

March 20, 1944.

Dear Gordon,

This sheaf of crossword puzzles was to have got off to you on Sunday - but first I found Ty had sent most of the ones we'd cut out to my nephew doctor - who was in the bombing of the hospital in Anzio and suffered a painful but not serious injury. (I wonder if that is censorable - hope not) He says he will have to learn to walk and sit again as a fragment went through him, but feels he is very lucky. I hope he may get invalided home, as he has not yet seen his son, born almost a year ago.

Letter writing has been hard to get at also because we were helping out in taking care of the Saltonstall's children while Kathie was in NY meeting Bill. He is back, telephoned last night, and it was so grand to hear his familiar voice. His carrier has been in all the big Pacific pushes, and it will be exciting to hear whatever he is allowed to tell. He will be here till April 4, and then go to Quonset, R.I. for a refresher course, and then see what the Navy has up its sleeve for him. Knowing as you do how much that family means to us, you can realise that next to having you or Dan back, comes Bill.

It is our Spring ???? vacation, and we had about the worst snow storm - preceded by very cold weather - of the year, yesterday. Today the sun has been warm, tho, and it has melted enough so streets and paths, at least, are visible now. Both Pop and I are working on the Red Cross War Fund drive, and I have my usual column plus the Mobile Blood Donor unit coming to Portsmouth next week, which means I must arrange transportation and appointments for (I hope) a lot of people. We may get to Boston - or perhaps only to Portsmouth to a movie and dinner. I hope some fine day we can pick up in Spring vacation and go as far south as possible. First the exchequer had prior claims on it to educate the two of them, and now war bonds and such come first.

Cary seems to have had no further news from Rogers Hall in Lowell, and I am hoping that doesn't mean they have already engaged someone I feel sure she'd stand a good chance of getting it if they talked to her - her spirit and enthusiasm and personality don't get in to her letters as well as might be. Perhaps I told you that I felt those of her teachers I met when I was at VC lately, seemed to have such a warm affectionate regard for her. It pleased me no end - to sound a bit British!

Speaking of that, do tell us how the hunting goes when you write. What do you hunt, and how often? It is wonderful that you seem to have found congenial people and like England so well. How do you think the usual high school graduate GI reacts to that country? Many important matters of policy and attitude will be decided and become history, all according to how Americans and British get along in these next months, I imagine. I have a theory that it would help matters, if our men were paid cash money over there to the same amount that the British get - the rest to be held in banks, war bonds, or whatever the man wanted, over here, until he came home. Speaking of which, a \$100 war bond arrived from the Treasury dept. for you and Cary a few days ago. It is safely in the bank drawer - you two are getting a good accumulation towards the future. It's fine

Now must go and get supper - NE baked beans and a lemon meringue pie which is the only item of food my excellent husband ever steered me into making 'like mother used to make'. Mrs. G.T. Kinder as well as Mrs. D.K. Stuckey sent us a few spare points which has been a big help, since the Academy keeps our books and takes most of the points out to cover dining hall meals.

Please tell us if you are NOT a xword puzzle fan, and also if you like them easy, medium, or hard. I've tried to send some of each kind in this letter - probably one of the last you'll get under the old 6¢ rate.

Love and luck, son Gordon.

*Pleased to have Cary say you want the devotedly - mine -
do you want the good one - or the one that is good for a laugh?
& rainy day? Well, I'll have both printed family in the picture in front of house. But
any way*



HPK-67K-19440320
Second

H. P. STUCKEY
Gilman House
Exeter, N.H.

CAPTAIN GORDON T. KINDER
O-413085

APO 9532 % Postmaster
693rd F.A.Bn.
New York
N.Y.