

March 27, 1945

Dear Mommie,

Reached Chicago Sunday night and called Kiku + got Lew but couldn't get Warren - they don't take calls after 10:30. Monday morning papa and I looked around downtown and after having a bite to eat, we went back to the hotel and Warren was waiting for me.

He was in a hurry so we didn't say more than a few words - I felt bad because I think he was waiting quite a long time.

He gave me a gift for graduation - a beautiful Princess Gardner wallet - has a lot of nice features + is big so that cards actually fit. Lady Buxton is a bit too small for most cards. I'm sure he paid a lot for it so I'm planning to give him something really good for his birthday - a combination of graduation + birth-day so it'll have to be nice - don't you think a good leather shaving kit would be nice?

Well, anyway, I hope I see Warren when we go back to Chicago.

We left Chicago yesterday afternoon - a few hours after seeing Warren and reached Washington this morning at 8:45 and today we walked around town, ate a brunch and in the afternoon we went up the Washington Memorial and saw the cherry blossoms around the Jefferson Memorial + the Tidal Basin.

They say it was prettier last week when they were
in full bloom. Washington is very warm as
was Minneapolis - poor papa with his heavy
underwear is suffering. Minneapolis is having
real spring weather now - suit weather and
Washington is like summer & you see women
wearing dresses and blouses on the street
with no coat.

Wed AM.

Just got up - I was so tired & still am.
Last night a girl that I knew at Wash. Univ who
is now working here at D.C. came over and we
talked til 11:30 in the room. She is very nice
and I knew her quite well and today she's
going to try to get off from work to go night -
seeing with us. We may have tomorrow or
the following day for Philadelphia. There
are many places to visit here in Wash. but
right now a lot of places are closed to the public
because of the war. Yesterday we saw the Wash.
monument & went to the top & then to the Smithsonian
museums. It's tiring because we do so
much walking. Papa is still in bed. I'd
give any money to go back to Minneapolis where
I know how to get around without getting lost.
Papa & I talked things over and a Vic
told you before, he agrees that I stay in Minnesota
if that will help me. Ken may go overseas
anytime, but I want to see him as much

as possible before he does. Sometimes I think he's too good for me, but I don't think there's any harm in trying to hang on to him. I'm going to see if I could get a job and look for a place to live but in the meantime I'll stand it Comstock.

My, today is another hot day. I could hardly stay in bed. I hope it gets cooler because I'm not prepared for such weather.

Hope everything is alright with you and Pinky. The pictures you sent of her & all of you were very nice. Pinky is very cute and the one of her alone. It's nice that you were able to have it taken.

Well, I'll close now.

Will write again,

Maudie