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Tuesday afternoon

Dear Daddy:-

Well, today was my last day of hard classroom work. Tomorrow there are classes, but it is my easy day. Most of the boys took week ends over Memorial Day in Montreal or down at Smith, but as usual I stayed here in Hangover, N.H. I had to make a book report in history in the afternoon about 2:45. The book was "Emperer Francis Joseph of Austria" by Joseph Redlich. It was 540 pages long, and they were big pages too. I didn't finish reading it until 1:00 <sup>P.M.</sup> o'clock, and I still had the report to write. But I finally got it done. Professor Williams was adding up the quiz averages for the class for the semester. He remarked that I had a good many 10's. As a matter of fact, my average is 9.44. It would have been even better if I had not gotten 8 in one of the last quizzes of the year.

Frank Heath is ~~going~~ to work on the College Valet Service, and he was just in to see about my rugs and stuff. They take care of rugs, blankets, curtains, etc. all summer, clean them, and return them in the fall. For the little washable <sup>rugs</sup> it would be about 50¢ and the other rugs would probably be about 1.25. It seems to me that this would be a much easier method to handle the situation than having to bother with getting the trunk out of here in the rush season. Please let me know what you and Mother think of this. I am enclosing another ad for the same service.

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What ever made Mother think that I had a chance for a stage part in King Henfy IV? I don't ever expect to do any acting. In the first place, I can't act. More than one person has come here fresh from the high school stage without being able to do anything withit. I am perfectly happy to stay in the lighting crew, where all my friends are.

The lighting crew has brought up another problem. Both White, the lighting manager and Wagner, the Electrician, are D.U.'s. Naturally, they want to keep the Players lighting crew pretty well under their control. They started sending delegations around several weeks ago, and I went up for an informal open house. One day last week Wagner came and asked me to go to a show with him, but I didn't feel very well, so I didn't go. Saturday he and another of the brothers asked me to go again, which I did as I could not think of any good reason to get out of it. For you see the D.U.'s have a perfectly rotten reputation around here. While the national organization is strong, the chapter here is only five years old, and they have been having a hard time. They have some lousy guys and a reputation of being a bunch of drunks, which is about true, I can say from personal experiance. So I don't want to go D.U..

Well, after the show, Wagner came up to the room to read some College H/umors that Bobby has, and after we had been reading a while, he started to talk business. He had the same line that they


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have in all colleges. I hardly knew what to say, as I didn't want to accept and still I didn't want to hurt his feelings. In the end I told him I'd have to think it over. He told me who this year's delegation is, and they are just the same type of fellows as before. I like Wagner and White, but some of the other 'bros.' are too much. Last night they came in and asked Dick and I to a supper that they are having tonight at the Bonnie Oaks. Since I knew they only give these dinners for their pledges, both of us refused as we would feel obligated if we went. Well, some time soon I am going to have to tell them. I hope they won't be sore. Of course, this kills my chances of any good advancement in the Players, as they run that through politics.

Saturday night I went over to the library to read my book, and there I saw my old friend Paradis, also a lighting man. We had a great talk - from 7:30 to 10. He asked me how the frats were coming along, and I told him I was going to have to refuse Wagner, and that things didn't look so good. The upshoot of the matter was that he asked me up to his house, Alpha Sigma Phi, the one I turned down earlier in the year. They are the only scholarship fraternity on campus. They have the highest scholastic rating, and are trying to hold it against the Jews. Outside of this, they are no good, but I found the bunch at the house very congenial. Guess what one group was doing? Playing Mah Jong. They asked me to take

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a rack, whic I did and wholloped the lads in the two games we had time to play. Very nice.

Then there is the tri-Kaps. They rate fairly well on campus, although they have gone down tremendously in the last few years. They have a lovely house, new, but they are not a national. That is the great drawback. Well, I don't know what to do. The A.S.F.'s and the K.K.K.'s haven't said anything yet, but I presume they will soon. So I will have to decide. It's a hard choise.

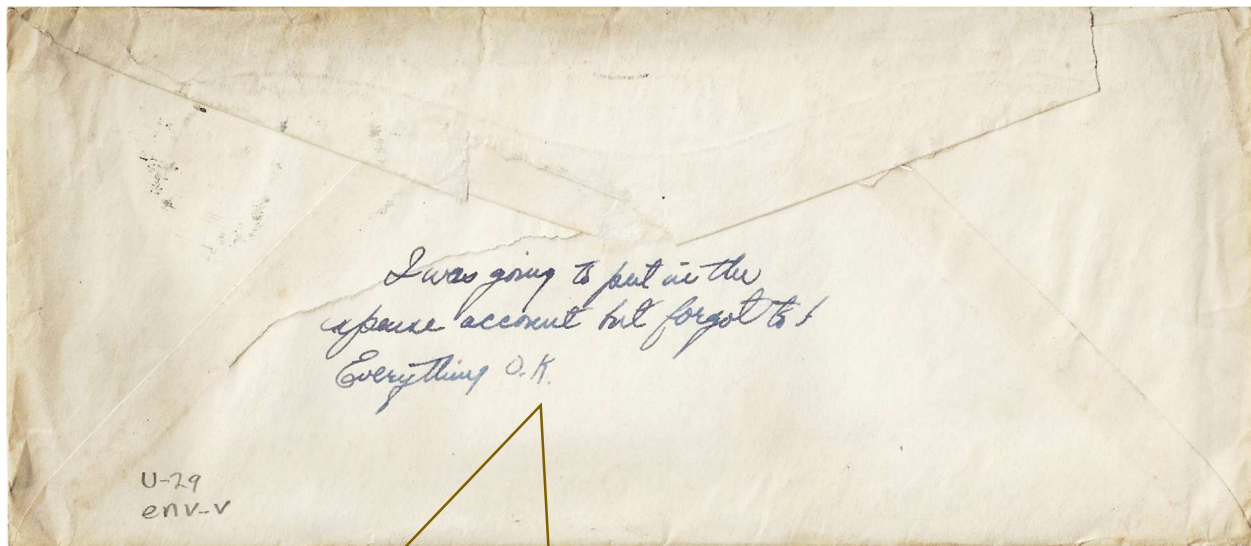
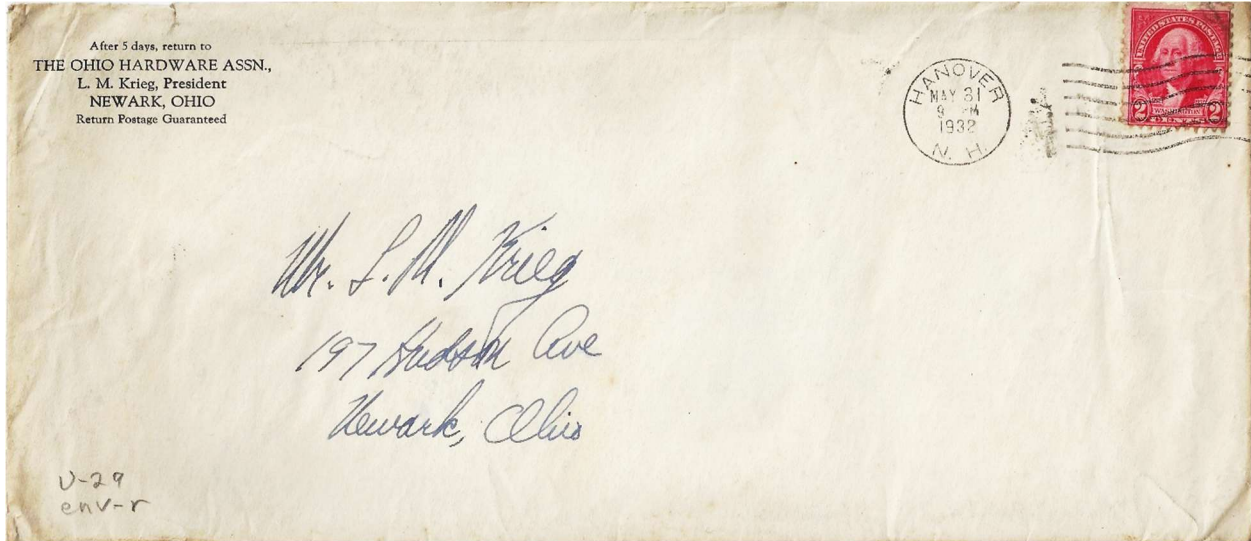
Give my love to all the folks. Ask Herman how camp is coming on. Don't forget about the laundry case and the camp box. Tell Betty to stick fast.

With love,

*Wilham*

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I was going to put in the expense account but forgot to /  
Everything O.K.