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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

Happy new year! As you may notice I am using my new stationery to celebrate the arrival of 1943. I still have the blue stationery you sent me, but I had a sudden urge to write on this - hence the change. I am extremely fond of this, too.

It was quite a disappointment to learn you did not get our package before Xmas as the postman definitely told me if I did not insure it, you would get it by Xmas. I mailed it on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and for that reason, the package was not insured. When you wrote & said you had not received it, I felt terribly hurt because all of us wanted you to have that wooden vase - & I thought possibly you'd never get it. However, altho' late, I'm glad you got everything.

I'm sorry about that Coffee Mrs. Whitney. I surely hope you aren't serious when you say you'd drink it up - regardless of the consequence.

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doing you a favor - but I'm afraid  
it may do more harm than good.  
Perhaps, you can share it with  
Mrs. Daugherty or Mrs. Danderson. Alma  
told me this morning, as soon as the  
coffee comes in to the Canteen, she  
was going to send it to you, but I  
told her "Mrs. Whitney is too honest  
to haard & play "dumb" (if you'll excuse  
the phrase) - perhaps you'd better not  
send it to her. You see, all of us have  
good intentions!!

Last Tuesday (29<sup>th</sup>) - I received the  
nicest card & letter from Father Lavery.  
The card was one which had a  
beautiful blue miraculous medal  
attached to the center of it. In his  
letter, Father Lavery said he was  
feeling much better, & he was happy  
to be able to spend Christmas with  
his brother & sister - the first time  
in 23 years. Enclosed was a \$10.00  
check from his sister. I do not  
know her, but Father said she  
was sending it in hopes that  
we could buy ourselves some

thing of Christmas. It really touched  
me deeply, & when I wrote to thank  
her, I hardly knew what to say. <sup>78v</sup>  
She must be a dear woman to remember  
a stranger. In my last letter to Father  
Lavery, I told him of Louise & I planned  
on taking her instruction into the church.  
He seemed very much pleased & happy  
& offered his help too.

Before I forget - Father Clements'  
address is - c/o Maryknoll Chapel  
Block 45

Poston, Arizona.

I am positive he will get any mail  
addressed to the above.

Oh yes, another thing is - the check  
I received from Father Lavery's sister.  
I am not able to have it cashed  
in camp, may I ask you to cash it  
for me? Since the Community Enter-  
prise has been having trouble  
cashing personal checks, they have  
discontinued cashing all of them -  
but I rather feel they may make  
an exception in this case. If not -  
may I?

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The Church is trying to buy a small organ for the Chapel - to be used in all three Chapels - Camp 1-2-3. We thought besides what little we contributed each month - on Sunday towards it, we would contribute part of that gift towards it too. I think it would make all concerned feel very happy.

I thank you for sending the money order Mrs. Whitney. It makes me quite unhappy to see our funds dwindle down so soon - but if I can help it, it won't happen very soon - or often. We got paid after Xmas so I am enclosing a money order for \$5.00 - <sup>shall</sup> ask you to deposit that in our fund. I know it will be troublesome for you - but I'm afraid if I help it & wait to send a larger amount at once, there'll be never be any to send as it may be spent in the meantime. That amount doesn't help the balance too - too much, but it will help some. I feel we should try to keep the funds

as close to the regular amount as is possible because some day soon the war will end - & we'll be going home. As soon as we get our pay for Nov. & Dec, I shall try to deposit more. 280

The first thing in the morning, I am making off the vase that dad made. One really can't call it a vase as it isn't deep enough to hold anything much, but I think if you knew the hours dad spent on it - the clumsy, unartistic way he does have, you'd enjoy it. Personally, I think it is odd & different.

We finally got our heaters installed & burning. They do help a little. We also have our hi ba chi so together, they do make it quite warm.

Our New Year's day was the warmest I've ever spent, but the <sup>early</sup> morning was very cold. We spent quite a pleasant evening at the "ataris" - charcoal brailed spare ribs, bologna - & toasted Japanese rice cakes. We sat up all night - & had a

grand time teaching about days  
gone by.

38/ I shall have to close as it's getting  
quite late - & I'll have to get clear  
up yet. However - I do want to  
thank you for fixing the Rosary  
chart for us. As soon as Rennie recovers  
from her severe cold, we shall  
practice to gether - & look up the  
various chapters you wrote down.

Has Gage left the states yet?  
I join you in (constant) prayer each  
night for George - Braddo - Mr. Whitney  
& you, Mrs. Whitney. My regards  
to Mr. Whitney & Mrs. Daugherty.

With much love,  
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