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Family Papers.

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Miss

Laura Jane Musser
Barbizon Plaza
Manhattan.

101 West 85th St.,

1579



EDNA PORTER
NEW YORK CITY

157 W. 14th



Dear L & M

This is my old deaf friend Mr. Scott. He and June had lunch together at the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, where he lives & she is at the moment in the St. L. Auditorium playing her base fiddle in that orchestra at the Ceylon Indian Buddha b'd party they met & ate "cur. & rice" - we all did but you I think. Anyway they had "cur. & rice" at the Jefferson ^{Hotel} for the 2nd time.

Love + + + Julian

This is to tell you ^{also} that Sat. 5th - I'm to meet Gody + Ph - in the "automat" on 57th St. near you. I may be with "Faith + Phyllis" two friends of mine who drove in from South Bend & left their husbands + hats in the rush!

They are very lovely,
however. Both ~~colleagues~~ women, one
an old friend of mine, Faith³⁸
& Phyllis is 24 & "taking every-
thing in". Hope it turns out

O.K. I've given up making dates
much because I can't & others
are too busy just "going to war!"
Jody & Ph are going to Carnegie
Hall then, Carnegie Lil Theatre
movies then, after 8 I'm to be
at the automat in that same
block.

If no one comes think
of me anyway sitting there.

with love -

Edna Porter -

- 151 W. 14 -



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Miss Laura Jane Messer

101 West 58th Street

New York City

Barrison Plaza

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N. Y.



Wotter's dear,

It's disappointing
not having you home
for Easter, and I hope
it won't be too long
before you'll be here.
You won't find that
things have changed
much, so you aren't
missing anything.

Wotter haven't I

This cheery
Easter greeting
brings
A wish for many
happy things.
LOVE

Kiki and Bill's

heard from you? I've
expected a letter from
you for some time. You
always have so many
interesting things to
tell. I love to get
your letters.

Best love,
Rivers

WAR DEPARTMENT
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1944

Miss L. J. Mussen,
Barbizon Plaza Hotel,
101 West 58th Street,
Central Park South,
New York.

Dear Miss Mussen,

Reference is made to your letter dated January 21, addressed to The Military Intelligence Division, War Department, Washington, D. C., wherein information was requested as to the location of one Jack W. Ronto who is believed to have enlisted with Foreign Intelligence Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The records of the Adjutant General's Office failed to reveal an individual by this name as being a member of the armed forces of the United States.

If he is a civilian employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is suggested that you communicate with that organization direct.

Very truly yours,

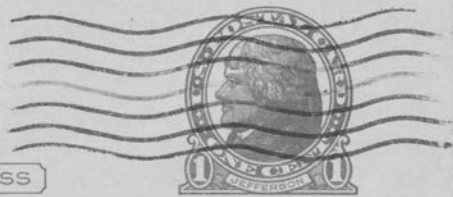
W. S. Tarver

W. S. TARVER, B
Major, Infantry,
Chief, Review Branch, C.I.G.



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Mrs



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Laura Jane Musser
Barbizon Plaza
101 West 58th St.
Manhattan.

Sun. 6am up for
no reason except to
tell you, it was fine
seeing you. Hope you
made your "dates"
OK. I went down
grand as I live
down that way.
Lovely hearing
more about M.A.
I bet she gets
a kid out of
The place of you.
wild as all go in
lots of fun get out
money. In for the
Scotch these going
Best love, E. O. 15/10/49.



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

G.B.

Dear Laura Jane:

How can we ever thank you
for your wonderful recordings. I
especially liked Marion Anderson's
"Ove Maria". It's beautiful. We
had a lovely Christmas in
front of our fire place, listening
to all the records. It would only

have been nicer if you and
the family would have been
with us.

Hope to see you soon.

Love
June & Billy
and of course
Mr. Scoob

December 28, 1944.

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POST CARD

Miss Laura Jane Musser

Little Falls

Minnesota

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY

C. P. Johnston Co., Seattle, Washington

5515 - 36 Ave. N.E.

Seattle Washington

Dear Laura Jane,

I am working out here, and enjoying the city. The symphony season looks interesting, and I bought myself a birthday gift — a seat way up near the rafters.

I hope you will find time to write to me.

Love. *Rossmary*

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES



POST CARD

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls

Minnesota

C. P. Johnston Co., Seattle, Washington

512 E - 3rd Ave N.E.
Seattle - 2 Washington

Seattle, Wash.
NOV 15 1944
SEATTLE WASH

Dear Mother,
I am writing out here, and enjoying the
city. I feel sympathy toward Little
Falls, and I thought myself a birthday
gift — as each way up means the
hills.

I hope you will find time to write to me
soon.
A. Osmany

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Jane Russer
Barbizon - Plaza Hotel
58th Street and 6th Ave.
New York City

for you in the Station
looking at 6:15
I will say

260 Riverside Drive
New York 25, N.Y.
July 12, 1944

Dear Laura Jane -

Daddy's + Mummy's Summer School
students are coming in for tea this
Sunday afternoon (July 16th) about
four-thirty. Won't you come too?
Don't bother to reply but tell me
Friday when I see you. I'll look out

260 Riverside Drive
New York 25, N.Y.
July 12, 1944

Room 3207
5:15 to 6:15
in the Shelton
lobby

Dear Laura Jane -

Daddy & Dinnings
are coming in
Sunday afternoon (July 16th)
about 5:30. Shall
we have tea then?

Shall we have tea then?
about 5:30? Shall we
come too?

Yours - Muriel
Daddy's letter to reply
Friday when I see you.
But I'll look out

Christmas 1944

Dear Laura Jane-

my husband and I have enjoyed reading the many books which you have so kindly loaned us. Thank you so much.

I thought your presentation to the Child Interest Club was very fine and appreciate your effort in preparing it.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

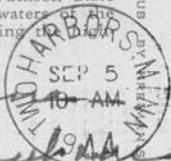
Sincerely,

Ruth E. Nutters



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A spot of wondrous beauty in Pattison State
Park is Manitou Falls, where the waters of the
Black River plunge 167 feet, forming the most
est waterfall in the state.



POST
CARD



Dear Laura Jane
I'm sorry about
golf game which we
planned for Tuesday
I will not be home
till Wednesday & May
and I comes with A.V. to
Duluth. Will be s. s. in
ye. Love
Pearl Taylor

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Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Little Falls
Minn.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

OCT 25, 1944.

I will be glad to see you Friday the
27th from 5-7 P.M.

Sincerely yours

Gabriel Ferrigno

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MRS. HARRY DEIMAN, SECRETARY

Oct. 9-1944

Dear Anna Jane -

It was grand to get your good letter and to know that you enjoyed being under our roof for those few brief hours. We were thrilled to have you as our guest, but, like most thrills, it was altogether too brief. I am disappointed because you did not stay long enough to have a few leisurely forenoons in our house so that you could have your breakfast in bed and then lazily rest back on some additional pillows and read the morning paper or indulge in a Detective Story such as "The Murders in Hammersmith" or "Mr Trent's Last Case".

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Well, I have both these books and maybe you will stay longer the next time. I hated to leave you at the top of the stairs in the Railroad Station, with that heavy grip to carry: but they won't let visitors go down the stairs anymore and I had an interview scheduled for 9.15 A.M. in the Church Study. You don't need to return those pamphlets - I shall only have to get rid of them anyway. It is just impossible for me to file away all the pamphlets & magazines I would like to. Harriet has been quite sick this past week with neuritis in her left arm. She had to

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Remain in bed for four days &
I was nurse, Housekeeper, Cook
& Preacher. I got fed up with it
too: but Harriet is much better
now & is again in circulation.
Last evening we had the University
student group at our house &
they were served refreshments by
Harriet - so you may imagine
she had to work some. There were
45 here - Some little Patti girls
were Pat McNary - Jean Kesnerik
& Margaret Ann Peterson. Boys
are scarce around the campus,
but we did have 8 of them at
our party. I would love to write
you at length & tell you about
a Matriculation Address I gave to
students at our Oct. Communion
service - but requests have come
for copies of it & I may send
you one. Please come to our house
again soon. Dir love to you all
as of yore. Sincerely yours
Philip



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Lat. P.M.

HPK

Dear Lolue —

Are looking forward to our visit next week. Should it not be convenient for the Gregor's Thurs. nite then you plan to be with us that nite as well as Friday.

The "show" sounds so interesting — I can't

wait to see it.
Had lunch with your
mother and a grand
visit from the it
was a short one -

Be seeing you thru.

Affectionately
Helen.

September 27, 1944

Hello Lotsee,

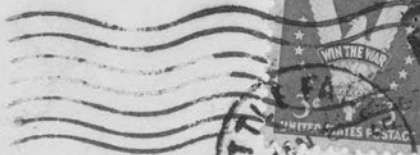
Just a note - to enclose with your letter which was returned to me this week from New York. You cannot imagine my annoyance on receiving it and realizing you had not yet heard from me!!

Congratulations on your graduation! Jim and I are extremely proud of your musical achievements. Before long we will be bragging to people about knowing you! Seriously^{though,} we do think your accomplishments are really wonderful - quite rare, and significant. We were so happy to hear from your mother that you are ~~going~~ thinking of continuing your studies in the fall. Have you made definite plans yet? There certainly seems to be no doubt in the minds of the many who know your work that there is almost no limit to your possibilities - and we would certainly like to be in the chorus of those who are interested in you and want you to go on and on and on with your talent. Do let us hear from you as to your plans.

Jim sends his love to you and we both want to be remembered to your folks.

With much love,
Lynn

P.S.
Please give Hebe a piece of candy for me!



1944

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Miss Laura Jane Buss
~~608 Highland Ave~~

~~Little Falls, Minn.~~
c/o The Barbours of Laga
West 58 St. New York City

Dec. 31, 1943

Dearest Laura Jane,

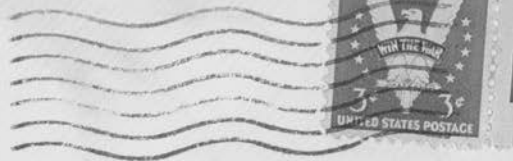
Just wanted
to drop you a line
or two to thank
you for the lovely
Christmas gift. You
must have known
exactly what I needed.
It was so sweet of you.

We had such a
grand Christmas. Alice
came, of course, as
you know. We
hung our stockings -
and I must say Santa
hasn't been so good
to me in many a year.
Tonight we're going to

2. take down the tree
and I hate to have
to take it down. It
is really beautiful.
Aline took some pictures
by it. I do hope they
turn out.

Thanks again, Laura Jane,
you were mighty sweet to
think of me. Lots of Love,
-vee

Mrs. Drew Musser Davidson



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Miss Laura Jane Musser

Barbizon - Plaza

New York City

6th - Ave + 58

Fifth Avenue Hotel
New York, New York
August 15, 1944

Dear Laura Jane,

The flowers were exquisitely beautiful, as were the thought and kindness that sent them. Their beauty goes with us on our journey tonight, and all the way we shall be remembering your sweetness.

Having an opportunity to talk with you at noon today was a real pleasure. I wish that some reminiscences of tender loveliness

will be tucked into that secret journal which only you know anything about, and that those observations may some day be rewritten into stimulating form for others.

Affectionately yours,

Ruth Peterberg

POST CARD

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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Laura Jane Mussler
The Barbizon Plaza
101 West + 58th St.
New York City 19, New York.

apr 25th.

LAURA A. BRANNEN • 2203 EAST SIXTY-THIRD STREET • SEATTLE 5 • WASHINGTON

Dear Laura Jane: Had been thinking of you a lot and wondering where you were when your Easter Card with little note came - Thanks for remembering me. Undoubtedly you are enjoying much good entertainment these days. Isn't the Spring gorgeous, with all the lovely trees and flowers bursting into bloom? Do you have Dogwood trees in New York? I think they are so pretty and had never seen any until I came west, and here we have them all about us. When will you be returning to L. J.?
Isn't it rather fun to travel when and where you want to? I shall be looking forward to a nice long letter from you telling me about all your doings - With love - Laura B.



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Barbizon - Plaza Hotel
58th Street and 6th Avenue
New York City

260 Riverside Drive
New York 25, N.Y.

August 1, 1944

most love from
during the weekends.

Geo. Laura Jane -

Please excuse the post card - but I
am so hot and tired! Guess you
are, too!

I'm afraid I can't go with you for
our swim this week but how about
next Wednesday evening, August 9th? I'll
get in touch with you by phone sometime

most every
during my driving
Sto. Laura Jane -

260 Riverside Drive
New York 25, N.Y.
August 1, 1944

Please return the post card - but -
as the post card turned! When you
are, too!

The record I can't go with you for
our own this week but how about
next Wednesday evening, August 9th or 10th?
get in touch with you by phone sometime

11 Salem St.

Wakefield, Mass.

27 June 1944.

Dear Laura Jane.

By this time you must surely think I'm a bum again. I haven't forgotten that I still am looking forward to your visit here on the 1st of July.

You see, I've been delaying this letter as long as I dared so I could find out for sure about our plans. It's funny why this pops up at the same time. It's this way - The man that was our best man - and Marvin's best friend is in Fort Belvoir, Va. taking combat engineer training. We haven't seen him since our wedding almost two years ago - and now he's being sent to Missouri on the 8th of July. His wife from South Dakota is with him too, and for about a month now Marvin

and I don't have been trying to make arrangements to meet each other halfway - which would be New York. This would be on the 1st & 2nd of July. So far we haven't had definite word from this fellow, so we haven't been able to plan definitely one way or another. If we don't hear from him, we will stay here, of course.

Let's make it this way. If you don't hear from me again - we will be staying here & we are expecting you on the 1st of July. If we find that we will be going to New York, I'll either invite you or let you know some way - maybe I could look you up in New York then instead if you don't leave at that time.

These arrangements are so indefinite - wish I could say more, but Max is determined to see his old room mate if it is at all possible. If you do come my home telephone number is crystal 0428-R.

Sincerely,
Eleanor.

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Miss



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Laura Jane Musser
of Linden
% Barbizon Plaza Hotel
Next 58th Street
New York City
Minnesota.

Marian Anderson's Second Concert

Resplendent in a white velvet dress trimmed with a ruby fox scarf, Marian Anderson gave her second recital this season in Carnegie Hall last night. There was a large and very cordial audience. Miss Anderson, with her usual concentration and devotion, sang pieces by Haydn, Beethoven, Richard Strauss, Wagner, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Henrich Schmitt and Myron Jacobson, in addition to a group of Negro spirituals. Her piano accompanist was again Franz Rupp.

← This is from the
W. T. Jan 4 - 1944, NYC
Dear L.G. = I think of
you! where do I get
a "rubby fox scarf"? I
have the white velvet!
my friend art young
died! I blubbered all
over manhattan Island.
Be sure + see some
see "Life's Times" by any Jim in 2.
toite-weather bad - see not go. Love - S. S. -



Miss Laura Jane Messer,

New York City

New York.

Barbizon Plaza

101-W-58th St.

PPP

My dear Laura-Jane,

What a sweet surprise you gave us for Easter! I think you are just darling to remember us in such a lovely way. We have it's loveliness on our living room table in our apartment, and when we take the goodies from it we try to make it look just like it did before we took a goodie from it, by re-tying the ribbons

and, then when we have enjoyed all the goodies, we will have the pretty blue dish to remind us of Laura Jane, and I hope she will take something from it she will relish some day. A bunch of Bridge, perhaps, wouldn't that be fun? I always liked to play Bridge with you. So thank you ever and ever so much.

Swit Spring just grand! I am sitting where I can look out on the budding tree tops & the beautiful sky. Do hope Spring and Summer will dally, and really seem long.

Maxine will write you very soon. She continues to enjoy her work very much, but it seems too bad to me to have her go to school all summer. I would much rather she would come home and play golf and bridge with us.

I'm sure your work is delightful, and
my! you will soon be a graduate of that
wonderful school. Congratulations sincere.
I think you play so beautifully. I often
think of the contest you had at your
home for your pupils. It was very interesting
and if we are privileged to enjoy another
I'm sure it will have just the right balance
of old and modern that will please us muchly.

Much love Laura Jane, & thank
you again. Yours affectionately Pearl Taylor

WOOD END LIGHT-HOUSE, PROVINCETOWN, MASS.



North Turoo Cape Cod Mass.

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Dear Laura Jane here we are! a lovely spot with wonderful air and beach and a nice little home (6 room house) managing our meals - a very restful place. I was so sorry that I could not see you before leaving N. Y. But I was terribly busy and the heat made me so tired. Hope you are fine and after my return I want to see you soon. Love from us both yours Skeppie Ruff

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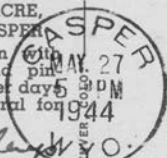
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5th Ave 58th Street
New York City



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1231 THE IDOLS — HELL'S HALF ACRE,
WYOMING, on U.S. 20, WEST OF CASPER

Hell's Half Acre is a giant depression with wonderfully colored eroded walls and pinnacles. According to legend, in the former days the Indians drove buffalo into this corral for slaughter.



POST CARD

Am spending a few days
here going on the Lytle
Lolo affair and having
a fine visit with Amy
Marcan. She is feeling
quite well & says her trip
last was quite beautiful.
She needed the change. I had
had a most interesting &
enjoyable trip to Bond Haven.
Spokane & Tacoma. Will arrive
home Wednesday May 31st.
Hopes you are fine. Deborah
and Marcan send love on

Mrs. Laura Jane Muser
Hotel
The Barbizon Plaza
New 58th St.
New York.
n. y.
1529

CART-COERTONE, WYOMING SOURCE, INC.



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Miss Laura Jane Messer
101 West 58 St.

Barbican Place

New York

N. Y.

June 10-44

Dear Laura Jane.

I was so sure your birthday was the 14th and just found out today it was the 4th instead. I made some Carmels and cookies so will send you some any way even if they didn't get there for the birthday.

How are you any way? Suppose busy as can be El? We are all fine here. The children were to the movie this P.M.

It been raining so much this spring. This is a cool rainy day again.

Excuse the perished writing
as my ink got spilted.

Suppose you will be
home soon, and you
must turn over and see
us. Don't wait for an
invitation. As we are
always glad to see you
at any time. Will
have a real visit then.

Here is hoping you have
many many birthday +
each a happier one.

With much love
from us all

Marie

July 19 - '44

Dear Laura:

I have not lost my enthusiasm about playing sonatas with you. I have tried to get the Schubert D major Sonatina to begin with, but the music shop on 56th St. has proved to be a poor source of supply. Therefore, by next week I hope to get it elsewhere and then leave the piano part with you.

The rehearsals with the National Orch. Assn. are very

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strength that one usually feels in the presence of greatness. . . . He spoke of Theodore Herzl, the founder of Zionism, who foresaw the tragedy of the Jews as it is unfolding today in Europe. You and I touched on it that evening in your room, you will recall. . . .

One can probe deeply into a human tragedy, or any tragedy, and learn that it was ^{but} the instrument towards greater and undreamed of horizons. With a philosophy one might find "justification" for suffering and tragedy if one discerns some deep hidden plan which ultimately leads to triumph. This is the feeling I get when listening to Beethoven's symphonies. They never leave one

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inspiring. We broadcast a rehearsal ~~every~~ Friday at 5 PM over WNYC. and sound almost realistic - as rehearsals go. If you can possibly listen in, do so - as you'll probably find it interesting.

Incidentally, I attended a "meeting" last Tuesday and heard Pierre Van Paassen speak. He is indeed a great man. Although his voice is not strong and is by no ^{means} oratorical - his thoughts and words reach such heights that one is simply "carried away" and inspired with a grandeur and

feeling sad - rather a wane of strength
 and joy - because Beethoven in all his
 own personal suffering knew the
 meaning of tragedy - ~~and~~ life itself -
 that ultimately there must be some
 triumph -----

That you could speak of "justification"
 as you did for the unspeakable -
 inhuman atrocities upon millions of
 human souls - through fire + sword, thru
 strangulation - the horrible gas chambers
 the destruction of an historic people -
 has left me numb, upon reflection.

Does your concept Laura of a people -
 and that of your sister - revolve
 on the unlearned - the ignorant -
 the uncouth + illiterate with whom she
 came into contact? Was this, or is this
 your concept of the meaning of the Jewish
 tragedy today? Then how do you explain
 the mystery of the Torah - the Talmud - the

12-23-47

Dear Jane,

It was very kind of you to remember Norma with the blue, trimmed with lace, and also the pink dress, they are too sweet for words. How did you guess that she looks better in colored dresses? I should know better, for it was your appreciation of art.

You did confuse me with remembering me with the two pillow-cases on which were the lovely embroidery, and wish to thank you sincerely.

But, the best gift of all will be when you will have become Norma's god-mother.

We are looking forward with
anxiety and Hermann regrets
that you will not be here
sooner. For, it will seem
ages away.

Best regards from Hermann
and a hug from Norma.

Affectionately
Miki.

P.S. Hermann wishes to let
you know that one of his
best friends Mr. Ivan Skauva
an Amer-Russian who is
also a musician besides having
his L.D. will be Norma's
god-father. Miki.



Miss. LAURA JANE MUSSEY
The Barbizon PLAZA - (#1529)
101-W- 58th ST.
NEW YORK CITY (19)
N.Y.

Dear Laura Jane:

Buffalo - New York

MRS. N. D. WOODWORTH - 705 THIRD STREET SOUTHEAST - LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Traveling conditions, and hot weather prevented a trip to N. Y. City now - but I've thought of you often -

It has been wonderful here with perfect weather - always a cool breeze -

Margaret and I got up to Toronto & Niagra Falls - & there's so much to see and do right here in Buffalo -

We all send love and hope to see you in L. F. next week - Sincerely
Grace



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls
Minnesota

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lovdahl

have the honour of

announcing the marriage of their daughter

Barbara Caroline

to

Herbert Waldon Baker

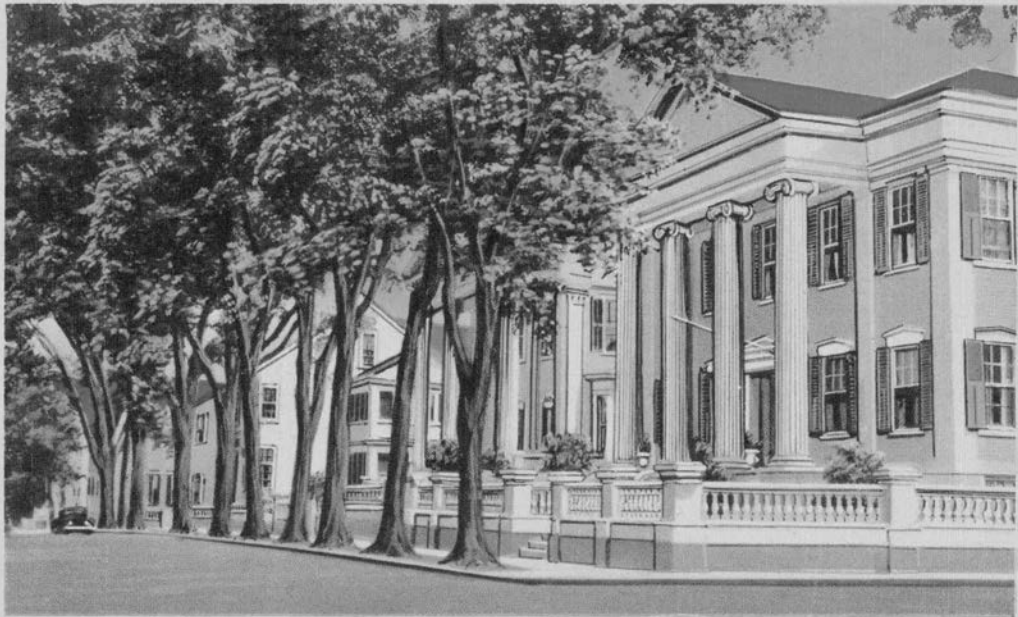
Lieutenant, United States Army

on Saturday, the seventh of October

One thousand, nine hundred and forty-four

Fort Benning, Georgia

Colonial Mansions, Nantucket, Mass.





POST CARD

Mrs. Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Dear Mrs. Musser:
Wonderful vacation is
over, alas! But we
all feel so rested and
"Our Blessed!"
Expect some done some
relaxing too after so much
studying. We hope well have
rested back getting together next time
Regards & your wishes
Love,
Jan

Aug. 23rd
From Ruth Ship!



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Aug. 23rd

Greetings from Vantucket!
Our wonderful vacation is
nearly over, alas! But we
feel so rested (and
sunbaked!)

Expect you've done some
relaxing too after so much
studying, etc. Hope we'll have
better luck getting together next time

From
Regards & your wishes
Love,
Your
THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES
AUG 23 1941



West River Camp
Newfane, Vt.

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Putney
Vt. Sept. 7th 1945.

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CORRESPONDENCE 1945



Dear Laura Jane:
We had a wonderful 10
weeks vacation in Vt.
and hope you too
enjoyed home and
rest. Love and greetings
to you and your
mother and father
as ever
The Ruffs
We are leaving the 9th Sept.

Miss Laura Jane Musser
from Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

260 Riverside Drive
New York. N.Y.

Dec. 27. 44

Dear Laura Jane,

How kind of you to
have brought us those pretty
handkerchiefs. I have not
written about them earlier
since the packages were not
opened until Christmas Day -
but we do so much appreciate
your sweet thought of us.

From the newspaper
accounts you must be having
a decidedly "white Christmas"
which in your charming part
of the country must be very
lovely.

New York's weather forecasters
promised lots of snow here
for Christmas Day - but alas!
we had a miserable downpour
of rain all day long.

It is nice to have Joan at home for these two weeks. We do not see a great deal of her during term-time - so that she is doubly valued when she can be with us for a real vacation.

I hope your little class of children is making good progress and that you are still enjoying working with them.

Please give our greetings to Mrs. Mussen and say that we all send her and her family every good wish for 1945.

Again many thanks for thinking of the three of us.

Affectioately

Katherine D. Newshead

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER

THE BARBAZON PLAZA

101 W. 58th STREET

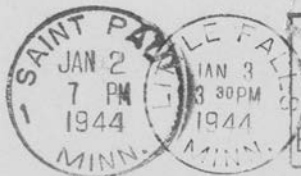
NEW YORK, N.Y.

2/15/'44

Many thanks, if belated, for your lovely Christmas greeting.

I surely will look you up if I ever get back to the city again. Its a long cry from Sanibel, and I'm beginning to go native-

Morgan Taylor -
Casa'bil
Sanibel, Fla.



BUY
WAR SAVINGS
BONDS AND STAMPS



Jan

15-29

Miss Laura Jane Messer

of the Parkers ~~By Little Falls~~

Box 58⁷⁵ ~~Street~~ Minnesota

New York City

Wm G. Butcher
2050 Grand
St. Paul 5.

New Years Day

Dearest Lottie,

Really, I was speechless when I opened your Christmas box and saw that lovely bed jacket. It was so dear of you to give it to me and I can't imagine anything I'd rather have. You may be assured I'll make good use of it. Thank you so much.

Did you have a

He thinks it'll come
shortly before the 10th
and it can't come so
soon to suit me! Oh
Sister, I can hardly
wait to see it. Also -
when you come to the
cities now - you must
spend a night with us -
we bought a cat for the
woman we hope to get
for when I come home
from the hospital - and
it'll be waiting for you

and Christmas? Daddy
told me you had quite
a bit of company. We
had a grand day. Dad
came down Christmas
eve and had to go
back Christmas morn -
much too short a time -
but it was wonderful
having him.

I'm feeling fine
and the doctor says
everything is fine.

This spring.

When are you going
back to N.Y.? Hope this
reaches you before you
go.

Please do write me
this spring - or after
you get back to N.Y. I
love your letters. Thanks
again for the beautiful
gift. Will let you know
when "Fodder" comes -
Much love
Helen



Linden Hill,

for

Little Falls,

Minnesota

Miss Laura June Messer

~~Bartiqua Plaza~~

~~101 West 58th St.~~

~~New York City~~
N.Y.

Monday

Lottie darling,

Your lovely gift
just arrived and I
can't tell you how
thrilled we are with
it. Its the most
beautiful child's outfit
I've ever seen and
Janet looks like a
little doll in it. It
fits her perfectly so

so much - its such
a beautiful, useful gift.

I'm so ashamed for
not having written
but the days fly by
and they don't seem
nearly long enough
for me. Janet and I
spent almost all the
month of July in L. 7.
It seemed so good to
be up there with my
Dad and J's Dad and
Mother. Janet gained

even to the bonnet
and now I can
hardly wait for
the coal day to come
so I can get her
all dressed up. You
really must be
psychic cause all
this past week she
been telling Jimmy
we ~~we~~ must get
her a coat and
bonnet for fall.
Thank you ever

two pounds too so we
decided there's no place
like a small town
for babies. Jimmy
came up the last week
we were there and
we went over to your
house. I was so glad I
was able to see Mary,
and Sam and Sarah.
They are such darlings
Sam is such a big
boy and how Sarah
has grown! Your Mother,
Mary and your Dad

all look so well,
you have been one
busy girl - haven't
you! When are you
coming back? Your
mother said sometime
this month. I'm so
anxious to see you
and when you come
I'll have an extra
room and bed for
you as we're moving
this Saturday. We were
finally able to find

don't half do her justice - but Mama is a fair photographer as you can see. Everyone thinks this the image of Jimmy or Grandma Johnson. She isn't at all like our family. I'm sure I don't know what I ever did without her. This pretty wonderful.

Jimmy is working hard as usual and as anxious as I am to

a five room house in Minneapolis. The address is 4820-14th Ave. So - Let us know when you can come and will surely be glad to see you!

Genev is getting so big. Had her second whasping caught that today. This such an angle - such a good baby but these pictures

got moved. The baby
should have had a
room of her own long
ago.

Well, I hear the little
doll is awake - so guess
I'd better pick her up.

Thanks again. It's
dear - you couldn't have
chosen anything that
would have been more
appreciated - Much love
Helen

Dillard University
New Orleans

Louisiana

December 23, 1944

Dear Laura:

Your Christmas card reached me on today. I was so delighted to hear from you and to have your beautiful card. Thanks so much!

I do feel guilty about being the debtor in so far as letters are concerned. Your letter of a year and some months ago was most interesting with the account of your visit to Miss Anderson's farm and delightful. Gee, you were certainly feted, highly, by the dear lady, but you deserve it, for you have been such a good friend to her. I enjoyed hearing news of you too. Thanks for it. I do apologize for my seeming neglect, but teaching does

keep one so very busy. I have been
working hard ever since I returned from
the delightful year in New York.

I am remaining here this year
during the holidays to prepare a course
which I shall teach, and to prepare
recital programs which I shall give at
various places up until May. I
shall be quite busy.

What are you doing this year?
Are you still studying Composition
with Gramini? Do give him my
regards when you return provided you
still take lessons and see him occasionally.

I can never forget our
experiences in ye olde New York together.
I do miss you so much too, for
I have become very fond of one
sweet Laura Jane Musser. No doubt
you are hearing many good programs.
Do tell me about them when you
write, and your other experiences. No doubt
you have heard Miss Anderson sing.

I have met Miss Anderson and played for her last year - in April or March it was. She gave a program here and stayed with a good friend of mine, so I came to know her very well. We often spoke of you. She may not remember me, for she does meet so many people in her travels, however, I was so inspired to meet her. She is a Queen really!

I studied for six weeks in Nantucket, Massachusetts during the summer with Mr. Friedberg. Aside from gaining so much musically, I spent a delightful time in that beautiful spot. Have you been there? It is a lovely island having a most interesting historical background. I managed to go in swimming quite often and to take in other lovely experiences while being there.

Am listennig to the
Boston Symphony which is conducted
by Mr. Mitropoulos. Heard the broadcast
of "Tristan and Isolde" this afternoon.
That was a treat.

Touch love to you and
do let me hear from you.

most sincerely,

Carol -