

March 3, 1943

Dear Violet -

You may wonder why I've been so long acknowledging receipt of your extensive shopping trip for us.

Thanks and appreciation also go to Mrs. Murray of whom you mention so much.

It almost seems that we too have known her for some time and that she is not a stranger to us.

Night before last I caught another cold. Not that I relish them so much. It just seems to like me I guess. I worked 'til mid afternoon, but it had its ever tightening claws digging into my shoulders, throat and head that I asked to be

survived it and I suppose we shall have to be able to survive many a varied ordeal ere this terrible war is over. Two days ago, registration of women has begun. Martha and I were among the 1st to finish our registration.

Affraid I won't qualify for nursing nor the WDAC, 'cause of my extraordinary stature. Martha however will be well equipped if ever she can get out to complete her nurses training and has she told you? she's trying to go to St. Mary's (Mayo affiliation) at Rochester, Minn. Lucky girl! How I wish I were a few years younger, for their age limit is 30 yrs. It's almost impossible to believe that I've passed that mark, actually.

If ever we should be able to get back to our dear friends in

excused. I wasn't sick altho' my co-workers told me that my face was flushed. I just couldn't concentrate as I tried working on our monthly report to Washington.

I've been in bed. Really - it seems a luxury. It's been threatening to rain since morning, so, not feeling too sick, I decided to catch up on my much neglected reading. A friend of ours brought me "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas (story of Christ) Martha started reading it aloud to me last nite as I lay in bed. I read it while she was at work today - I'm telling you it's become quite a bone of contention! Well - to keep peace in the household (barrack) she's reading and I'm writing, much to her delight.

The tension brought on by the military registration of men has finally subsided. We've

L.B., I'd have so much to tell you. Actual happenings that never appear in print, but the Army tactics was terribly wrong, but the boys who were so heated over the whole registration are going back each day to change their answers. I can't help admiring them for being able to see things thru logically for every thing is such a difficult jumble, especially the way the Army descended upon them.

At our registration, we gave your name, for a reference of long standing. I suppose you'll be quite fed up on filling out questionnaires vouching for the character of this and the other evacuees within the next several months. We also gave Mrs. Poling, Miss Smith, Mr. Buchanan and Wilma, (but I fear I gave the wrong address for Wilma.)

Didi's have my address book with me that's why.

Papa's been polishing a Cactus cane intended for your father. I don't know when he'll complete it, but they're surprisingly light in weight and strong. He's scraping it little by little each day. Which reminds me. How is Dad? Is he back home? How is he - more back to normal I hope.

This problem of whether to resettle or to remain here awhile is weighing upon us each day. Really - it's so uncertain. We wish so much that we could receive a dependable report from the mid-west or the Atlantic seaboard and what type of work is open for us.

Now down to business. I've rambled enough haven't I? Martha is pleased with her suit, but is awaiting a reply as to whether or not she can return the coat.

The material is nice and the style too, but it just looks baggy on her. We thought she could go buying a coat until she got out to school - that is if Famous will take back the coat.

Your box of material has been a great source of delight for us all. But again - <sup>Brynn</sup> neglected to enclose a sales ticket and we are at a loss how we can reimburse you for the purchase. It's been on my mind daily since getting the package, but I just couldn't

I hear from Shizue once in a great while. She isn't complaining, but economic conditions are not so encouraging in her life. I have also heard that Utah and Colorado - Denver especially are discouraging entrance of any more Japanese. Also that New York City still has its unemployment problems and that she also has had a great influx of evacuees in the last year or so.

Last night we heard Mome Chang Kai Shue over the air. What a wonderful orator and what a beautiful presentation! Did you get to hear? If only the whole world could retain that wonderful Christian attitude for the present and for the future, we wouldn't have need for another such season of war, ever.

got around to writing until  
this sick spell overtook me.  
Mama is anxious to have me  
start a dress for her. She  
reminds me almost daily now,  
that her other housewives  
are becoming faded, yes, and  
even thread-bare. Despite  
changes in circumstance, "spring-  
time and a maiden's fancies"  
will always hold true.

Whenever our neighbors are  
over - (women) Mama has to  
pull out the box and show them  
the wise selections of Martha &  
Amy's "Big Sister."

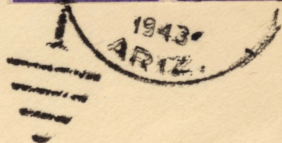
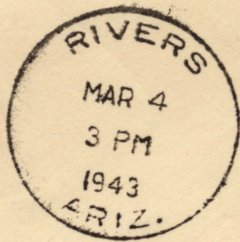
Be sure you let us know  
how much the yardage came  
to. We have the bills from Famous  
that Mrs. Murray sent us.

Please remember us all to  
your father.

With love,

(P.S. Heard from Mrs. Brown that our  
things are under your care.) Amy

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