted me to write
Mrs. Newstead (?) to let Rachel stay on
the 28th. A letter from Mrs. K. said that
her youngest son had been killed
in the war and Rachel was so upset
she just couldn't come this fall night.
A letter later that she had to go.

a Recital on March 3rd in St Paul
Mrs Lamb has been quite ill and was
in the hospital several days when they
found Pneumonia - She is better now.

We are having so below weather right
now - Han received word from Sally
Taylor that she never received her
money present so will let her go to
the P.O. and have them look it up.

I am reading "Mell of Albernark"
about when Daddy + Aunt Laura play
double dummy! It is my good -

What about Eddie? You haven't
mentioned him -

Harriet is ready to go over town
to meet close - I could talk on

MRS. R. D. MUSSEY
Little Falls, Minnesota

Send me - Am so glad you like
the new veston - How about food?
And can you keep warm?

A heart full of love to you my
precious with oodles of Blisses
and Blofs! Your devoted -
Mother

March 30¹⁵

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

My precious little Duffer.

A beautiful day again
and at last the snow is
going but it still is very
deep in spots.

I was so happy to get
your letter yesterday and to
hear you say you were
feeling better and not depressed.

I am sending your clothes
today 2 spring coats and
the only hat I that you
might be able to wear &
the shoes I bought with
your ration stamp no - 17 -

I wrote you earlier about
them and that Napier said
that if you didn't like or
want them they would exchange
them what I think if you
need a different kind, and
the blue ones back and
I will try and get something
else. I noted they had brown
walking shoes with heavy
soles last week - I am
going down this Friday
and you can send them
direct to Napier and I
will have them picked
out for you in case -
The fur coat is yours

and they had shoes to do so it last year
then you come home the new one the
two and you can have it fitted again
so that it will be alright.
It was a shame I can't
stay and see you but you will see
them in nothing else so please excuse
me - Hope you are happy to give -
It was a shame as to today getting ready
to see you the things I am disappointed -
You will have received my long letter.

from Minneapolis in which
I told you if you want
me now I will come but
of course couldn't go later than.

I was thrilled that Mr. Austin
was delighted with your work.
Can hardly wait to hear you
play - and hear your compositions.
Please, please ask Mr. Gordin
about your other compositions
in I do want them published
or in book form -

Yesterday our Zoo baby
chick came - I bought a
new brooder for them
& they will be fine I know.
Yesterday I went to the chickens

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Louise & I then and thought
I would go out the road gate
and before I could keep myself
stepped into mud above my
shoes & rubbers and they
both came off leaving me
in my stocking-feet! I
had to call "Ginger" the dog
to me so that I could balance
myself leaning on him to
pull them out & myself-
I had quite a washing to
do when I got in!
Pauline is going to the
city tomorrow by bus

And won't be home until
Sunday -

Yesterday was Inga Hacke
Smith's Mother's funeral.
I didn't go but Pauline did -

Did I tell you Jim Davidson
is out in Calif - waiting
to embark to the South
Seas some where - up there
Alice is feeling pretty sad -
No word as yet from
Mary -

Mary Alida Pils is
to be married Sat - I
sent her a silver plate
from Daddy, you & me

And she has already thanked us all -

Now I guess you can see the news
we got - I'm my cousin's
to him - How a few weeks of your

friend here - "I" "I"

Now "I" can you see you see

And my heart's just blue "I"

And my heart's just blue "I"

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Letter my precious little Blipper!

It was such a joy to talk
to you the other morning for I
was so worried about you
and thought perhaps you were
not well or that something had
gone very wrong, for its a long
time since such sad letters
have come from you - Daddy
and I couldn't sleep so I got
up and took a pill.

I love you so devotedly that
the least little thing that
disturbs you makes us very
unhappy - If you ever think

For one moment that you
don't come first and foremost
in our thoughts - and also
that we are always so
my friend of you - You
are absolutely wrong -

When you were home I never
wanted to do a thing without
you or ever go any where for
cards if you were not with me
As for not arguing - I can't
do that for I am not well
enough posted on the subjects
you talk about but I am
very proud of the way you
have taken to you those

of different races who need your help -
There always is to be a business in
my most still movement and that that
you can do - If you never did
anything in your life but that you
would believe - I am so proud of the
children you take under your wing other
you are home but please don't be so
if we should say not to be the wife of
Gnaise now except that it is necessary
and you can always be there about
it always. So then my best love that

all is as the world has
it and you the adore
and wouldn't can you
anything but that you
are —

As for boys - you haven't
found the right one yet but
you can many years for
that and I can think of many
who have married just to
have a home of their own
who are to regret it - Marion
Mussers waited and waited and
finally she found one who
was congenial - So it will
be with you - So don't worry
about one thing and just
know we are all in the hands
of the Divine and if we ourselves

Think right and do right
and keep happy all will be
perfect - LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN. You especially
are loved by such a large
number of people and have
met so many interesting
ones who admire and love
you and your Mamma and
Papa adore you and it
keeps us young if we can
always see that happy smile
and bright happy face -

You spoke of your hair -
I am sure it is in pretty
with that girl who takes care
of it - I had a water stain
on something queer when

to put the rubber bag over
my head and kept pumping
stuff into the bag and when
I was through they cut it so
short and its so curly
I look like Topsy!

I have to hurry to Working
Club - Clara Thompson took
her arm again - Mrs Martin
has her lip - Mrs Roberts has wrist
and Mabel Berg has shoulder -

Mary Lybelle Phillips has
an adorable baby - I took her
a dress and jacket for the
baby - Also a wrapper for Ingas
baby boy at the Hospital.

I say and my no wigwags just about you -
I least you of them and the are eager
to see our tent happen and if you
need me I will go on as fast as
I can to join my precious
brotherly -
Mother -



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Feb. 19 - 1943

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LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Letter Precious -

It was so grand to talk to
you the other night. It almost
made me cry I wanted to see
you so! How I longed each day
to get a letter saying you are
all over your cold - I am so glad
you had Dr. Mitchell for I know he
is a fine doctor and that you were
in good lucks -

Aunt Laverne has been in bed
more than a week but hopes to
sit up today - She has had a
bronchial cough mixed with a

Little ~~asthma~~ asthma and it
frightened her one night for she
had such a time getting her
breath - but today she is almost
over it and hopes to get up -
she wants to leave the 23rd but she
will have to feel much better than she
does now if she wants to go.

There has been quite a bit going
on but of course I haven't gone
but stayed with Aunt Laura.

Had a nice letter from Betty B.
telling me about the baby coming -
also one from Alice telling of Martin
going to Alaska for four or five
months and as long as the
Baldwins are the boys she

thought she would come home, which of course
I had no hope - she is a darling girl and
that is proved by the fact that you and
how she does for you.

My September baby boy was born yesterday
noon a 10 lb baby and all is well as far
as I know - His husband has to leave for the

service the first of March -

My mother is getting over soon for her
baby to come she thinks she can hardly get
around the place so heavy and too much
to think the - the doctor that treated both
her children lately of stairs and had early

most of it when they discovered
us - Roger would like us to leave
the next month when they leave
their hands full with the new
baby but how to get her there, that's
the question!

I am working my mind - I can
on the 2nd quiet and your spread -
the time passes so fast the days
are not nearly long enough -

Daddy has just come for lunch
so must stop - The Brothers & Sisters
and all and dearest dearest Cora
With many Blimps & Blopps!
to my dearest Little Potatoes!

Devotedly -

See me all about your music! Mother -

After 5 days, return to
MRS. R. D. MUSSEY
608 Highland Ave.,
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



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MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

My precious little Thumpy Daughter!
When I heard your voice on
the phone the other M. I almost
wept I was so happy to hear you
but to hear that you had the
Thumps was too sad and that too
made me weep. Where on earth did
you get them? Such a time as you
can had this winter - From now on
I think you will have to stay home -
Were you sick at all with them?
Did anyone come in to take care
of you. If they had been an Air

Bas. Here you would have seen
Yours Mother the next day - As
it was I just I should leave but
it is so difficult to get out of
here since the high water -

I wish you could have seen it
when it was the worst. Only one
or two high spots on the Island
were visible and now it is down
again but huge ice bergs are
cross the Island and our garden
back of the garage is so filled
with huge slabs and cakes of ice
it doesn't seem as though the stars
would ever melt them this summer!

but Today is hot! so I guess they
will go just - but it took the
bridge away at the other end of
the Island - It is caught in the
trees so I hope we can get it
and put it back -

Well we are all excited and
delighted over the new grand - son -
and that Mary is through and
getting along nicely - Am anxious
to hear more details + a letter
telling us all about him -
A letter from both Mary + Roger

this morning hoping it wouldn't
be much longer and getting a
bit nervous about it. They
both wrote of the beautiful dresses
you sent Sarah and you know
how Mary raves about pretty
things. Well she just couldn't say
enough about them and about the
lovely letter she had from you -

By the way there is a bill
here and I will enclose it with
a check if it is O.K. you
mail it to the store -
Mr Schmitt the painter from
Nevers has been here since Monday

He has finished cleaning the Music Room and is now working on the dining room - He took up the spots on the side wall but wasn't satisfied and is now papering it with stone paper on more fortunate enough to have left on - A note from Mrs King this morning telling of her joy on the new grand piano - And said how dry story she was about your being ill and had written to you for she knew how lonely you must be & longed.

She is really darling and loves you
you and all of us. -

I am going out this afternoon
to plant some seeds in the
hot bed - I thank fortune Joe is
back - He told me he was going
to work in the paper mill. - I
almost collapsed so I didn't see
how we could possibly manage -
but finally persuaded him to stay -

I tell so Harriet can hardly write -
The dearest love to you both
precious and I hope + pray
constantly that you are getting
alright again - Am glad you

Had Dr. Mitchell. Do you like him?
Do you know Mr. May of the Pughams?
Ain't getting a Book-Review ready
& go for the Literary Section of the
Musical Art next Thursday - "The
Sally of Secession" by Marcia Darnfort.
Then Friday I have to go to the city
for another check up by Dr. Strachman
but will come back the same day -
All happy you are coming directly home.
Can hardly wait to see you and
have you back again - You may
see Marion Dellenmoore again soon
She is on her way to N. Y. -

Expect you will have heard Marion
Anderson by the time you get
this - Remembers me to her and
When does she want us to come?

A heart full of love and many
Thumps & Blops - --- Devotedly
Mother -

Did the Lew Boston object to having
you stay there with the Mumps?
And can they be so nice & considerate?

Feb. 6 1943

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest Lillian and Alice -

Your letter Lillian and the
two from you Alice rejoiced
my heart. I am so happy
you two are having such
a grand visit and hope your
little indisposition has entirely
gone Alice -

Yesterday I went to the city
in the Cher. taking Aunt Sam
Regina + Bert. The roads
were bad from here to St. Cloud
as a result of the blizzard
we had on Wednesday and
coming home last pm. we

And around considerably —
Then I went down for a
final check up by Dr Shackman
and I think he was amazed
he could find nothing. I said
"Well what do you find?" and
he mumbled a little cough
just as before around the mouth
of the Corby. — He really hurt
me for I think he was bound
he would find something —
so finally when he finished
he said "Well come down
again in two months and
we will see" — so I came
home feeling happy & relieved.
Dr Zittel got rid of the

lung lumps that on retaken it was in 2 locations!
So I guess I did talk more than I'm about now!
Dr. Nurse was so surprised for you said
Dr. S. had planned that I should go right to
the hospital!
Well when you show to Red Cross. I mean
land of every one with so many assignments.
You are as bad as you should be —
Nellmore said yesterday how much she enjoyed
staying you still, and she is disappointed you

Couldn't I am from together now -
Also that she missed Army
you Alice - She said her
Friends kept her on the "9"
too -

I was certainly surprised
to hear about Betty B. She
never mentioned to me
that she was expecting -
When does she think the baby
will be here?

I can send you some
Candy for a Valentine - Hope
you can eat some of it
later - but it is difficult
to find much Candy anywhere.
Wish it were you could see

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jim, Father also Margaret - the
latter wrote me of how much
they all loved & enjoyed you
and of how well you looked.

I can send early to your two
boys Alice & Hop they are where
they are and will receive it
abright - I know how glad you
must have been to see Martin
even though for such a short
time - and that he is so well
now -

Am so glad Aunt Laura & Mrs
to continue to live - Am really
so having her and hope she
will stay through February -

This noon we go to Fish Club
as Niles' guests -

Last Wednesday when we had
the blizzard - Mrs Blanchard
Aunt Ida & the Richards gave
a supper at Mrs B's - for
Aunt Laura and us - We
drom on and when it was
time to go some woman came
with a flash light for we
couldn't get up the hill due
to drifts - Aunt Laura having
only rubbers on had to borrow
anchors from Mrs B. and
some things to put on my head
and then we waded through
drifts to the house - Daddy

had left eight o'clock sharp for Concord but his mother
at the Hubbards - He passed the new car parade
outside and they were almost buried with snow
so could not stay in yet in and told them they had
better go out now and men how much they had -
All stand you in posts much down green seats
I got stuck of his self - I am not sure whether I
can go down to his convent due to fall of ice
but should be in it if possible - (as then you
three enjoyed leaving the convent you stake of -
The 3 men in the hurry to leave there is directed
& mother to me - I don't know of how to my
convent daughter - strictly - no the the

Little Falls, Minnesota
February 19, 1943.

Miss Laura Jane Musser,
The New Weston Hotel,
50th Street and Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Laura Jane:

I am enclosing two income tax returns, one is designated "Federal Return" which is filed with the Internal Revenue Department of the United States, and the other is for the State of Minnesota and is filed with the State Department of Taxation.

You will please sign both of these returns - Laura Jane Musser, and it is only the return for the State of Minnesota that should be acknowledged by a notary. In case it is difficult for you to get a notary public to acknowledge your signature to the State of Minnesota return only, you can return these reports to me in the self-addressed envelope and we will take care of the acknowledgment here.

Income taxes of course are going to be very heavy with everyone that has an income, but we hope and believe that it is necessary now that these taxes be levied, and about everyone in the United States who has any income will have to pay some amount of what they received in income to apply on taxes.

Hoping that this has been made clear to you and that you will be able to give the matter your immediate attention, I am

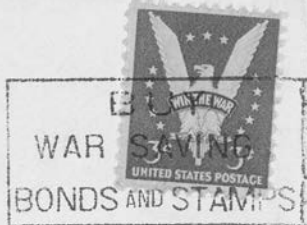
With my dearest love devoted

As ever,

Your Daddy

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*I am send you this devoted letter
So that I will have a copy in my files
You of course understand that the Joseph
Kell Bank & Trust Co. Trust Dept. pays the
tax for you + charges it to the Joint Trust Co.*



Mrs. Laura Jane Musser
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Madison Ave. and 50th Street
New York City

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA



HOTEL RADISSON

MINNEAPOLIS

Tuesday - Mar 23. 43.

Dearest Fatsie.

Well dear Pal here we Mother
and I are again in Minneapolis
but it is not as delightful to be
here without Frank Laura and
we do miss her a lot -
Frank Maude & Ed. Mother & I
to spend the week end with her
and attend a Buffet Supper Sunday
evening and enjoy some fine piano
music by Billy Sunday and a
number of excellent violin selections
performed by Mrs. Sauer.

The occasion was in honor of
Frank Maude's birthday celebration.

We had begun snowed my for
over a week and with the help
of Joe with Ted & Herman we finally
got our yard door way cleared
and notified by a phone call from

Heard, Maud that she had heard
 that the block highways had been cleared
 we ventured to drive to St Paul Cook
 Saturday A.M. - We made the
 all safe & sound and had a
 most enjoyable time at & with
 Aunt Maud.

Betty & John Messer were at her
 Maud's. Sunday Noon we
 went to Sarah Maud for dinner &
 saw little Lucy the darling baby.
 had a grand time with them all.
 While in St Paul we call on
 Aunt Carrie Tobes Elizabeth's mother
 & neph Elizabeth's Brother James
 & his family he is a Surgeon
 & Mrs. Wm. Therman. They were
 all so kind & gracious.
 Monday even on our way to
 Minneapolis we called on
 Louise Fosberg & she was so
 glad to hear of our call we felt
 so happy that we made the
 effort.

is owned by Mr Walter Pinger
and I work as his guest &
it was a most impressive
affair & a great achievement
and honor for Walter.

It is an outstanding & most
appreciable business man.
He had a splendid dinner party
for his distinguished & other
guests like your Daddy.

We are getting so hungry &
anxious to see you again.
It seems an age since you
left home. All was well
with Pauline Stella & Clara & Hope.
When my left. Poor Hebe does
not like to have us leave & Chris
when we return.

Mr. J K Morten Edgorth was a great
sudden & unexpected one. He died
the same time when his wife
was coming out of an operation
for a broken hip. His heart
just stopped when of course
Dad & I came to those
advanced in years



HOTEL RADISSON

MINNEAPOLIS

I have been wanting to write
to you for over a week.
Please forgive your Daddy for
he does love you very very much.
Devotedly & affectionately
Your Daddy
& Your Sisters.

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MS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

Dear Mother and Alice.

We are so happy to learn of the happy times you and Alice are having together. This is a rare treat for you both and one that has not happened or will not happen often.

After all the greatest joy
come from being with those who are
near and dear to us. Next Sunday
is Valentine's Day and I am sending
you and Alice a greeting in the
form of a Cologne bottle and
Mother is sending Doney Candy —
Little Sarah fell off her Tricycle
broke her collar bone & that has upset
us some what.

Tonight we are having a Birthday
Dinner for Dr. Fred Stoltz tonight.

The Holsts & Kortman will be ~~the~~
our guests - will have some
cute gifts for Fred. & a Squab
Dinner.

It is a grand sunny day
here today. We have lots of
Snow & it has meant a
lot of shopping for us.
Think Laura is fine & is
having a grand time.

Winter is over so much
better - I have been quite worried
about her but I did not mention
it in my letters. Of course
we both are up in years.

and anything could happen but
I hope & pray that it will
not happen for many years
to come. The Specialist Says
Mother is fine now.
So there is no cause for
worry -

Now I must get ready
for the dinner.

Lots & Lots of love & affection
for you & Alice.

Devotedly
Your Daddy & Patsy