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July 22nd '45

Lotsie dearest:

Your letter was forwarded to me from K.C. and believe me I am more than pleased to hear from you. Understood you were changing your address; but I had not been given the new one. I do hope you will enjoy being with your friends and find home life more to your liking than the hotel.

No, dear, your mother did not mention her trip to the farm of Marian Anderson nor did she tell me of your trip to Piney Woods. But I have had so little time to phone her, and when I did call she was not at home, so I suppose I will hear all about it when I come

north in the fall. I have been helping the Piney Woods school for many, many years and I have a great deal of respect for Mr. Jones. He has done a fine piece of work and in such a modest manner. He had a very capable and sweet wife, who did much to interest people in their work. Her death was quite a blow to all concerned. What did you speak about, and how long were you in the south? I know you enjoyed every minute.

I hope you are able to get a reservation so you can leave on the 5th. Am told the trains are crowded and not as clean as usual, especially the diners. Every thing is being done to discourage travel. I am so thankful

that I was allowed gas so I could motor to Muscatine. Having business to look after made it possible to drive.

Today has been extremely warm and I do not stir about any more than is necessary. I help Edith all I can for she is not at all well. Has Malta Fever, and it is a most diabolical ailment to battle. I do hope she will come out of it in due time without any ill effects. It is impossible to get any help to come in to assist, so we just have to over look a lot and do the best we can.

I had a severe attack of acute Bronchitis, was in my room for three weeks. I would not wish such an experience on my worst enemy. Was so depressed and really

frightened that at times I did not know just how I would get through the day or night. Still have to be careful, which makes me feel my age. Ha! Ha!

Dr Gettel does not expect me until some time in September. The very longest time between treatments since I have known him. That is encouraging so far as the Arthritis is concerned. I think he can help me with this breathing question too, as well as my general health.

Will hope to see you when I come up, and we can resume the talks and the mysteries which we both get such a thrill out of.

Be careful of yourself my dear and write again when you can.

Heaps of love,
Aunt Laura.

Shore you own "Valley of Desecration"?



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Mary, Roger and the children.
Had you seen the new home
before? Sarah must be quite
a girl by now. Roger and his
mother had breakfast with
me the morning I left for
home. He looks fine, but I
believe he is a little thinner.
Lotsie we did have some
pleasant evenings when you
came to Minneapolis, though
the time was short. But we
had time for a few laughs
and some conversation.

Am sure you enjoyed the
Marion Anderson concert on
Friday, and I have an idea
that you had a few words
with her later.

Thank you dear again for the
birthday gift, I love it. must go

down for a little of supper now. Love to 7 love dear, your "Auntie" Laura

November 25-'45

L. M. A.

Lotsie dear:

Late yesterday the
Parcel-post delivered a package
which was forwarded from
the Curtis Hotel, and when
I opened it I was more than
delighted to find a very lovely
case of games and your
card enclosed. Darling, it is
so sweet of you to remember
your auntie, and in such
a beautiful manner. Thank
you so very much dear, and
I hope we will use the
set some time soon.

Was sorry I had to leave

before your return from the south and east, did so want to hear of the good time you had and how you found your friends. I received your postal but did not know where to write as your mother had word that the hotels were filled in New York.

Suppose the trains and hotels are crowded where ever one goes now that the soldiers are returning and their wives rushing to meet them. Mary C. wrote that she would go to St. Louis to meet Al if she could get a reservation. Expect him home soon, I

certainly hope she will not be disappointed. Then Dr. Gittel told me I could leave, you can imagine I did not let any grass grow under my feet. He said it might take two weeks before the car stopped raining and so far he is right, for it is very slow in drying. I have seen I regret that your Christmas gift, some more seeds, may not arrive from the factory on time. Hence they do not carry any extra prices at Hudsons, always have to order. But you will surely get the seeds and I am hoping it will all arrive by the 25th.
Now you had a grand time with

April 1, 1945

Lotus Darling.

It was so good to
hear your voice this morn.
How happy you sounded.
And what a grand time
you are having.

I'm so happy for you
Darling and keep up the
good work -

Your handker and card
are just precious Lotus
and many thanks for them
Darling. I surely do

Appreciate them: more than I can
tell you.

Mother gave me such a precious pair
and earrings in a bow knot pattern
Daddy, perfume, Aunt Laura a
nightie and Helen King two pink
flowers that match my pink suite
Do I think I'm pretty lucky.

I'll get your things lined up
and on there way Honey. I got
your letter tonight, when Daddy
came back from the post office.
The King came up yesterday
and left this afternoon about 4.30
Helen asked me to come down &
spend a few days with them
while Mother & Daddy are in
Kansas City. Guess it will be
just of next week.

I stayed with Aunt Laura
while I was in Minneapolis
& she taught me how to play
Gin Rummy -

Mother and Daddy came down
last Sunday night and we went to
the Ice Jollies Monday night.

I'd never seen them and they are
certainly beautiful.

Drew has left Pasadena for Del
Rio Texas & is flying B-26 is
~~from~~ motor bombers & then
will fly B-29 with Crew &
then overseas. Vee is home
with her family.

Well Darling the Dal is
going to fall into bed now.

Your second spread is done, washed
& put them both in your bottom
drawer. O.K.? I hope so Honey.

Lots of love & I'm so happy you are
feeling so much better. Affectionately
Alma



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LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Lotsee Darling:

Many thanks again for
that lovely Handker and sweet Card.
You are a darling to remember me.
Your flowers to Mother and Daddy
were and still are beautiful.

They took off in a cloud of dust
Tuesday night, for Chicago and
will be with Cliff and Margaret
Mussen till Friday, when they leave
for Kansas City.

I packed your silk dresses that
Ynid left here also the shoes in
the closet in your room & Mother

Said to send those two little hats²
All I could find besides these were
two large straw hats and I am
that were in need of something
Mother said to tell you to get some
hats if you wanted too for she felt
sure you wouldn't want those
huge hats for now.

Also send a light weight coat and
your kang bag you had put in
there with your shoes:

I do - and "the best I could Honey
and hope they reached you O.K.

It's mighty lonesome here for Helen
and me for Pauline got stranded
in Minneapolis due to the snow
storm we had Tuesday night

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Darned if it doesn't look like
Jan. instead of April and is it
Cold!

Was to have spent the weekend
with Helen and Dick but he's sick
and now the A.M. the maid is cribed
with flu. So Helen called me long
distance at 10 A.M. but wants
me to come down later on when they
all get their sea legs back again.

Jim is just fine and has been
made a Corporal now. So here
is his new address.

Cpl. James E. Davidson 1414075-2
Co "D" 149. Bn. D.H.Q. A.P.O. 500
C/o Postmaster
San Francisco.

Don't know if you had the above

Address. I think it was changed
after you left. He's met a nice
Filipino family that have been there
quite often and on Good Friday
asked four of them to come for the
Service at their home.

Well Darling must go and check
my clothes so I can iron them.

I'm so happy that you are feeling
so much better and having such a
wonderful time.

Lots of love Darling and hope you
liked the savings I sent you in
the box from Daddy.

Affectionately
Alice.