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Monday night - 9:15 P.M.

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Dear folks -

I am wondering whether Mary stopped to say hello for me last night or not. She certainly had a long hard trip. That hour drive after all the riding on trains must have been hard. We did have a fine weekend, though, so I think it was well worth the hardships of travel.

Now Mary knows a little about South Bend. We walked considerably in the business district and also in the residential section, tracing down a few leads for apts. that the Y.W.C.A. had given us. I think we are convinced that we won't get anything satisfactory by answering advertisements. The one apt. we saw (yesterday) Sat. was terrible. However, the Y.W., the U.S.O. and a family by the name of Burrows to whom we were referred by a lady in Muncie, are all on the look out for us. Something might turn up and if it does I don't think it will be too expensive.

I brought Mary out here yesterday morning so she has a good idea of lay of the land! She also

met my roommate and several of the other fellows.
I'm anxious to hear from Mary as to the final
outcome of her long trip. I felt a bit guilty we
I put her on the train and she had that long long to
go whereas I just had to catch a bus to come out
here.

The cheese came through in fine shape
and it is swell. Funny thing though, of all
the fellows right around me here only one likes Swiss
cheese. So he and I have a lot to eat. These fellows
are from N.J., Mass., Ark. & Ohio so they don't know
what good cheese is. Thanks a lot for it. Maybe next time
you could send just a little smaller piece.

Dad, I hate to mention finance so much
but I guess I can't do much about it. Mary's checking
account has dwindled considerably. I guess she has \$30 +
about now. Most of her expenses (checks) have been
towards the three weekends we have had. This last one
cost her over \$12 in train fare alone. Her other expenses
have been the utilities (from April) storage on furniture and
the moving expense connected with that. Maybe we shouldn't
have as many weekends together if they are so expensive
and yet if I were in a position to say so, which I am not,
expense wouldn't mean a thing. We haven't been extravagant.
Just meals for this last weekend were over \$6 - for 3 meals
together it couldn't have been much less. Anyway, to
end this long tale of finance, I would like to borrow some
money to put in Mary's checking account. I can check on that
in case I really need to.



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However, we have a big pay day coming up
This Wednesday. Total amount received \$23 Deductions:
\$13 for shirts, ties etc. which we got with our midshipman's
uniform, \$1 for Red Cross (donation supposedly voluntary and
in any amount, but really compulsory at \$1 or more) and
approximately \$2 for laundry - Net \$7 for my second
pay. I should kick because that is \$3 more than
I got the last time. I don't need any money around
here so don't send me any.

Last Saturday I had two tests - one in
ordnance the other in Seamanship. The latter was a
terrible exam. Everyone did poorly and I'm afraid there
will be a big tree. A tree is a list of men who
have above special weekend study hours for falling below
2.5 (maximum ^{perfect} grade 4.0) in any subject for the previous
week. I might be on the Seamanship tree for next
week I'll just have to wait and see.

It is now fifteen minutes until taps
so I had better prepare for bed. How is the weather
at home, now? We have had a spring rain all day
today. The robins are here now, too. It is very

windy tonight so I expect it will be a lot
colder tomorrow



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Love,

George

Got a nice letter from Daisy today