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Dear Mother, Dad & Mary Jo;

It has been a long time since I have given an account of our activities. Somehow or other things just keep right on happening to keep me definitely on the go and in a very unsettled state.

I took an early morning bus from Cleveland and reported in at the Resident Inspector of Naval Materials office here in the Westinghouse Electric plant on Monday morning, a week ago today. Of course the first thing I was interested in was locating a place for us to live. I was very disheartened when they told me the story - that there just weren't any places available here or in nearby towns - that people had had to wait 6 or 8 months to find a place and then they only did through "the grape-vine leaf" and with a lot of luck. I still wanted to

take a crack at it myself and all last week, during my off time, I made as many contacts and inquiries as I could, to no avail.

Upon arriving at the Mansfield-land Hotel last Monday I learned that I only had a hotel room for two nights due to a golf tournament and some business convention both being in town that week. Lt. Miller, who reported in the Inspector's office the same day as I did, was and is in the same fix. We both were introduced here at the "Circle Club" which is nothing but a big old baron residence which the Westinghouse Elec. Corp. used to operate specifically for their young technical trainees, but which they are continuing to operate for most any young men who can qualify in some way or another. Miller and I engaged out here on Tuesday. It cost but \$65 a month and that includes room, 2 meals a day and laundry - all of which is not bad. The meals are wonderful. There are only 8 or 9 fellows here - some have been here for months, others stay only on a temporary

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hair - I of course am hoping for the latter.
 The work I am doing has
 not proved very interesting as yet. I
 have been involved in a lot of routine
 processing of contract terminations and hardly
 any real problems in that connection.
 Of course this is only the beginning of
 things and everything about the office, even,
 is new to me. I don't really know
 termination theory like Jim suppose to -
 but just because I took the course in
 work. Jim supposed to be an expert. I
 lack the practical side of things and definitely
 haven't the experience of contacting the
 contractors. But, as time goes on Jim
 sure I'll gain all that experience because
 the real work load is going to come in
 the very near future. I'd be much happier
 and a better man on the job if I
 had a place for my family to live, here,
 I can tell you that. I'd be darned if I

feel like giving my all to this job
in the service under these conditions.
The war is over with and I feel I have
as much right to a home with my
family as anyone else does and until I
get it I'm not going to be satisfied
with anything this navy gives me. I
wouldn't mind getting located and settled
here for awhile, though.

I took the bus back to
Cleveland Friday night, got home at
10 o'clock. Had a wonderful weekend!
Dad was so happy to see me when
she awoke Sat. morning. We had a great
time shopping in the rain on Sat.
It has been terribly cold, being along the
lake doesn't help any either, so we actually
weren't outside much. Sunday afternoon
we did take a little drive over through
Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights etc. On our way
home we got really tied up in a "hot mess".
I was following a street car east on
Euclid Ave (had only followed for a block
and only because I wanted to turn off to the

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left at the next block) and all of a sudden things began to pop, crack and burn! The street car trolley got fouled up and tore down the electric cable and all the steel cable supporting the electric cable. It all fell right in front of us, some of the steel supporting cable falling across the fenders and bumper of our car. Oh what a firework it was! Sue was scared to death, about and of course Mary and I were, too. I stopped immediately, about four or five feet from the dangling hot cable. I couldn't get up immediately on account of cars behind me, then with the steel supporting over on the car I could make for fear of pulling more of it down and possibly wiring them become "charged". So we just waited where we were until the inspector and workman came and untangled us. The

wasn't hurt except for deep scratches
from the steel cable. I didn't report
that because it would be more trouble
than it was worth to try and recover
anything. Furthermore I was ^(and Mary, too) so thankful
none of us were hurt - with something like
that we very well could have been - so that
incident took the "wind out of our sails"
for the rest of the day.

I got up early this morning
and drove down bar - it is only
about 75 miles. I hope the car will
facilitate my finding a place, but tonight's
results were disappointing. I did get to see
a lot of the city and there are lots of
beautiful homes - that doesn't do us any
good! Tomorrow night I might go
over to Ashland which is about 14 miles
from here, to see what I can find there.

I hope, mother, that all the
activities with the Christapherian at home
and the usual part pace you set hasn't been
too awful much for you. We did get your
letter Saturday - it was mighty good to
hear from you after so long with the
delays and reading between the lines I know

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pretty well what the situation is
though. I do hope you and dad
will slow down and take care of yourselves.

I think Mary Jr. will
have to remind her statement about
our family not being reproductive!
Georgia Sue is not only going to have
new cousins but also a brother or
sister, we hope! What do you say
to that, Mary Jr. especially? Georgia Sue
first was told about it last week and
she really told me about it this weekend.
If someone would tell us about when
Sue can expect a cousin on the Condon side
maybe we could reciprocate with the
same information from this family. I
don't quite think we twins will have
twins between us - do you?

Love,

George