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Dear Mother, Dad & Mary Jo;

It is about two o'clock this Sunday afternoon - we have had our lunch and Sue is up in her bed-room supposedly taking a nap however she was talking a blue streak to her dollies when we came down, and Mary and I are out in back of the apartment bldg. absorbing a little sunshine. We are practically beneath the window of Sue's room so we should hear her if any disturbance should arise. She really loves it here - she plays outside by the hours in the little playground and sand-box that is out in back and you should see how changed her complexion is already from a creamy white to a bright pink. Luckily she hasn't got a hard sun burn yet for when I try hard to regulate the amount she is exposed to the sun. A couple of afternoons we have gone down to the beach which is not 1/2 block directly behind us - we all like it there. I've only gone in swimming once though and Sue and Mary none at all as the water is somewhat contaminated by drainage water from a ravine.

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outlet right at this particular point on the beach. The water isn't too bad and lots of people swim there regularly so you can see we are just extra cautious especially with Sue.

The end of the war was justifiably an occasion for the masses to celebrate, but for us we just couldn't see ourselves entering into all the crazy things or etc. We heard the wonderful news just as soon as it was announced but proceeded in carrying out our plan for taking Sue to the beach as we had presumed her for that evening. (a few other people who came down there while we were enjoying the waves, sun and sand, probably thought we were crazy for taking things so calmly.) I wouldn't doubt but what Bob had advance word of all these events leading up to the authentic announcement we got, and really had occasion to celebrate. We would like to hear of his reaction and activity in this regard as soon as you could relay it on to us.

The Contract Termination officer in the Cleveland Inspector of Naval Materials office happens to live in an adjacent apt. bldg. He is a pretty nice guy all right but there are lots of little things I have observed about him in the past week which don't must say



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approval, or if that was of any great importance to me or anyone else in view of my present status - I just wanted to let you know that although he and I get along fine and all that he has been wondering sometimes concerning his being where he is. Anyway, he was good enough to run over in the rain Tuesday evening to tell me that Wed. & Thurs. would be holidays and the I.H.M. office wouldn't be open. But Wednesday evening he again came over, this time his wife and dog were along and all stayed and visited for a little while, and asked me to go into the office Thursday as there undoubtedly would be a pile of contract terminations coming in. I went, of course, and spent the whole day. There were hundreds of terminations to log in, and get organized on. I didn't do anything but assist in chunking all the correspondence in, neither did anyone else and that is a job I believe could have better been done by clerical help had they called them back to work. In fact, I haven't done any work to speak of since I've been here. Now, I'm on the move again! If you last

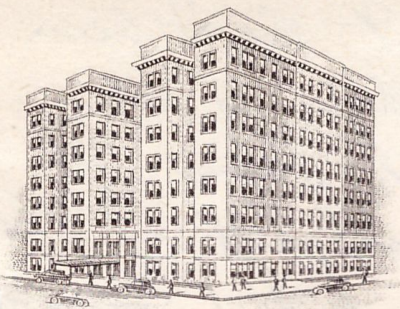
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Tuesday That

I formally was told that I was going to be sent to Mansfield Ohio. I had known of the move informally since a week ago last Sat. because an officer slipped and told me of it thinking I had been told. I know this move had be planned long ago and I am quite concerned over their having given me the go ahead sign on committing ourselves for a full month's rent of this apt. knowing that I was eventually going to Mansfield of course they couldn't control the Japsi surrendering on such a date as they chose to do so, but for the little I have accomplished here I think it would have been much better for me to have gone directly to Mansfield. If that had been the case we ~~no~~ doubt would be settled somewhere down there by now.

As it is, Mary and I are going to stay here for awhile. I'm going down early Monday morning and start my duty. Will be living in a hotel resulting in a doubling up of rent for the period in which we have to live apart with no additional compensation from the Navy. However for many reasons, but chiefly because we have paid the rent here and this is such a nice place for Iue to be over being confined to a hotel room again, we think it better that I go on alone and try to find a place for us down there. I will be working only 40 hours a week, new regulation ^{being} put into effect.



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this coming week so I should get back here for Sat. + Sunday. I don't know how much time I will have to look for a place to live, but it is a sure thing that living conditions won't be much better there than they have been anywhere else we have been, for awhile at least, and I will be spending all the time I can in my searching. Manassas is only about 72 miles south and west of here, but is hard to get to. Only regular transportation is by Greyhound. I will leave here ^{by bus} at 6:25 A.M. tomorrow, get a bus at 7:30 A.M. from downtown and arrive in Manassas at 10:30 A.M.

Dad, thanks a lot for the wonderful birthday present - that ^{was} really swell! And Mather and Mary Jo thanks so much for your cards! I really had a nice birthday celebration - I was surrounded by everyone and Mary + Sue had a nice surprise birthday dinner and cake for me. Sue gave me a nice American flag, a gift she thought of all by herself - wasn't that nice? Mary gave me a swell pair of tan play shorts which I have used in running and a door-mirror for the car, the latter I have wanted to get because Sue's standing in the middle of the front seat has made the regular rear-view mirror useless.

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We were sorry to hear of Uncle
Glen's tough luck. Those must have been a
bad crank-up. I hope all three of them
get along all right. We learned from the
Independent Register that the occupant of the
other car involved died - that's bad! Wonder
if Arnold will still be married at this
time? He has waited long enough so a
little longer shouldn't make too much difference
if it doesn't put the went off permanently.

Will let you know how we
make out in this next move of ours.
Take care of yourselves —

Lots of love.

George, Mary & Sue