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Dear William:

Your letter of August 31st (#9) arrived on September 21st and as usual we were very glad to hear from you. We were especially interested in your description of your household staff as you had not told us of it before. Well I did not get far on the above for here it is the morning of the 15th and I am going to get a few lines to you before I do anything else this morning. It is 7.30 and just getting light, what will it be in December. I do not like this time in winter as we have to burn too much electricity.

Your letter of September 22nd (#10) was received here on October 9th and I think that it made very good time and we were glad to know that you are alright. You thought as to transportation for Philinda sounds quite reasonable although I am fearful of any transportation across the ocean at this time. I would not like to see her have to go on any belligerent boat during this time. Let us hope that it will work out alright and that she may land there safely.

We should have cabled you for your birthday but thought that we had better conserve the money and the wires for more important business. The greeting is late but we wish you many happy returns and hope that you may spend the next one with us at home. It would be nice if you could get your home leave next year, it will have been two years in February since you left and that is a long time to be away. We were so glad to receive the snap and would like to have you send any other interesting pictures you may have taken.

I do hope that your glasses have arrived by this time, they should as Bernie sent them through the Department on August 21st and explained in the letter that you needed them very badly. We are hoping that you now have them and that your eyes have not changed too much since the order was placed. I have a new pair, trifocals, they have a small section at the top through which I can look through and see the prices ect., of the things on the tops of the doors and the merchandise on top of the cases. They work very well but are going to be hard to get used to.

The merchandise situation is getting worse very day and we are going to have a very difficult time getting through if it continues too long. We shall be glad to take it if we can win the war which is the main issue at this time.

Walter Kinney left us two weeks ago. He will be called to the army the later part of November and wanted to get his house finished before he left. His mother had a house left to her and Walter has been doing most the the remodeling. He has a garage to move and all of the cement work to do, the driveway and the walks and steps, so he wanted to leave in order to get it finished. We have not as yet gotten anyone to take his place and if it were not for the fact that we have so much space to cover, especially at the dinner hour, we could possibly get along without anyone.

The Coshocton farm is not much help. I could not get enough labor to pick all of the grapes and had to let around 150 bushel go to waste. The apples were rather light. Penick has them all off now.

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Lenick has had as much or more than usual to do this fall. He always takes on more than he can handle properly and just works himself to death and does not accomplish much as far as the money end is concerned. I have not been down much this fall on account of the tire situation. We will have gasoline rationing by November 22nd and that will make it more difficult. Our tires are in fair shape and should last a couple of years barring any mishaps to them.

The Aluminum plant is making progress and it will possibly be ready for operation within a year. On Tuesday night I had several of the boys from the Aluminum Company and the Holmes Cons. Co., down to Hanover for dinner. Thought it would be a nice gesture and strengthen our connections with them for the future. Tom Powell had a fish dinner and it was very nice and they all enjoyed it very much. Part of them stayed until after two A.M.

Melody goes to Granville every day except Saturday, she takes the 7.30 bus and I usually bring her down to it when I come to work. She likes it very much and I think that it will do her a lot of good and she will make the best of it. She has been pledged to the Tri Delts, the one to which Sarah belongs and she likes the girls very much.

Sarah is quite busy with school work and it takes a lot of energy to keep it up. If it had not have been for the fact that Melody is going to Granville to school, I would not have let her teach this year, but she needs it to pay her way.

On Wednesday Betty and Herman went to Michigan to visit Pa and Leonard and Mary. The hunting season opens at that time up there and I think that he wants to do a little hunting. Our season opens on November 20th and I would like to get out for a day or two and tramp around over the place. We put out forty three pheasant this fall but the foxes are so bad that I doubt if many are left by time the season opens. You should have some very good hunting in the section of the country that you are in. If meat gets scarce go out after some game.

Uncle Cary is holding his own and is stronger than he was a few weeks ago. He will be eighty seven in November and of course can't last many more years.

Well I must close as we are getting busy. I know that there are many things that I should have spoken of that I have forgotten but I shall think of them later. Had a letter from Janie a week or so ago and they did not get to move into the new Apartment on the first of October but hoped it would be ready by this time, have not heard as yet if they have moved.

Write to us when you can and give us all of the news. Love and best wishes from all of us.

Yours,

*Daddy*

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