

March 31, 1945

Dear Tommie,

Received your letter - it was here when we got here yesterday afternoon.

The trip is a little long - Papa says so too. About a week would have been plenty. I'm pretty tired and terribly run-down so I can't do much sight-seeing.

I do wish I could go back now but since we started it & have our tickets and reservations, I guess we have to go through with our original plans.

All cities are alike & Philadelphia is no different, perhaps a little dirtier than most places. Minneapolis is certainly clean compared to this place.

We went downtown and got some sheets at Gimbel's - I'll need them sometime and thought that I might as well get them when they have it. They are percale of fairly good quality - 2.25 / sheet. We are mailing them to Jopaz because they are too much to pack around.

We will also send some of Papa's wool underwear that he won't use. It's hot here in Philadelphia too.

The hotel is full and rather uncomfortable - papa is in with two others & I'm in a room with three others.

Today I got a couple of suitcases. They are pretty good ones so now I could return you yours. Looks like I'll do quite a bit of traveling so I'll need them. They will deliver it to the Brooklyn Hostel so we can put the stuff we buy in them. I don't expect to buy much. Shopping is strenuous and I can't take it. Papa must be tired too.

I'm sorry to hear that Pinky is sick. I hope she is alright soon. It might have been better if I went to Topaz for a visit rather than come out here - at least for my health anyway. Please don't think I'm selfish to feel that way. I don't want to be and that's why I came out here with papa at your suggestion, but perhaps it was too much of an undertaking in my physical condition. In two weeks I'll be back in Minnesota and I hope everything will turn out alright. Bye the

middle of June I should know definitely
whether I will settle in Minnesota
or somewhere in the mid-west, or
go back to California and live there.

Looked for that lining today
but couldn't find any that color,
maybe I'll have to get gray. I'll
try again in N.Y. I guess I
was right about gabardine when
I wrote to you that they are impossible
to get. That piece at Donaldson
is probably gone by now but it
was the only get. I saw in Minneapolis.

School starts on the 3rd of
April - gosh, I'll be over a week
late for classes, even though I'll only
be taking a couple of courses. Hope
it will be alright.

All this has been pretty hard,
~~but~~ it has taught me a good lesson
and next time I'll think before
taking on a plan like this.

I'll write again. Take care of
yourself and don't over do things.

Love,
Martha

Am Phila.

Your suggestion that my worry over
his health is needless is
misplaced