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My dear Mrs. Whitney: -

I've been thinking of you a great deal since coming here and have planned writing to you for so long.

I'm sorry that we missed seeing you the last time we went out to Upland. Mickey didn't want us to disturb you as you had guests that day.

We hope that you are all well and that Mr. Whitney has recovered from his illness.

My sisters write to me often and tell me how good you are to them. I know that without all the kindnesses that you are giving them they would be so lost out there in Poston. You're really a blessing to them, thanks so much.

Louise wrote and told me that you sent her Princess's paw joint. She thought it was the nicest and the cutest surprise. I imagine Princess keeps you busy each day - and each day that you take care of Princess you must know that you are

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doing something wonderful and kind for
Louise. She is so much in love with her
"Prinny". Before she had to go to camp
she was so worried about her; now I
know she's relieved and feels carefree
that "Prinny" is safe.

We've been here in camp almost two
months but it seems like years. I presume
my sisters told you that we're living in
the stables. Yes - our apartment is just
the slightly whitewashed stall, the floor
is asphalt which is awfully messy and
of course the "odor" isn't too clear but
I guess it could be much worse.

The first month Layne was sick most
of the time and Jimmie was quite ill
too for a while, but we're thankful now
that our family is well again. Layne
cried a great deal while he was ill -
he wanted to go back to "Layne's house"
He'd tell us - "This house no good, it's gee
gee - (dirty)". Even now he sometimes says
"Go home Layne house". The little fellow
remembers that he once lived in a nicer
place than this. We tell him that we're
camping and that after awhile we're going
back to his house. So it is - that every-

day we're hoping that this terrible war
will end very soon. Untill then we'll
all have to grin and bear our lot and
hope for the best.

Mickey may have written and told
you of our plans to join them out there.
I put in our request two weeks ago
but as yet we have had no notice or
word.

I feel that the way conditions are
we'd have more peace of mind if the
family were to-gether. Anyway Layne is
fond of his "grandpa" and all his "Nanny's"
and he'd be happier too.

If you have some extra moments to
spare you'd make me happy if you would
write to me, please.

Give our kindest regards to Mr. Whitney
please and tell him that Layne still
has his "one dollar" that he so generously
gave Layne. He remembers it and often
asks to see "my one "dollar" Mr. Whitney
give me." His memory is too good - I
can't use the "one dollar" !!

Hoping to hear from you soon.

With love,

Alma
(Mrs. James Hatori)