



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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trip and those awful icy roads. Took
us five hours to come home.

They may go down in the morning
if it's alright.

Aunt Ida is coming along fine now
and since they took that bar off her foot
she can move about and sit up
in the bed a little straighter.

I'm so glad you liked your earrings
Darling. I thought they were pretty
and also different. I had found them
in a darling shop in St Louis on my
way to Momma's last Nov.

Well my Pet keep that little old chin
up, a song in your heart and don't
let yourself get down. When you
feel the blues coming on, give your mental
boot straps a good jerk, put on your
hat and coat and get out and do
something. Don't stay in a room alone. If
nothing better occurs, walk and walk
fast and breathe deeply to chase all those
old cob webs of thoughts away. Try it & see
if it does it help. I know for I have. Lots of love.
Alice

Jan. 8, 1948

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Tells my Doodle Bug.

A very Happy New Year
to you Darling and may it hold
as much happiness and fun that
the year's burst on all sides. That is
if a year could have years.

Sorry I couldn't come to the phone
the other night, but I had been so
sick with intestinal flu, I felt like
a dead duck. In fact I'm not very
much alive even now. It was bad
enough to spill my self all over
the floor and tear the ligaments in
my right foot had to go get the awful
intestinal flu, nearly finished me
and I don't mean maybe.

I did so enjoy your letter Darling
and what fun to have met Tippy
but I told you that you would &
it would be by bumping in to her.

When least expected. She looks
like such a jolly loveable person.
What fun to have you barging down
from places to see the little opera
And the way it was given.

I guess from now on there will
be many wonderful things that
you will be going to and know
you will enjoy each and every one.

New Year's Day we ate at the
Buchman ^{Ward's} Holsts, J.B. But &
Frank, and we three. They played
bridge after wards. I didn't feel
a little woozy in the middle regions
so I sat and worked on my needle
points. They all left except Neil.
He stayed here while Grace & Mother
and Daddy went to the Van Ricks Open
House. When they came back Mother
said it was lovely and that they had
the house fixed up so pretty. That at
the time they were there over a hundred
had already been there. It was 5 P.M.
when the family were there.

Mrs Van Rik has asked us all for
dinner this coming Sunday after church.
Hope by that time my tummy has put
its self back in normal position & not
this rolling wavis sensation I've had
so long.

Daddy truly beats the socks off Mother
and does he ever get a kick out of it all.
But night before last Mother had all
the cards and came out tops in all three
sessions, so it brought her score up
a little but the next night bang down
she went except on sol. Then it was
time for Daddy to take off, for the "Boys"
were having their little session over
at Frank Hartman's.

Mother and Daddy were going to
Minneapolis today but all morning
bro had a slow drizzle! Yes! rain.
So they got as far as getting down
the front steps and Mother said hope
not me. We aren't going down that
all there is too it. So back they came
much to my delight, for I would have
worried so. I haven't forgotten the last

VIA AIR MAIL



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel Beltonore #743
New York
N.Y.

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Mrs. E. C. Davidson

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

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MAIL CLERK

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
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New York
N.Y.

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Air Mail

Mrs E.C. Davidson.
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn

TELEPHONE CALL

No. 208 HOUR 4:15 DATE 2-17 1948

MR.

Musser

MESSAGE:

Mrs Groch phoned

OK for to morrow

SV

My darling Lottie.

I'm so glad you are
feeling better and on the
go again and keep that
way Honey. No more Colds!
I loved the Valentine you
sent me and the written
part especially.

Things are better and
confused here and feel
as tho I were sitting on
something ready to explode.

Aunt Peka arrived here
Thurs. night and intends
to stay until Auntie Ida
gets out of the hospital.
Poor little Auntie Ida
still is in bed and suffers
a great deal and her mental
condition is worse all the
time. The bone isn't healing
as it should hence the
shortening of her leg and.
Now Peka being here doesn't
help matters for had to open
up the house more expense.

its Church time so bye
for now And heaps of love
Doubtless Bug and I really
mean it. Wish we could
hear your talk tonight.
Affectionately
Alice

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Miss Laura Jane Musser.

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Mrs. E. C. Davidson.
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn

Hells My Darling.

We have been dumped
into another miserable
cold spell and this a.m.
every thing covered with deep
frost, beautiful but oh gee
so damned cold. We've had
enough of this mess of snow.

Was so happy to get your
grand letter darling and
what a wonderful time
you are having and how
well you describe all you

are doing².

Before I get side tracked
Ber² asked me to tell you
how much she enjoyed your
letter but it will be some
time before she can write you
herself. Her right arm is
still in that awful long
cast. Six weeks the Sunday.
Poor soul certainly got an
awful dose when that
car went into them and
only by the Grace of God
is she still alive or not blind
for the two worst cuts came down

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across her temples and over her
eye lids. So she really had a
Close Call there.

Grace Woodworth called yesterday
a.m. to tell of the wonderful
letter she had had from you &
kept talking about how well you
write, it made her feel that she
had been writing you on those
many jaunts.

and you do write well Darling
Why don't you try writing short
stories in your spare time. You
could do it and they'd be accepted
of that I'm sure.

All last week I had a miserable
cold and couldn't go to the
hospital to see Aunt Ida, so more
than ever was happy Aunt Helen
was here to go and be there with
Auntie Ida. She gets so homesome

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Daddy went to Minneapolis with
Mother and they got back here
during our awful blizzards, which
dumped eighteen inches of snow
on top of the ice. I let down my old
dresses and reached the point
where I didn't want to even look
at a hem. But thank goodness
that is done.

Your duffel bag is on its way &
hope it reaches you in time
Went down with Mother Monday
a.m. and we came back Wed.
Go again next Wed. The Curator
work shop is truly helping Mother
and she said she feels so much
better and walks so much better too.
Her cold is just about gone now.
Daddy still beats the socks off me
in Double Drumming and gets such
a kick out of it. He had the "Boys"
in Monday night and Tuesday went
to Reginas dinner & bridge party, which
we were sorry to miss. Fish Club

to day and hospital after wards &
I feel as tho I should shed my
street clothes and don a uniform
when I walk in to the hospital
Aunt Ida sat up yesterday for
half an hour. Said it hurt like
hell. She was awfully tired.
They had to take those pins out
for like Mrs. Martin, the break
wouldn't heal & pins didn't stay
put. Now its coming along O.K.
Her leg will be shorter however
the traction didn't pull it down.

Jim called the other night &
said he was leaving Monroe &

BURGOYNE
PHILADELPHIA



Had already sold the stove & ice box
 And had the house up for sale and
 would go to Atlanta and try and
 get into the Lumber man's supply
 business over there. If not then would
 come up farther north.

Poor Darling I feel so sorry for him
 for he had worked so hard to get
 the things Betty wanted and do
 the things she wanted changed in
 the house. He said Vick and Drew Jr.
 were perfectly adorable and he
 got them each Sunday and took
 them out for a ride and then
 out to the house. Drew Jr. follows
 him about like a little puppy dog
 & Veronica wrote the same thing
 Well my Darling its time for the
 Quilting & then have Mother's dresses
 to press before going to fish club today.
 Will be so happy when you get
 home and what fun it will be to

have Tippy's visit me. But
I'll be out of a clear sky I'll
call her Tippy and how
careful that will be.
Lots of love my Darling
Affectionately
Alice

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Mrs. Laura Jane Krusen
310 River Side Drive - W. 103rd.
New York
N. Y.

My Darling,
This letter means you a lot
I would just have in that old
yellowed letter today with us.
We had lots of things to do.
I was from being at. I was
to the house & just to be 10 PM
will not see as I just have
Darling. My letter to you
and let you know I am
Dear

Let them feel like to feel. 3
Mother read to Daddy in a
voice. They are both fine &
seem to be enjoying the day
rep here. When Dad will visit
next Sunday. They have been
so sweet and when called
long distance about a job in
the shipping dept. at Harvard.
If you would like to come see
about it. But they found too
hot and they will live in
William, Maine. The company
need writers in N. England
He will come down there hearing

Thurs A.M.

Lotus Darling.

I surely have been
the Coward in getting a
letter written and hope you
will forgive me.

I seem to keep so darned busy
all the time and then just
before we came up here I

had more dresses of Mothers to
let down as far as they'd go.

We came up here last Sunday
and when we left home it was
beastly hot and after we'd gotten
here, just in time to tumble into
let, before they closed the doors, the
heavens opened and you never saw
such a cloud burst. We had to
stay in the lobby until 4.30 before
we could go down to the Cottages.

But since then its been delightful
a little on the Cork side this A.M.

The Children really are awfully good
and so much fun. Sarah and I

went up to see the glass blower
last night and in as much as I'd
bought two things for Cards on the
drawing. So gave one to Sarah and
she took the other, Mr Howell

made while we were waiting here.
Mary came after us at 9 P.M. & we

Valley is due here from outside.
The great town will later on.
There are so many lovely people here
and many children of all ages
so they have a grand time.
Will be doing his doing the best I
can & will continue to do so.
Which makes you sure to find for
they have all lived separately &
every thing is just as they are. That
little crowd, except people of by-crooked
Some of them are extra good of spirit
not much needed.
Will think of my more dear friends
so people of all ages & all people
but I will give them my best. I hope you
will be glad to see me in all these

all about the various things they sell
and then he goes to
Willmar & the near by towns
to visit the customers, with one
of the managers. The new territory they
were giving him, so he's got a
grand chance of doing something
really worth while. Now if they can
only find some place to live. The
company he works for is Rich - French
Coffee Co. in Minneapolis but they like

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General Mills, have many different
branches. This one is supplies of all
kinds. As Betty said everything from
soup to nuts. The best part is Jim
got the job him self and its only natural
I should be proud of that - Do you blame me
Among other things I had to put Aunt
Ida back in the hospital when Aunt
Reba left. Betty & Jim are living there
while Jims working in St. Cloud. I'll
try out this woman for a few days later
on. She was willing to take a rest &
wanted too for this fresh come off a long
hard case. So she will come next month
How long she will last I don't know but
Aunt Ida can't stay there alone. She is
walking so much better but has trouble
bending that knee & makes her self a
dead tone weight when one tries to help her.
Regina & Fred were to come up for a while
but that found down to Marions was too
much for him & he caught more cold. So
they asked Grace & Neil to come up for the
week I will do Grace a lot of good.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham Hotel
57th & 6th Ave

New York City
N.Y.

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Cpt. 1206

Mrs. E. C. Darrdson
608 Highland Ave
Little Falls, Minn

Air mail



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Buckingham Hotel

57th & 6th Ave

New York City
N.Y.

ApX. 1206

A decorative illustration at the top of the envelope features a branch with leaves and several small birds perched on it.

Mrs E.C. Dendson
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn

Wed. P.M.



My darling Lotsie.

It was grand having
that little visit on the phone but
I'm terribly sorry that you were feeling
so down Honey, and I do sincerely hope
this finds you feeling much better.
There's something about this moving business
that sort of knocks the props out from
under one. I knew from past experience
and I'd get so terribly down. But the
biggest worst hour I made was last year.
I do hope that you will be very happy
in your new place and that the time
will pass quickly between now and when
you'll be home again.
Jim and Betty got here last night and it's
so wonderful to see them both and they are so

happy. Jim wants to live up in the
part of the country and so far from what
Betty has seen she said she liked it.

We were at Grace Woodworths the. afternoon
for she gave a tea for Maybelle and it was
so nice seeing her. She looks just grand
and so lively. She told us all about the
wonderful letters you write to Laura and how
much they meant to her. Maybelle was
terribly disappointed you weren't here and
said how much she would like to hear Laura Janyway
and hear her compositions. She left at 5 P.M.
and will visit in Chicago and then return
to Seattle.

Louise Roberts was here for three weeks but
couldn't get the things done for Aunt Ida
that she would like to have done in order to
protect her from Clifton and Elizabeth. Those
two have taken so much out of the trust fund
its just left awful and cut down Aunties
income. Aunt Peter will be here with her
until the end of July and then she returns
west. If I haven't found some one to stay with
Aunt Ida she will go into the hospital and will
still try anyhow I do have that to fall back on.

In which I'm truly thankful.

We drove out to see Mrs. Moore and then on to Sarah Moore yesterday, getting home just before supper time.

Mother is walking so much better and everyone is talking about how the Creative Work Shop helped her and it really does.

Daddy had such a glorious time at his Class Reunion and then spent Sat. Evening up till Sunday Eve. with Aunt Laura. He had the trip in last week and they had their usual game of bridge and go on home Sat they played at Regina's and that night we played three handed and for once I collected. Believe it or not, was proud of myself. But if Daddy and I played for money in Double Dummy, it would be awful. He, theascal beats the pants off of me. I have spent so much time working in the Garden and getting things planted. Have transplanted over a hundred Delphiniums.

So Mother will surely have enough.
To say nothing of the Easter Snaps and
thirty painted daisy plants Regina gave Mother.
But we have had such crazy weather cold
then warm then cold. Daddy had Oscar
build a fire in the furnace today.
Yesterday I recovered the chair seat
on the front porch and made seven
new pillow covers. So its all bedecked with these
Mother got the material last trip down I
mean samples & then sent for the green with
yellow roses. Its awfully pretty & Daddy was
delighted with it.

Well my Darling if you can read this
in natural scrawl of mine you are
really gone. But I wanted to get a letter
off regardless of this crazy hand.

Keep that little old chin up darling and
remember we all love you dearly and
will be so happy when you are home again.
Jim said you should be here so he could
buy you a steak like he did in '45 when we
poor souls had to go to the church supper &
that he also would like to see you & have you
next Betty. She really is so darling - Right for now
& Im still hoping that is all I send Honey Child
Affectionately Alice

608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn.



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
% The Commodore Hotel
New York, New York



Hello —

I hope this reaches you. I
wasn't sure about the address.

When are you coming home?
I miss you so much. I heard
Madame Votipka was coming to
Mpls. That's wonderful, I do
hope she could come and visit
you at home.

If all the many Valentines
That fill the mail today
With all their pretty pictures
An' the sweet things that they say...

There's not a single one, I bet,
That's comin' with more love
Than this one brings to Someone
That I think the whole world of!

Mr. Paul A. Christianson is going
to conduct our chorus in March.
One song is 'Dry Bones.' Love,
Arliss

terrible accidents. Bert Hartman is
coming along pretty good now. Vlach
day looks so much better. She will
be there at least six weeks more.

Acacia has been there eight weeks now
& will be there more before they let her
sit up at all. I'm over there each day
with her. Rub her and read her mail
& thank you for certain letters.
I'm whipped down when I come back
home. Well Darling lots of love & hope
your sundries box & brown ones reaches you
D.L. Affectionately Alice.



BALTIMORE
ORIOLE

Thurs. P.M.

Love darling.

I was so happy to get
your lovely long letter and to
hear about all the things you are
doing and what a grand time
you are having.

I think it's grand that you see
Tippy and she must be a
precious person and also lots
of fun.

I'll keep my fingers crossed & hope
for you Darling that you will
get what you want there in N.Y.
Mother, Daddy, Fred Regina & I
went to see "Wild Irish Rose" last
night and we all loved it.
Tonight Mother and Daddy are
playing bridge at the Hotel. I begged

off for wanted to get Aunt Ida's
Christmas thank you letters written.
She loved those two little boxes you
sent her with the hairpin on one
and safety pin on the other.

up till the past few days she's
felt she could write her letters
her self but today she asked me
to please do it for her. Her hand
and arm still bother her. (You
remember how bruised they were.
I think she must have torn some
ligaments also. She hasn't felt
up to par the past week and
been so terribly confused but
today she was her own precious
self and with visit and then she
would drop off to sleep, waken &
would talk again she asked about
you and how you were getting along

and sent her love when I told her
I'd write you tonight.

Last night the ding dang furnace
went out and maybe it wasn't
cold in here today. I couldn't
live again why Daddy was here in
my room shutting the window
at 2:30 a.m. and when he told
me what happened I nearly fell
out of bed. Mother got cold &
in shutting the window, leaned
up against the radiator & it was
on the cold side. Daddy goes
down to see what was the matter.
So then he got Oscar up to build
a fire. We had frozen pipes if
he hadn't. We are in for more
snow and colder weather
but I'm fed up with it and wish
it could warm up and be
decent weather. There are so many.



Miss Laura Jane Mussen
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Mrs. E. C. Davidson
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Little Falls, Minn.



And perfectly happy. Gets her meals
 She is so used to being by her self. I
 take her to the hospital each after noon
 She had dinner here yesterday. Also J.B.
 Marian, Fred, Regina & Frank. We played
 bridge after dinner. Took Raka over to
 the hospital first. Later Frank & I went over
 and stayed a while. After supper
 I played double deuce with Daddy
 lost my sock's and such. Tumbled into bed
 at 9 P.M. Mother read aloud for a while.
 Its so darned cold and so much ice
 and it started to snow this after noon.
 Wind howling.
 Mother & Daddy go to Minneapolis in A.M.
 back here Fri. These exercises are really
 helping Mother walk so much better. She
 gets tired if she doesn't take her after noon
 rest. They all ask about you, Darling &
 I've heard Mother tell them how much M.G.
 likes the work you are doing and how proud
 she is. So keep up that good work Honey & we
 will be seeing you before much longer.
 Lots of love Darling & keep that Christy up
 Affectionately Alice.

I'm still taking her shots & feel like a pin cushion. a bumpy one at that



Monday P.M.

Hey there Darling.

I surely was glad to get
 your letter yesterday but am so
 sorry that you are down. Buck up
 Honey and give those mental boot straps
 one h— of a jerk and get going.
 Its awful to get down and I know it
 takes an awful lot of out of one.

I'm so sorry that Esther and George
 couldn't have more time with you, but
 from what they said, friends had things
 pretty full from what they'd written.
 They were so anxious to know just
 where you'd be so they could get
 in touch with you. George even
 asked Daddy over long distance to be

sure they'd get the ²right hotel.
I feel sure if they hadn't wanted to
see you they wouldn't have made
such a point of it all And as for
Helen King, that I don't know nothing
about. She hasn't much to say to me.
But I don't let that bother me one bit.

Mother will order the tickets you
have requested for the opera.

If my writing is green think
nothing of it, for our having the
devil run time with my right
hand our head shoulder. It's always
worse after ironing for it's then terribly
swollen and hard to hand on
to my pen -

I got Mother and Daddy all pressed
up in fine style this morning and
over letting down some of Mother's sheets

This afternoon. ³Mother was stretched
out resting and read aloud while
I sewed. With the result we missed
all the excitement of the fire engine
tearing down to put out the chicken house.
It caught fire and was discovered by
someone over at the paper mill. They
put in the alarm. So no more
chickens. One two hundred I think they
said. Thank goodness it didn't get
any further, for that loss was bad enough.

Auntie Ida was so happy to see
Aunt Reba. Auntie Ida had her second
operation Thursday A. M. They had to
take those pins out for one wasn't healing.
They put the traction on yesterday
to try and pull that leg down. I hope
she doesn't kick it off this time. Aunt
Reba is staying down at the Robert house



Miss Laura Jane Musser
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New York City
N. Y.

Air Mail

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Mrs. E. C. Dandson.
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn.

And Peter is taking down the home
today and before long it will
be out. For Dad is trying to have
it built with that big place on
top to use that L shaped wall
with holes in the four corners.
Don't know when she will get to
home.

She will be much of a letter.

For can head for the dentist

After that better the hospital in over

It would be if they get her home

But would it at least get a note

off to you.

It has got to be so darling and

It won't be long before you'll be
home. Affectionately
Alice.

The Valentine's card
like a bird. But. Pauline was so dis-
gusted. I'll try to reach
you. Also letter Mother wrote long back in Feb. 12th 1900.
M.M.



Hello my Darling.

You were so sweet
to call me and did
so enjoy chatting with you.

Guessing what a busy

Day you are and that my Pat is the
best thing towards making me feel happy.

Got Mother and Daddy off in a cloud
of Camp mist last Thursday A.M. & was

So thank ful when Daddy called Friday
that they'd arrived safely. Poor Aunt Laura
can't talk above a whisper. He said just
like she was last fall. Now they will
enjoy being there. And Daddy and Aunt Laura
no doubt will have many games of double
dummy.

Bonny and Ray picked me up and we got
to church ten of eleven and had to sit up
on the front seats, right under the Van Allen
box. The music was lovely & a grand sermon.
Afterwards we went to the house and I'd
expected to be home by 7 at the latest. But
I had just walked in the front door
when your call caught up with me.
If I'm in my room I can't hear the phone.
Was here about Sat. night. Jim called me
at 6 P.M. and said he'd finally sold the
house and was leaving for Atlanta Aprilth.
He's living with the Babcocks until he does
leave. It was so good hearing his voice
and to know he had things settled.
Well I should say we will have fun
when you get home and are looking
forward to having Jippy up here with us.
Pauline is too. How we did laugh at your
Cartoon of her as the witch.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
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New York City
N. Y.

Mrs. E. C. Davidson.
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn.



BLUEBIRD

March. 15. 48

Hello my Darling

Well the old snow is
going fast and before
long we will need hip
boots or boots. I got my
self nicely dunked coming
home from the hospital
yesterday evening.

We had Mr. & Mrs Van Kirk
and Aunt Rika here for
dinner Sunday and Mr
Van Kirk had to go to the

hospital, so he took me.
Mother and Daddy rested
and then I played double
deummy when I came back.
Got the socks beaten off for
usual.

Aunt Ida was terribly
sick last week had flu I
guess. She certainly acted
likish and Aunt Rika
went all to pieces. I was
worried for fear she would
have a heart attack. She
has a bad heart & should -

rest a great deal. Lately has a
She wanted to take Aunt Ida home
get a house keeper and she would
take care of Aunt Ida at night.
That would last long. I know for
she hasn't the strength for such &
when one could find a housekeeper
in town is beyond me.

I told mother if they didn't find
me here at home on their return
from Kansas City to please contact
Fergus Falls and no doubt they'd
be told I was among those present.

Aunt Reba bless her head means well
but can't seem to realize how difficult
it will be to do all this & that
she can't stand up under the strain.
I did get a night nurse for Aunt Ida
for she hates to be left alone and
now is perfectly happy with the nurse.
Had such a darling letter from
Veronica and she writes the

children are perfectly adorable &
how big they are. Bubbs has a
green skull cap he wants to wear
all the time and he looks like a
four year old instead of two and
a half. He looked so big when I
saw him last November.

Well my darling this is all
for now, for must head for the
hospital. I told mother my clothes
have that hospital smell I've been
here so much.

Bert's arm is out of the cast & she
can barely move her fingers. She has
a long hard row ahead of her too.
Lots of love Doodle Bug & if this letter
don't make sense, forgive it, I have so
much on my poor old noodle.
Affectionately
Alma



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They leave now for Ariz & Calif.
Next week we go to Minneapolis, D. delay
to attend meetings and mother for
her treatments.

Well Darling its time this gal gets
busy so must stop. Lot of love
and don't get lost in the snow drifts

Affectionately
Alice.

Wed. A.M.



Hello my Doodle Bag.

Surely did enjoy your letter
and what a grand time you
are having and what fun to
have met Tippy as you did. She
was sweet to give you the ticket
for her Concert.

We had your fur coat shipped
to you yesterday, for mother said
with it being so cold there w'd better
not wait for the coming box to come.
Will send your dress soon as it gets

back from the cleaners. Olga thought
it just needed pressing. But etc
going to be ready by the time
your box gets there.

The weather is perfectly awful
so darned cold and wind that
goes right thru you and so much
ice. Walking isn't the safest mode
of travelling.

I severely had one awful dose of
intestinal flu. That first night got
up to get a drink and vomited dead
away. Dr Johnson is giving me
liver shots twice a week plus some
superduper liver, iron and pills. One a

day for they are³ the most powerful
ones put out. I told him they better
do some good costing as much as they
did. 2.40 for thirty dinky bullets.

Alma Ida was so happy to know you
liked your purse. She is coming
along well as could be expected. Not
too much pain if she stays pretty still.
I rub her leg and back when I go in
there.

Went to H. G. last night. Diner & dub
had it. Dinner at the Backman and
then out to their house. We had a grand
time but I got so tired I could hardly
sigh still. Mother is going to Child Island
today. Mine has fish club on Friday for

Keep much less regret
due to all the men. She
kept a while and just
said she felt better and is
getting up.
Well my darling Doll
Bugs must get ready
for dinner. Been helping
Grand Maide another
butterfly picture down
Kanda Messy. Ah yes!
Returned the Comby & maybe
they will send the magazine
lots of love Alice



Lots of love darling.

I do hope the deffed
bag and Camelry box "does arrived".
It's been sent, so you should
have it by this time.
In the course of cleaning
up, I found a little box that
should have reached you

on your birthday and was
so sure I'd sent the thing to
you. Now I'm so disgusted
I'll wait and give it to you
when you get home. I ain't
much Darling but thought you
might like it.

Well we had another downpour
last night, with much lightning
effect and lots of noise.

It's a drippy morning, with
no signs of clearing up and
we were invited up to Demons
for Picnic Supper, so guess
they'll have it down in the
recreation room.

Mother is having a luncheon
for Mary and Sally Sat. and
Sally leaves latter part of afternoon.
Mother stayed in bed this a.m.
said she felt so sleepy. Didn't

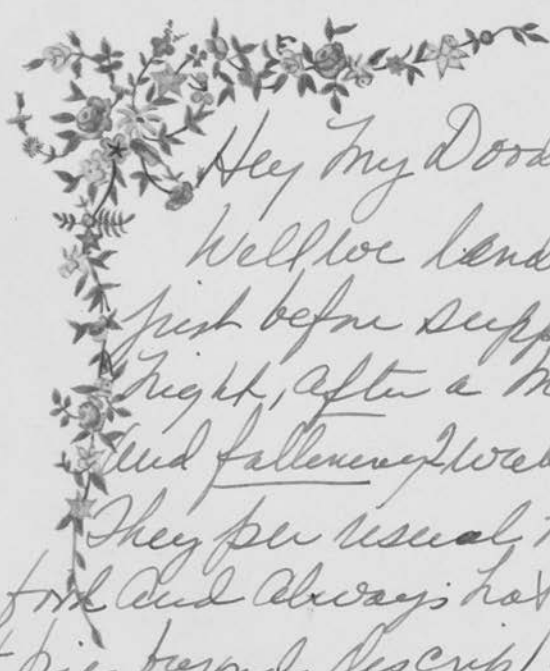


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Left night after dinner.
Daddy, Mother & I go out
at 4:30 as it takes 9.15 P.M.

Well I don't get to finish this
before we look at it in the
dinner table in the house.
But we had a grand time
and there. All went in a steam
trolley, rode the Queen's Palace
around and in the ball track &
I don't know what else -
We ate out of doors. Well, I
fried hamburgs and well
they good. We just came in
and Mother & Daddy are having
a game before going to bed. All

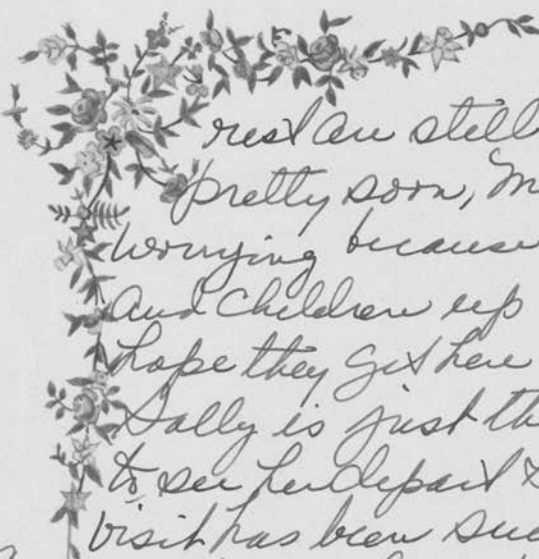


Hey my Doodle Bug.

Well we landed back home
just before supper, Sunday
night, after a most pleasant
and falling work at Maddens.
They per usual, had wonderful
food and always hot rolls or muffins
& pies beyond description. Course some

Could refuse.

Saturday Night Mother and I
started for our Cabin, before it got
too bad. A terrible storm came up.
We just passed the lodge when
Zip bang! the whole durned
place was lighted up and we
stopped and huddled our selves
after those awful flashes it
truly sounded like a bombardment
Needless to say we were a little
on the drippy side. When we got
there. Next a.m. it looked as tho
the lake had just plain moved
up on the shore. I never did see
so much rain in all my life.
Its grand to be back home and
I've just finished pressing Mother
Clothes. We will go out to Sarah
Maud's about 4.30. Mary Sally
Ann & Sarah are already out there.



rest are still out there &
pretty soon, Mother will be
worrying because they aren't here
and children up so late, so
hope they get here soon.
Sally is just the same & hate
to see her depart soon. for her
visit has been such a short one.
Mary & children leave Monday for
Minneapolis & then fly to Pittsburgh

They have all had a wonderful
time and will miss not being here.
I know how Drew & Jim will when
we'd return home after a month up
here.

You are a precious Darling to
understand why I can't come
and if you only knew how much
I wish I could come. But as I said
once before. "I'm still a hopain"
But Honey you will soon be home
and we will have some fun before
you three take off for a Cook's tour.
I've a woman lined up to stay
with Auntie Ida but Auntie doesn't
like the idea of the price she will
have to pay and said she'd think
about it. And, how thankful that
Aunt Rhea is feeling better. Had such
a nice long letter from her today.
Well Darling I must get my head
washed and then to bed. We go to
Brynny tomorrow, Child Interest
Picnic. A hug and lots of love to you
My Doodle Bug - Affectionately
Alice.

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Hells my darling Doodle Bug -

Whats left of me, will take
the good old pan in hand,
and try and bring you
up to date since you "dove
de-parted".

I've been trying to get my clothes in
order and it takes me so darned long to do
anything and would get that god dang
pain, would stop relax a few minutes and
set it again. Then I made a little blouse
for the Church sale like the one I made
for Vicky and got your things fixed.
And took your shoes up to be repaired
and cleaned. In between times went down
and bought out Ben Franklins for the
twenty children Mother remember here in town.
Don't ever buy a dress unless they put the d-
thing in a box. I nearly went nuts trying
to get it wrapped up, also the Chinese Checkers
Then there were other things to be wrapped
and sent for myself and Mother and
taking them to the post office to mail.
Its been so cold here and Thursday we

took off for Minneapolis so Mother
could finish her shopping. We came back
wary and plastered, I am with Hack &
Her Marie. I have never seen such crowds
in all my life and we had to wait so
long. However we did take in a movie
and heard Elena Steber last night. It was
a beautiful program. We left at Inter Mission
and ye Gods it was blowing up a blizzard.
We darn near blew out of bed. And the
window open only half an inch but the
morning it was beautiful but oh my, one
walked as the on eggs. Came back this afternoon.
I'm leaving Sat. night for San Francisco
and will spend a while with Lou my brother
and see if I can't get rid of the awful
cough & chest pain. But I had hoped to
see you before I took off on my Cook's tour.
But will see you after I get back Honey
and hope you have a wonderful Christmas
A heartful of love darling and I'm sorry I
couldn't write sooner but it was just
impossible. I've missed you terribly, In we
do have fun together and so do the ladies. You
had seen and how they all loved the musical.
But as many talked about it. I felt like a bird
let out of jail after being cooped up for a month.

Affectionately
Alice.

P.S. How did those fancy mystery fonts work?



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Tues. P.M.



Hello my Darling.

It was so sweet of you
to call me Saturday night
and am glad we were near to
hear the phone ring, for when I'm
back in my room. "Don't hear nothing"
That was the sweetest card you sent
me. I just loved it and many thanks.

I spent Easter Sunday with Aunt Ida and Aunt Reba at the house. Went to church and the service was beautiful and the church one mass of gorgeous flowers. We had such a crowd there, even tho it was so terribly cold. Not weather for spring cloth and we had more snow again today and its grey and gloomy.

Pauline sends lots of love and made the doughnuts that were mailed today. She is looking forward to your coming home. Spent Easter Sunday with Louis & Rosemary but was back here shortly after 4:30.

They are all up to their necks doing spring house cleaning and the darned dirt still pours in.

I guess Mother and Daddy will be home sometime this week. We haven't heard as yet but Daddy said some when about a near the 1st. Guess they have had a good time.

Aunt Ida is so happy to be at home now that she spends all her time in bed. They tried to get her up yesterday & then leg & hip hurt.

so, she just screamed. I'm not
surprised, for weather like this
affects broken bones and such. I'm
so miserable with Arthritis I can
hardly move. Wish it would warm
up and we'd all feel better. I know.
Addie has had a terrible time with
cramps in that hip and leg she hurt
and can hardly move. Has to use two
canes to even get about. But is learning
to walk but it's hard work and most
discouraging.

Did I tell you Jim sold the house and
is leaving tomorrow this Thursday.
Well my Pet it won't be long before
you will be home with us and
how happy we will be to have you.
Don't get drowned in any more
storms, take care of your sweet self
Affectionately Alvin

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so keen about that type of work. If he
doesn't stay there said he'd head up
the way for he likes the country.

Mother & Daddy took off for Minneapolis
this a.m. sented Friday P.M. Daddy said
it was too cold to go but he will have his
game of Cribbage I hope with George
Those two are a sight playing that
game but have such fun.

Am anxious to have you see the
cute dresses I found in Minneapolis
last week. Our dress mother calls
my sweet pea dress. She knew there
were flowers on it but couldn't think of
the likes of the valley.

Well my Pat have you been able to
read them the hair scratching of mine
its been time & then I go to the bank
get Aunt Rika & down to the hospital.
I'd like I should put a uniform on when
I walk in there. Lots of love Darling & it
won't be long before you'll be home by gum.
Aunt



March. 10.

My darling Lotie

Well one of these damned
days the weather man will tell us
we might get spring some time in
the near future. But this a.m. it
was 30 below and it really goes right
thru our. Yesterday I started to walk
up town so I could go and pay bills
for Aunt Ida. I got as far as the top
porch step and came back in and
called a cab to take me to the first
place. I had nine different steps after
that so I was nearly frozen by the time
I got up to Daddy's office. It was 14 below

at 9.30 when I started forth.

Your letter just came and darling
I'm so sorry your duffel bag didn't
get there in time. But am glad you
got throw rugs for the floor. It does
make it more cozy and home like to
have something on the floor I think.
My writing looks like the devil today
and hope you can read this but
yesterday was lifting bags and
was up at Aunt Ida's looking for
her income tax reports. She is like a
squirrel the way she hides things
so the result was I ended up with
the fool hand all stiff and hurting
like the dickens.

They have Aunt Ida up each day for
a little while but she isn't very
happy about it for said it hurt her hips

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Bert is coming along but poor darling
has a long drag ahead of her before she
can get about. She has to put her brace
on before she gets out of bed, they told her
and never get up with out having it on.
Grace Woodworth's mother is much
better and gets up and walks about
a little each day. She surely came
out of that stroke she had, didn't she.

I know Tippy must be a darling
and will be so happy to meet her. We
are all thrilled and I mean it, that
she will come up here and we are all
looking forward to her visit.

Did I tell you Jim is selling the house
and leaving mom. He wrote he was
definitely not marrying Betty. I think
he plans to go to Atlanta and try to get
into the lumber supply business there. He