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6:18 p.m.

Dear Laura,
I'm awfully tired
so I'm going home -
please excuse me,
but I'll be home
and bring all your
paraphernalia with you.

Bring your bathing
suit with you,
we may swim
come at
Indian Point.

Love
Father

Miss



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minnesota.

Lieutenant Mae Olson of Little Falls, Minn., was the cause of much excitement at the Solomons base when she stepped out of a hospital plane to become the first American woman to set foot on the island since the war started. Lieutenant Olson, shown here in training at Bowman Field, Ky., is attached to the Army Nurse Corps. Associated Press

She was Lieutenant Mae Olson
26, of Little Falls, Mont.,
American woman to set foot
Guadalcanal since war started.
Two generals

which is
it?

← anyway, I think
of you. Judy

PDS are in N.D. my old

home - They sent
me a card from there.
Where are you?
If you're here
I want you to read my
"book" away, never mind.



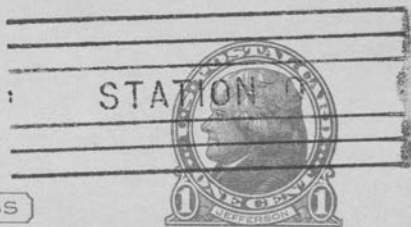
with love - L.P.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Lauragane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

wed. Pardon prompt
reply - but I enjoyed
your letter so much!
you should only
write letters! Horley,
it was a real treat
coupled with all we
know about + think
feel etc. As Gie said
often, "you don't ever
owe me a letter" you
are way ahead! You
isn't an answer. This
but I shall
begin to start off
Gie just written it!
John ^{Run Little Chumlin} ^{son} Hae
+ I used to follow
him + his group of
singers all about NYC
over 20 yrs ago. I
always think I see im-
provement on the whole!
It may be wishful thinking.
Love - G.S.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Min.

Honey, I have the Aug. Mag. the
preacher kept. & we should all
buy extra copies & send to the Rev.
So, now I have R.H. complete with
a good book. Someone said he'd
left August no - I hope so!!! The place
is terrible for blacks. Jody is back from
my old home N.O. I imagine she could
enjoy it to its full. She knows & much
about it that, isn't got any
Philippa make strides for the ag. way, ter.
with love - S.C.

Tuesday P.M. - July 13-'43

Dear L.J. Your wonderful letter of description of your visit to M.A. - and your "impressions" was a masterpiece! I read it aloud to Neil and we discussed it, as I knew you would not mind for he is "close-mouthed" anyway. I feel I know M.A. better than ever, thru your eyes - Behanin saw only her glowing virtues and made her out to be practically a Saint! You made her human, warm understanding, great and not all perfect! I'm glad her mother was there. I take it that she is a most adorable soul - self effacing and also understanding!

Well, it was a trip you'll never forget - and I hope some day she will be able to visit you here in your home -

I can't tell you how thrilled and delighted I am to have her autograph on a hanky for my collection. That was a most thoughtful gesture and when you write

M.A. please tell her for me that it will be one of my real treasures. You are too good to me - I shall have to give you two cats - instead of one !!!

I am getting awfully provoked at "Exie" She's too good a mother I guess. Twice I have caught her up on our table helping herself to food or licking the cream out of the pitcher - and I can't bear a Snoopy cat -

Old Felix is such a gentleman - he wouldn't think of jumping up on our table - and how he hates Exie. She has furiously attacked him every time they have met - even when he wasn't even looking her way - The result is that he is scared to death to even come inside where she is any more -

I sold the little white one for \$5.⁰⁰ to Mrs Hall (whose husband is a Veterinarian)

3 I have named the blue one "Gabriel"
and we will keep him — so I have
two — One is a beautiful male
Orange Persian and the other is a
black + white female — both have
gorgeous long soft fur already —
You may have them both when
you come, but you'll have to figure
out a way to keep them away from
"Hebie", (the Arch enemy of "Cats Inc.")

I am waiting now for Neil — We are
going to St. Paul to meet Buddy, our
Soldier boy who is coming home on
a furlough from San F. Cal. 15 days
I presume, which leaves about 9 days
here after taking out 6 traveling days —
It will be a long hard trip for him
I know he will be tired, but so glad
to be home he won't mind the weariness

Lee and the baby will come back in
the car with us — Won't we have fun?

Buddy has never seen the baby and he likes Lee so much too. He visited them in Klauaich Falls last fall -

Geo & family are to be located at Wausau, Wisconsin and he will be the salesman out of there for the Meyerhaeuser Sales Co. I'm sure they will love it there, and that isn't too far from here either -

I am wondering if you got to see Margaret and Walt - I sent her your address and she said she would call you up -

I will be so glad to see you July 20th - Come over and get your car — (or Cats) as soon as you like - but bring your ration book as he will need red meat! 

Thank you again for your marvelous letter and the lovely haiku -

Much love - Grace H. W.

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Nov. 24

Dearest Lottsie:

It was grand to hear from you - should I say finally???!
Anyway it was - though we were disappointed you didn't stop off.
I hate to urge you to as our facilities are not of the best, but
we would love it - It sounds egotistical to suggest that we
think we're worth the discomfort! so you'll have to look at it
from our angle, and we hope you will plan to come on your way
back. Time zips along - I meant to answer you before hearing
Marion Anderson and tell you of the treat in store, and here
she sang a week ago. Need I say we loved it? I'll enclose her
program - You would have been interested in the audience which
was about half and half white and negro -(Our apartment is just
beyond a negro section so we have lots of them on the streetcars-
though I understand the large section is elsewhere.) She was
enthusiastically received, and rightly so, but there's no need
to tell you that. I'll be interested to hear of your visit.

There are other concerts coming this winter, and while we
won't take them all in, I'm looking forward to some. On the
whole we don't do much - It takes so long to get anywhere, and
we both need our sleep, darn it - Gone are the days of morning
dreams. The old buzzer at 5:45 is going to receive a stunning
blow sometime, but so far I've answered the summons in one way
or another. Your life sounds full and interesting - Marg wrote

she was looking for you last weekend - Haven't heard since. She'll have caught you up on all family news - which reminds me - I never even knew Billy was married until you told me, nor have I heard of it from any other source since. Where is Betty now?

Trust you're feeling on top - and I envy you being home for the holidays. We aren't even given Thanksgiving off - nor New Year's - nice of them to relent on Christmas, what? Our plans are so indefinite they're not worthy of the name. I keep getting interrupted by inconsiderate people who want something done - At first I did very well on my correspondence, but we've been so busy lately the list is piling high again. This job is not fascinating, nor yet dull - though closer to the latter. I'm learing (that was supposed to be "learning" but learing may fit just as well) something of how the government machinery works - I'm not an admirer. But this has to be done and I can't exactly reform the government's method.

Do write again - and do plan to stop and see us. Wish we could take up your mother's invitation! *Hope your*

foot's o.k.-

*Much love, Pottier,
Sally -*



UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
GLENVIEW ILLINOIS

July 5, 1943

Dear Laura Muser -

It is nearly two weeks since you so generously escorted me about New York City and I have been waiting for just this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciated your kindness. Meeting and talking with you somehow made that visit to New York City quite worth while - and I have thought carefully through those things which you told me. I am, of course, very keenly interested in the visit you intended to make to Marian Anderson. Won't you write me about it? Your broad interests make you a most refreshing companion and I am sure that you will not want to disappoint me when I want to learn more about those things which you have so brilliantly discovered for yourself. I'm hungry for that kind of knowledge and need someone to show me how to begin.

I sincerely hope that you were not inconvenienced and that your music lesson did not suffer because of your helping me that day. You will be glad

to hear that Walter and I spent a very pleasant Saturday and Sunday together.

My present situation here is a very comfortable one. My routine has to do with the secretarial duties in the office of the Lieut. in charge of the Ground School. There is always something exciting happening and I do enjoy my work. My home is just $\frac{1}{2}$ hour South east of this station and I have been home on a weekend already. The social life on the station is completely Democratic and very pleasant indeed. I have noticed, though, that there is very little discussion of - Shall we say. Current events - since everyone is completely occupied with the job at hand - which sometimes takes long hours of study to Command. The men whom we are relieving will go to sea before the month is up, so there is much to do before that happens. Not all men here, of course, approve of our group but are gradually learning to appreciate our abilities.

Kind regards.

Helen

Minneapolis Minn
Dec. 13, 1943

Dear Laura Jane,

I was very sorry
and disappointed in
not being able to accept
your invitation to hear
Marion Anderson.

I want to thank
you for the invitation
and still consider your
good intentions as a
lovely Holiday gift as
you mentioned.

I hope you enjoyed

hearing her.

I still have my
cold and went out today
for the first time.

Hoping you are well
and remember me to
your family. Thanking
you I remain

your friend
Mrs. S. Ross

Ruth E. Nultkens
Little Falls
Minn.



2838

Miss Laura Jane Musser
101 W 58th St.

New York City, N.Y.
Barbizon Plaza

kind in consenting to help her while you are gone. She is memorizing "Silent Night". Our children always struggle thru a Carol every Christmas for their father - Dick does his on the slide trombone. What they lack in excellence is easily made up by their intense concentration as they perform for the family.

I hope you will have a pleasant Thanksgiving day. We will be looking forward to seeing you during the holidays.

Affectionately yours
Ruth E. Dultkrans

Little Falls, Minn
Nov. 22, 1943

Dear Laura Jane -

The tickets for the Marion Anderson Concert December fourth arrived today and of course we are thrilled. I plan to get the book about Miss Anderson's life and go thru it with Ruth so she will have a greater appreciation. Furthermore this will be her first Symphony Concert so you see you have indeed

"Netherlands Hymn" Yesterday.
We have done a few simple
hymns in four parts -
"A Rest In the Lord" - Mendelssohn
and will start our Christmas
music this week. We have
so many young voices - some
of the boys are alto tenor with
just a few times they can
use so the problem is to
fit them to their parts or
rather the parts to their
voices. Eventually, if we
can stand the birth pangs
I think we will have something.

Ruthie is working on
her piano with the help
of your mother, who is very

presented her with something
very wonderful.

We plan to go down on
the train Friday night
and do hope the weather
will be good and that
the family stay well
so that we can leave
them.

I am struggling with
the choir - so far have
an average of $13 \frac{9}{11}$ persons
present Sunday mornings
which is practically all we
have achieved. We did the

8th Dec. 1943.

Hello Lotie,

A package came
for me today from Ann. for
me today and I just know its
from you. The last time you
were here we were all at work,
but I phoned at the address you
left and so did Nellie, but
they said you were not registered
there so we didn't know what to
do.

Thanks for the present and
you'll hear from me ~~as~~ soon

as I mail² out my xmas
cards. right now I am busy an-
swering letters to boys in the service.

Nell sent her regards to
you.

Love

Bertie

Nov. 20, 1943

Dear Laura Jane,

I'm sorry I haven't written to you sooner but I have been awfully busy with school and all.

I walked home from town tonight with your dad and he gave me your address. He said you lived on the 28th story of a building. I certainly hope they have elevators or I really would pity you. (I'm sure they have).

School is just fine but the studies are a little hard. I just can't get geometry into my head. All those crazy x y z's. English comes

pretty easy for me though.
I have Mrs. Ding (Rosebud
Fortier). I don't know if
you knew her or not but
she really is wonderful. She
has been teaching in the
East for quite some time.
She has been teaching mostly
literature. I'm glad I have
a good English teacher
because it really is an
important subject. I like to
see people speak good
English and I hope that I
will do the same.

I am also taking Modern
History which I like very
much. I have a very smart

teacher (Miss Perry) who has traveled a lot and really knows her history. We also keep up on current events which is interesting.

I must confess that my music is not being kept up the way it should be, I just can't find very much time. I haven't neglected it altogether though. I'll try my best but I can't promise anything.

I saw the Beyle symphony play at St. Francis a while ago. It was my first symphony and I just loved it. I intend

to see many more symphonies
in my life. I like to hear
pianists' concerts very much
too. And of course I mustn't
forget to mention Marian
Anderson either. I think
that she tops the list.
She is such a wonderful person
and she always means what
she is singing. When she
sings Ave Maria you think
it is really an angel singing.
Speaking of Marian Anderson
was I ever surprised when
I heard she got married. Did
she marry her caretaker, the
man who she was engaged
to for 10 years? That man is

really lucky to have her for
his wife. I hope they will
have a happy life together.

Have you seen Philippa
lately? I suppose she is
very busy with school and
her music now.

Well, I have two more
letters to write so I really
must stop. Please write and
tell me all about yourself.

all my love,
Florence



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Minnesota

GRAND CENTRAL
ANNEX

17 July 43

Hello Leta,

Thanks for the letter. I
began to think you were angry
with me or something. I have
been up to my neck in work
and had absolutely no time
to even breathe.

I hope you enjoyed your
visit to Marion, I guess you some-
day I may get a chance to visit
her. When are you leaving for
home? Drop a line & let us
know

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Tell, her mother and all
of us send our love.

see you soon.

Kento.

P.S. I forgot to tell you that
we are all working, and I am
never home before 6 o'clock.

October 18, 1943

Dear Laura,

I shall be glad to have you spend Tuesday and Wednesday nights with me. Since I am working, I shall not be able to offer you anything in the way of entertainment, but I shall put the apartment at your disposal and perhaps you will have errands or engagements that will keep you busy on Wednesday.

I won't even be able to meet you tomorrow night, as I have to go to choir practice before I can attend to my usual evening tasks. But I shall be home by the time you arrive and shall be waiting for you.

Until tomorrow then, dear.

Love
Lillian

but it was awfully hard & ~~to~~ I didn't
 ever finish the first page. Besides
 that I'm working on Paderewski's
 "Minuet in G."

I don't mind Detroit as much
 now as I did last winter but I
 still wish I could be back in
 Little Falls. I wish I could come
 back for Christ mas - but I
 doubt it.

Oh! I wish you could see
 Jimmy! He's so cute. He talks
 all the time and every body likes
 him. All of the kids call him
 "butterball" because he's so fat. —
 He hasn't done any tricks that were
too bad lately. But one day he
 did get into a bottle of ink and

September 21, 1943

Dear Laura Jane,

Yes! Laura Jane its actually me
 writing at last! Honestly I think
 I'm the slowest person to answer let-
 ters I have ever heard of —
 don't you think so too?

I was awfully glad to hear from
 you & to hear about your very lovely
 experiences at Miss Andersons sum-
 mer home. My goodness you must
 have had a circus — with Mr.
 Rupp! (I'm only teasing you - of
 course) What wouldn't a lot of people
 give to have some of the experiences
 you have?

What did you do all summer?
 And who were some of your pupils?

had to start school again (I surely got my share of school, didn't I?)

This summer I didn't do as much practising as I should have liked to, because during the months of June, & July I had rheumatism in my hands — the right one especially. I don't know what caused it but was terrible! ~~Something~~ Sometimes it was so bad I couldn't hold any thing. I didn't have it all the time tho' sometimes only about 3 or 4 days a week (but that's enough.) However I did learn the "Swan Dance," & "Prelude in C minor" by Chopin, & I also started Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C# Minor"

Did you go swimming after? —
Well I'll tell you what I did all summer! School let out June 25 then I went to Summer School from June 28 till August 20. The reason I went was because when I started school here my counselor didn't sign me up for English so I had to take that, & ~~the~~ besides English I took World History because I didn't have it in Little Falls. After Summer School let out I worked in a hospital as a nurse's aid. That was a lot of fun and I want to do it again next year. I only worked there for about 2 weeks because I

V spilled it all over everything
— washed and everything else a
mess!

My favorite girl friend here is
Marion Hudick. She's seventeen
years old (but doesn't act it at
all! — she reminds me a lot
of you) She has real light blond
hair & blue eyes. She plays the
piano too, but not much.

Well I guess I can't think
of anything else, but please answer
soon, because I'm very anxious
to hear from you — I promise
I'll answer much sooner.

Love,

Bernadine

2203-E63rd

Seattle, Wash.



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Linden Hill,
Little Falls, Minnesota.



My dear Laura Jane:

Just a little note I Thanks
for your lovely long letter.
describing your visit with
Miss Anderson. To suffice
until I can get to a real
letter. Had hoped to long
ere this but business has
sort of pushed pleasure aside.
Consequently my correspond-
ence is sadly in arrears.
Last week received little
tokens from Minnesota in
the form of fall leaves and
bitter sweet. They both
came through with glowing
colors. The leaves of course
are perishable after a few
days but the bitter sweet
looks as if it would
hold forth for some time.

This is a delightful fall
day, with warm sunshine and
the fall Chrysanthemums in
all sizes and colors coming
into bloom in our gardens.

I have no idea where

you may be, but shall
send this to L.F. and
know your mother will
forward it if you are in
New York. Thank you
again for that grand
long letter - I shall get
to a visit with you
soon - With lots of love
to Laura Jane from
October
fourteenth. Laura B.

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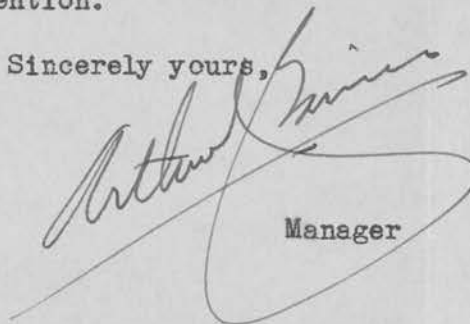
Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Little Falls, Minnesota.

My dear Miss Musser:

We have your letter of the 17th regarding tickets for the concerts at which Marian Anderson is to appear on December 3rd and 4th.

The price in the first three rows will be \$2.20, and from the fourth row back to the balcony, the price will be \$2.75. We will not be in position to deliver any tickets for these concerts until the week preceding the dates. Our season sale is now in progress and naturally season subscribers have the first choice of locations. However, I am sure there will be plenty of good seats left and we shall be glad to give your order our best attention.

Sincerely yours,



Manager

AJG/S

September 22, 1943

Dear Laura,

Thanks so much for your very nice letter, for your sympathy and kind invitation. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I was not feeling well when I came back to Minneapolis, but I consulted a doctor — the one who has been treating Rosemary and helped her so much. He put me on a diet and gave me some medicine. The treatment has been quite successful and I feel much better now.

I have been job-hunting the last two weeks and have secured a position at the University — to be exact I am to have Julie's position when she leaves it at the end of next week. In the meantime I am to be employed there temporarily during registration. I start working tomorrow.

From your letter, I have figured that this is the week you plan to make your visit to Minneapolis. Is that correct? I shall, of course, be busy during the day, but I should like very much to have you spend an evening with us if you can. Call me sometime after 5:30, won't you? The number is Gladstone 5455. Now don't forget!

Love,
Lillian

Mrs. Drew Musser Davidson

Dearest Muddie, Daddy, Mamma-

and Laura Jane,

just a tiny note
to let you know how
thrilled Drew and I
are with your lovely
gift. I want to write
you all a nice long
letter - but at present
I have so many
notes to write I don't
have time - but I
promise to do so in the
near future. You'll
never know how
delighted we both
are over our service.

It is by far the
loveliest of our things.
You all were mighty
sweet to think of us -

With love,

Oct. 17, 1943
Dorsey, La.

Veronica

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July 7, 1943

Miss Laura Jane Musser
The New Weston Hotel
50th & Madison Ave.
New York, New York

Dear Miss Musser;

We regret that you will be unable to study with Mr. Shure this summer. However, you will be interested in knowing that he will be with us this next school year, September 13th-June 11th. Possibly you will be able to study with him at that time.

Meanwhile, if we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let us know. We are looking forward to your studying here this next year.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Landrum
Jane Landrum
Registrar

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OF THE KOREA SOCIETY OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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No. 1

THE KOREA SOCIETY OF SOLDIER'S AND SAILORS' RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

is a non-political, non-denominational organization in which the sacredness of motherhood, fatherhood, and the best of human ties such as brotherhood and sisterhood, and the purity and beauty of patriotism and friendship are bound to work together for good to them that love God, and to those who so loved the United States and united nations that they offered their lives and services gladly.

The aims of this Society are: mobilization of spiritual and material means for (a) the fortification of the hearts of the soldiers and the seamen, the marines and the aviators born of Korean parentage and others, with spiritual power; (b) for the building of a chapel with broadcasting facilities to broadcast the words of Life which will shine lights on life of here and hereafter as the means of bringing God's grace and comfort to them that need; (c) for the laying of a foundation to rear and educate those children whose fathers laid down their lives on the battlefields, and in the depth of the seas in the defense of the freedom, the homes, and the territories of the United States and united nations.

This Society appeals to the Christians and Friends everywhere who have at heart their goodwill for these worthy and needy aims to cooperate with it.

LETTER

Admiral H. E. Yarnell, U.S.N. retired, and former Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, wrote to Rev. Peong Koo Yoon, General Director and Chaplain of The Korea Society of Soldiers' and Sailors' Relatives and Friends, on Feb. 13th, 1943, as follows:

Dear Mr. Peong Koo Yoon—I have just received your letter of Feb. 8th informing me that the Korea Society of Soldiers' and Sailors' Relatives and Friends had conferred upon me the Honorary Presidency of Korea Society of Soldiers' and Sailors' Relatives and Friends.

It is needless to say that I am deeply touched and profoundly grateful for this honor which I accept with much pleasure, and request that you extend to the members of the Society my appreciation of their act.

The sons of Korean mothers and fathers can feel that they are fighting not only to destroy despotism but also to free their ancestral fatherland from the rule of a ruthless invader.

With kindest regards and best wishes to the Society and to yourself, I am,

Very sincerely,
H. E. YARNELL

(The following is the reprint of the unabridged Text of Rev. Yoon's Sermon preached at the Los Angeles Korean Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1942.)

TRANSFORMING INTO BEAUTY, GLORY—

St. Paul said in his letter to the Romans (Chap. 8, v.28):

"All things work together for good to them that love God." In the light of this declaration of St. Paul, let us study the meaning of pain and suffering, life and death.

Pain and suffering, however much we try to escape in these days of war, follow our sons on the battlefields and us at homefront, and we are confronted with the dilemma that, either, we must live so heroically as to be insensible to pain and suffering, or so cowardly as to waste ourselves in whining and pining.

All mothers, fathers, sweethearts, and wives of the soldiers and seamen, marines and airmen, no doubt, strive to live such faithful and heroic life as to be the inspiration to their dear ones on the various battlefields. But the prerequisites to heroic living are: man's understanding and knowledge of the meaning of life and death, pain and suffering through the lights of Christian philosophy and religion.

One of the most beautiful lessons we can learn in the processing of our pain and suffering into perfection and beauty, and our grief into glory is from the humble pearlbearing mollusk. The shells of the mollusk are rough and ugly, covered with dirt and sands, sponges and seaweeds, but all is clean, tender, and beautiful within. This lustrous, tender, beautiful substance of the interior of the rough shell of the mollusk has a wonderful power of transformation. Nature which never works in vain causes the sun to lend its iridescences or rainbow colors, and the ocean to loan its

transparency to the painstaking mollusk in her labor of processing the alien, painful objects such as gravel, or the pieces of iron cross and the figures of birds, in the case of cultivated pearls, that had been inserted into the tender flesh of the mollusks by the heartless and greedy pearl-culturists. The mollusk, unable to resist or rid itself of the alien, cutting, and hurting gravel, and iron inserted within its shell, it exercises the power given to it by its beneficent Creator, and imperceptibly converts them into the Orient pearls of great price.

God has many instances of raising the humble and lowly to the height of glory, and the coarse and ugly into beauty and refinement, but none is more strikingly beautiful and mysterious than His raising of the humble mollusk to the height of glory.

How much more wonderfully can our beneficent Creator help man and woman in converting our pain into perfection, our tears into pearls of beauty, and our sorrow into glory?

God so loved the sorrow-stricken Man of Galilee that He helped Him transform His cross into the world-redeeming symbol, and His tears into pearls of blessings for mankind, and His blood into the revitalizing energy of man's moral and spiritual growths. God so loved a sinful youth that He raised him to the height of St. Augustine, and an insignificant Carmelite nun into an immortalized spiritual beauty.

In his letter to Phillipians, the Apostle said: "For me to live in Christ and to die is gain." Yes, to die in the service of building God's kingdom in human hearts, and to die in the defense of human freedom, the homes, and the country, is man's invaluable gain, but to live and to die to attain immortality is man's greatest gain. St. Paul told the Corinthians: "In the twinkling of an eye, we

shall all be changed, and this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality."

In my painful experience of losing a 29-year-old son, Joe, and a married daughter, 11 months later, God graciously revealed Himself to my consciousness as the eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient Life of all living in whom there never was nor is any death-germ; He further revealed the truth that man's spiritual life being the immortal branch of The Eternal Life, it never dies even though man's earthly body returns to earth sooner or later. These revelations of God to my consciousness during my sorrow, helped me understand the meaning of the words of Jesus: "I am the Resurrection and Life" more plainly than ever before in my life; and helped me more than ever to comprehend the truth contained in Socrates' parable that "man's spirit is like the player and his body is like the instrument of music, and that even though the instrument breaks and gives no more sounds of music, the player, or the spirit of man, lives on and plays on another instrument." These spiritual discoveries led me to believe that death, though it seems to annihilate life, in reality it is nothing but an incident to life's transition from one world to another, and this belief, in turn, helped my soul to surmise that my son, Joe, and daughter, Sarah, even though they died physically, their imperishable spiritual lives returned into the bosom of their beneficent Creator, and live on forever. I believe, therefore that all things, pain and suffering, happiness and sorrow, war and peace, life, and even death, work together for good to them that love God. Why did St. Paul put such great emphasis on love? Because love is the sum-total of spiritual power on earth as well as in heaven, and love, then as now, is so strong that love, not sword, shall suc-

ceed in the final conquest of human hearts, in the overthrow of the power of evil by good, and love, not arbitrary treaties, shall triumph in the ultimate establishment of permanent peace among mankind on the basis of justice and humanity.

There are 400,000,000 nominal Christians throughout the world; if we are really earnest in our endeavor to help this sorrow and painstricken mankind transform its pain and sorrow into perfection and glory, God will surely help us.

PRAYER

Merciful and Eternal God, help us to learn the meaning of pain and suffering in these days of war not only as such but also as the process of refining fire which burns off only the dross of gold, and as the process of grinding diamond which grinds off only the unshapely parts of that precious stone but at the same time brings out its lustre, to the end that after going through the pain and suffering and sorrow, and the fire and sword, the stricken mankind may rise to new heights of spiritual perfection, beauty, and glory.

We pray that Thou clothe those noble soldiers and seamen, the marines and the airmen who have laid down their lives on the battlefields and in the depths of the seas, in the defense of the United States and united nations, with the holy vesture of immortality.

We pray Thee to lead the defenders of the United States and united nations with Thy infinite wisdom on to victory; shine Thy light on man's life of here and hereafter as means of bestowing Thy grace and comfort to the soldiers and seamen, marines and aviators and their relatives everywhere.

We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus who had set an inimitable example of man's vicarious living and death for mankind.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The members of The Korea Society of Soldiers' and Sailors' Relatives and Friends, at their last meeting, held at 3427 McClintock Ave., in the City of Los Angeles, on Feb. 7th, 1943, elected officers as follows:

Honorary President—Admiral H. E. Yarnell, U.S.N. retired, and past Commander-in-Chief of U. S. Asiatic fleet.

Honorary Vice-President—Chancellor Rufus von Kleinsmid of University of Southern California.

General Director and Chaplain—Rev. Peong Koo Yoon, father of Frank Percy Yoon, U.S.N.

General Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. C. L. Kim, mother of James Kim, U.S.N.

Associate Secretaries—Mrs. Alfred Song, wife of Lieut. Alfred Song, U.S.A., and Miss Mary Lee, sister of Sam Lee, U.S.A.R.O.

Members of Executive Council—Rev. Peong Koo Yoon, Chairman; Mrs. Young Ki Lee, mother of 1st Lt. Joe Lee, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Soon Kwan Kim, mother of Lt. Young Kim, U. S. Air Force, Second Vice-Chairman; and members Mrs. H. T. Chun, Mrs. B. U. Rhee, Mrs. S. K. Yu, Mrs. D. S. Shyn, Mrs. Alfred Song, Miss Mary Lee, Mr. C. L. Kim, Mr. B. S. Chang, Mr. Y. J. Mar, Mr. B. U. Rhee, Mr. P. Y. Lee, Mr. S. T. Lim, Mrs. C. I. Kim.

INVITATION

We invite the soldiers and seamen, the marines and aviators, born of Korean parentage, everywhere, to write us their doings and experiences in letter-form, for the edification of comrades and their relatives throughout the world.

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Hello Leticia.

I am in Boston for a few
days. Will see you as soon
as I get back. Still have
the money for your tickets.
Its lonely out here.

Love,
Bertha



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June 22, 1943.

Miss Maura J. Musser
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New York City.

My dear Miss Musser:

We hope we will have the pleasure of having you with us this summer at the Institute.

The Evangeline Home, where most of our out of town girls have been living the past two years, has just been taken over by the SPARS. We have two other places available for our use during the summer. One is the Stockbridge Hotel, directly across the street from us, where a single room and bath rents for about forty-five dollars a month, but there is no restaurant in the hotel.

The other is a Dormitory a few houses away from us where nurses live while in training during the winter. Rooms are available there for about five dollars a week, sharing a bath with several others, and you are allowed to prepare your own breakfast in an electrically equipped kitchen. Dinners may be had for sixty cents at a very nice Settlement House next door. One of Mr. Shure's pupils from Chicago is already living there.

Please let us know if you plan to come to Cleveland and I will be glad to make reservations for you.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine C. Bergin
Director of Public Relations.

June 12 / 43
1767-3rd St. N.E.
Little Rock, Minn.

My dear Laura Jane,

I was so pleasantly surprised to get the lovely morning coat you sent for our darling, as I didn't think you knew I was a proud parent of a big boy.

It was so sweet of you and I want to thank you very much for it. I shall surely make good use of it.

When you're home I would love to have you come over and see him. Of course we think he is the one and only, and are so proud of him.

Thank you again so much
Laura -

Mother & Love
Inga and "Baby"

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Charles Muskopf

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Mabel Lavinia

to

Lieutenant Ralph Johnson Kitchell

Dental Corps, Army of the United States

on Saturday, October the sixteenth

nineteen hundred and forty-three

at four o'clock

Elizabeth Holloway Woods Memorial Chapel

Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

Webster Groves, Missouri

Washington DC
May 13, 1943

Dear Laura:

I have just returned from my brother's funeral, and found your letter here to greet me. I enjoyed reading it very much, and it cheered me greatly as is typical with all your letters. They are always so sweet and cheerful.

My brother as result of an operation on his appendix. It was all so sudden and a great loss to me.

We are so happy that you are planning to visit us and shall be glad to have you at any time.

The Easter Bunny left
a little package here for
you; but, since you are
coming we ~~will~~ will save it
for you until you arrive.

Always your friend
Mabel



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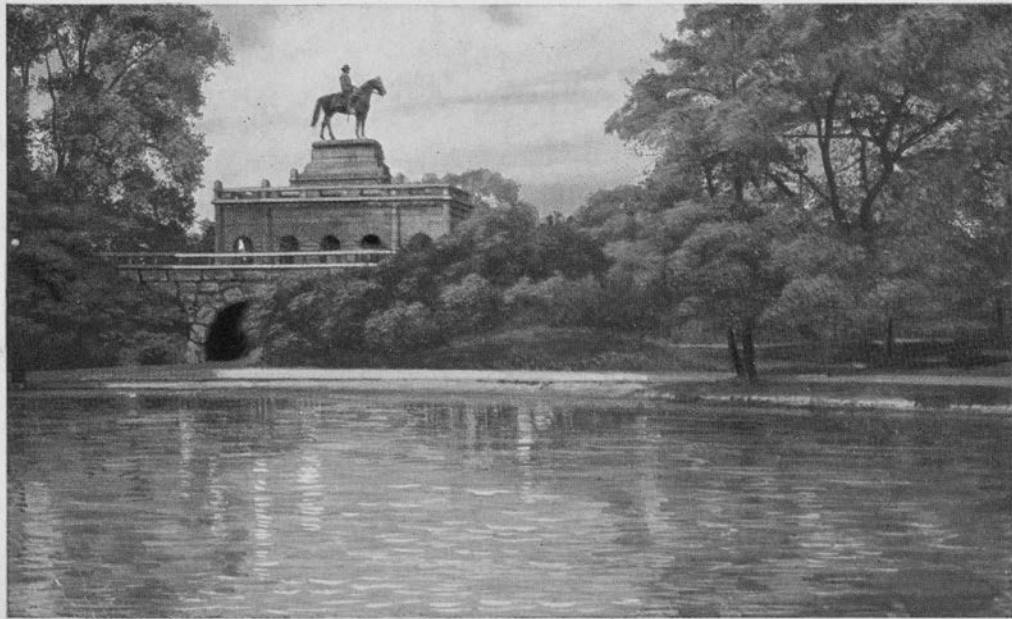
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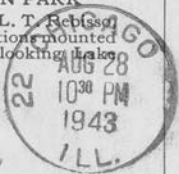
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Sorry I didn't
see you before
I left.

Mable is still using
your gift to her.
See you soon,
Annie



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days of confusion? When you
have a little time do write
me. I shall try to write you
again before too long but
always remember I think
of you and am grateful
for your friendship.

My kindest regards
and best wishes for your
health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Anderson.

Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

January 19-1943.

My dear Laura:

I know, if you
have thought of me at all,
you must think me most
unkind. I myself, sometimes
think most people are very
insincere however, I do not
wish you to feel that way
about me.

My work is very
heavy and I am busy every
minute of the day. We have
breakfast at 7 A.M. I am in
my office at 8:00 A.M. and by
the time my work day ends
it is usually 11 P.M. I work

every day Saturday and Sunday included, twelve months a year and two weeks vacation. There are 538 girls living in the dormitories and for whom I am responsible. You see I really have very little time.

I think of you often and am always grateful for the many kind things you did for me as well as the pleasures you made possible!

I went to Philadelphia for Christmas and spent a couple of days in New York. It was quite a nice bit of relaxation for me. Now that it's over I have been so busy I hardly realize I had a vacation.

I know I should not complain and I do not mean to but I am getting a little tired of the South. I have some friends here and my work is interesting but I miss so much the things and friends who have meant life to me. I guess it is mostly a matter of getting used to conventions that are different and of course the fact that I am more or less (confined to or) restricted in my movement. I did not move about too freely when I was free and now I complain. Isn't that like an ungrateful human.

I hope you are enjoying some of the things that make life interesting to you. What are you doing in the



Miss Laura J. Musser
Hotel New Preston
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New York City

#1214

February 14-1943

Dearest Laura,

Enclosed is the article that I spoke of and which you can forward to Alice, with the understanding that I get it get it back. I sound very rough and tough, don't I?

I so thoroughly enjoyed the evening we spent all together, didn't you?

Phone me soon.

Love,
Father

Egon
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June 8, 1943

Laura, darling,

Let's spend the week-end together, as you suggested, only you must spend it with me at my home. Then I can teach you some of

the complicated, (but made simple by me) steps in the art of cuisine, etc.

Come Saturday night at 6 p. m. for dinner and then we can plan things

and discuss other
matters while at the
table. If you can't
come drop me a note
or phone me at Tr 4-8757
anytime after 6 p. m.

In regards to your mother's
suggestion, I'd love perfume
and the brand is Guerlain's
Coeur d'or.

Love,
Ester