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Sunday night
May 2, 1943

Dear mother and dad;

Another wonderful weekend with Mary and Georgia Sue is over. I was very much afraid that something was going to deprive us of that part weekend together, but good fortune or something kept me off the tree, and also off the weekend watch bill. You see the week before I missed an exam in Seamanship, and therefore had to write a make up exam last week. I didn't do well at all, in my estimation anyway, and made up my mind that I would be on the tree (unsatisfactory list) in Seamanship. But I wasn't, thank goodness.

This is the second weekend that the Ackleys have been out of town, thus leaving us alone in their house. They are apologizing (?) to Mary constantly about their going away, but actually we are glad that they do go. Mary and G. S. are waiting for me at 2:30 P.M. when I get off on Saturdays, and then we go right back to Tiler. Mary does all the driving while I tend to G. S. Golly she is a wonderful baby. Jack and Paul, the two fellows who live right across the hall from my

room, saw her yesterday and they thought she was awfully cute. She knows me very well now. I actually think she is getting over being so shy with men because she wasn't afraid of Jack and Paul yesterday. Mary has her out in the buggy a lot these days and therefore she sees a lot of people, which no doubt has helped G.S. lose that fear of strangers.

Yesterday, Mary and I parked G.S. downtown again. The weather hasn't been a bit nice. It has been so damp and cool that Mary has to keep G.S. in her snow suit and also keeps her covered while out in the buggy. For that reason I kept G.S. outside the store while Mary went in and shopped. See, she was good. She got a big kick out of little children that came over to see her. She would beam all over when they came towards the buggy.

Mary has become a valuable assistant to both Mr. & Mrs. Ashley. She helps Mrs. Ashley to housework and became Mrs. Ashley is gone in the afternoon she becomes an office girl for Mr. Ashley in the afternoon having to answer phone calls, accept insurance payments and write out receipts for them etc. I told her that she should get a reduction in room and board for doing all of that. However, the arrangement has been so satisfactory for us that I guess we had better leave well enough alone.

We were so glad to hear all about your trip to Texas, and about Jerry. I was so

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thrilled when I read Dad's letter and learned that Jerry was to be an instructor. I think that is wonderful. He will get a lot of extra flying experience and it won't be an easy assignment. But, he will be around here that much longer and will be better off if he does get active or combat duty later on. Mother, you must have had a hard trip coming home. I thought that was awfully nice that Bob, his wife and family were at the airport to meet you. I can just picture you there as Uncle Cord, Aunt Grace and Bob took us out to the airport that time we stopped in on our way back from California.

So far I haven't the slightest idea of what kind of duty I'll get after finishing here. There are only 25 more days left, and only 3 weeks of classes. The four days will be spent turning back books etc., getting our assignments etc. They have been piling on work so hard and fast that I haven't had time to hardly turn around. I expect this fast pace will be kept up until the end.

Mary came down Friday night and we

attended a concert by Richard Cooke. He was very good, and it was so nice to have Mary here for that.

I don't suppose you want to think about making another trip so soon. I don't want to rush plans or anything, but I think that it would be better for you to come to Niles and look up Mary. You wouldn't have a bit of trouble finding their place then because Mary says she will have a good path formed to Notre Dame by May 27th. If you planned to come Wed. they would get reservations for you at a hotel in Niles. Niles is nothing but an over grown small town.

Taps will be in a few minutes so I'll have to quit.

Love
George

P.S. Dad, I don't need any more money. What you sent will last me, I believe. Thanks a lot.