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April 10, 1944

Mr. & Mrs. Dolph Simons  
1521 Massachusetts Ave.  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dolph & Marie:

Your friends Lieutenant Arthur Buhl and his wife called last night, and we enjoyed hearing some first-hand news from them regarding you folks.

I was particularly happy to learn that you are planning to make a trip to New York the last of this month, and the Wellmans are counting on your stopping over enroute. As you know, it is only a two or three hour trip from Toledo, and while train reservations are not easy to get these days, the future governor of Kansas should be able to swing it without much trouble.

Mrs. Loomis sent me a clipping from the Kansas City Star, several days ago, which informed us of your being elected Republican Committeeman from Kansas.

Ruth was in Detroit last week on furlough. She has been assigned to Camp Wolters, Texas, but is now in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. It looks like she will be overseas within a short time. She was very enthusiastic about the W.A.C., has gained 15 pounds, and feels better than she has in years. She looked very chic in her uniform, and according to all information, is doing a real job!

Roland & Virginia Beard were up over the week-end from Ft. Wayne, and we all had a nice visit.

Please advise us right away as to when you can be in Detroit, so that we can make arrangements to have some of the old K.U. folks in to hear first-hand information on what is going on in Lawrence these days.

With best regards to you and all the family, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Joe*

JEW:nm

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

18 April 1944

Mr. Dolph Simons,  
The World Company,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

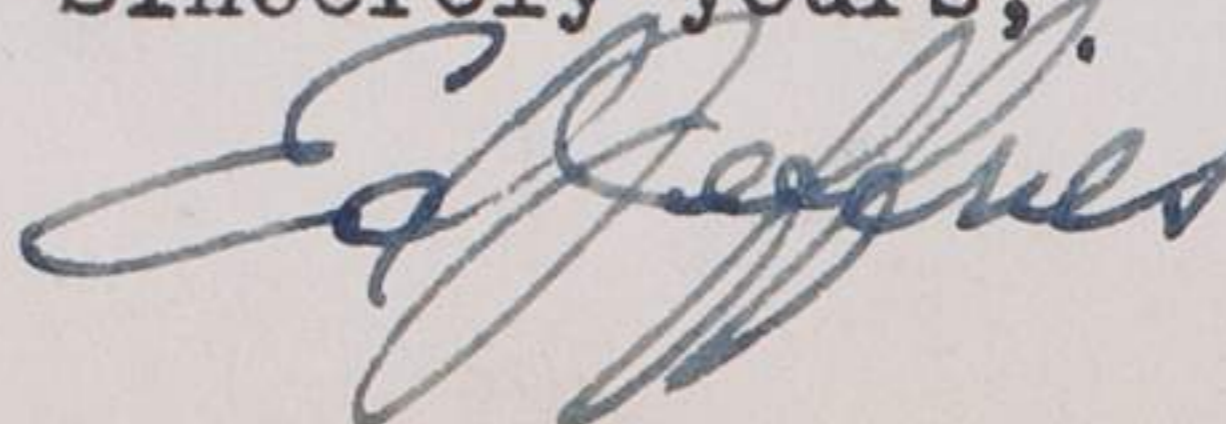
Dear Dolph:

As I write this we are at Sea, and I have the time I have been looking for for several months to write you, and let you know that I am still alive and kicking around; and some of the things I have been doing since I left the privileged estate of the civilian.

Dad may have mentioned to you that I have seen a little action since I have been out here, but I must say that War for the most part is ninety percent waiting and ten percent doing. I think of home many many times a day, and this, in my case you know includes Lawrence along with San Diego, where my family are staying for the duration. Many times when I was in the University, I thought I would never look back on the "ordeal" with pleasure, but with age comes wisdom, and I find myself thinking of those "good old days" with a great deal of pleasure. Censorship, of course, prevents my telling you of the many interesting things I have seen since I have been in the Service and of any of the interesting experiences. However, I think after we have been at Sea for a long period of time, all my shipmates would agree with me that our little mascot becomes to us almost the most important creature on board. In our first action, he was greatly frightened at the noise made by the guns, but soon got used to it and is gun shy no more. He has steak for his dinner more often than we, and I may say he is the most privileged character on board, which is only right, because of the excellent role of "morale builder" that he plays. This discourse may sound like a lot of drivel to you, but in its way will serve a purpose in showing how important the little things become to us when we are at Sea for long periods.

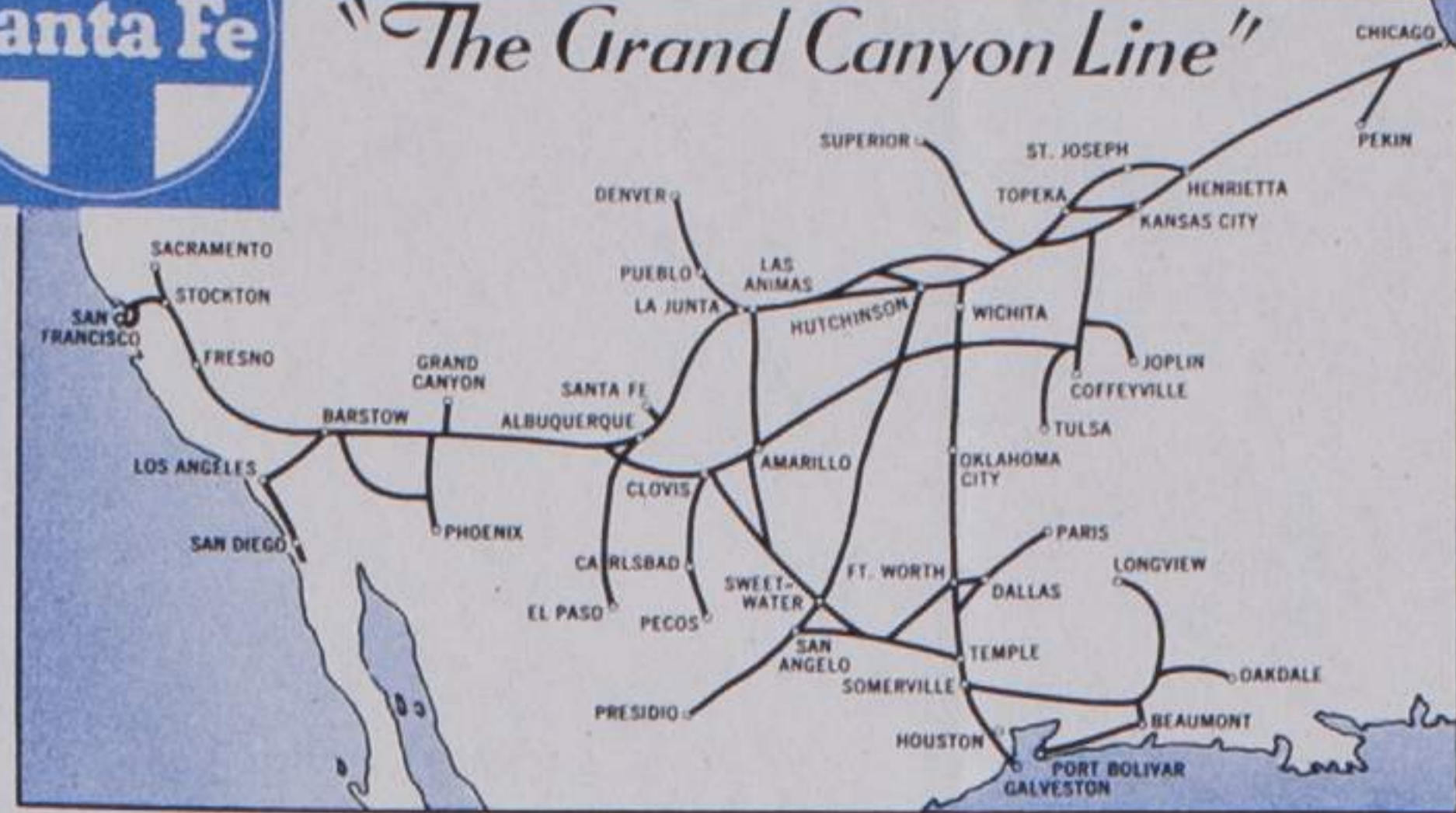
I hope it won't be long before we will all be able to return home and I can tell you of the really important things I have had the privilege to participate in. In the meantime I sincerely hope that this message finds both you and yours in good health and spirit. Please give my very best regards to your father.

Sincerely yours,





*"The Grand Canyon Line"*



# The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

General Office Building, Topeka, Kansas  
PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

April 24, 1944

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Mr. Dolph Simons  
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The Lawrence Daily Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

I desire to thank you for the time you have taken to advise us of the courtesies extended you by Mr. L. H. Cote in our Lawrence ticket office. You may be sure Mr. Cote will be advised of your kind remarks, as well as his superior officer, Mr. H. C. Willis, Superintendent at Emporia.

In these trying times we feel it is fortunate that we may have employees such as Mr. Cote, who, even though working under pressure at all times, still retain a spirit of courtesy and consideration for our customers. You may be sure it is a spirit we are trying to foster among employees at all times, with the hope that in the post-war era we may continue to make friends and keep them.

Again thanking you for your kind letter, and with the hope that we may continue to warrant your kind patronage, I remain

Very truly yours,

cc Mr. H. C. Willis

April 27, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons  
c/o Mr. George P. Hollingbery  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Daddy and Mom:

I am sorry I have not written sooner, but have been too busy playing with the guys up at Sonny's and Tom's.

I got the swell letter from you and thought it was good.

Mom, I have practiced about an hour and fifteen minutes every day, and I think I will know my pieces when you come home.

Dolph and I haven't been in any fights lately, and Dolph has killed quite a few rabbits out at grandad's.

I have played every day, but have gotten in my practice and have been on time for meals.

I am dictating this letter to Dorothy and hope it will reach you in Chicago.

Dolph has eaten downtown about every noon, so doesn't come home for lunch and I am the only one there. The food has been better than the last time I was out there.

Dolph and I have been sleeping together.

It is about time for me to go and get Tommy Johnson's present for his birthday party.

With Love,

John Nelson Simons

JNS:df

April 17, 1944

Mr. George P. Hollingbery  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear George:

Thanks for the urgent invitation to spend more time in Chicago, but Marie and I think it best for us to leave late Saturday and be back here Sunday. I have been on federal jury for the last week and will be at it up until the last minute before leaving, which means I will be far behind schedule when we get back from New York.

Naturally, we would like to see you on Saturday, the 29th, but please don't interfere with any regular plans you might have. At present it looks doubtful if we can get space on the 11:30 and will have to leave at 8:15 p.m. We can make up for time in late June because Marie expects to be with me for the Republican convention.

My best to you and Betty.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

April 18, 1944

Dear Dolph;

The pictures are grand. We surely do like them. Thank you so much for taking them. Would you have time to finish 6 smaller ones of the outdoors pose? Don't you think that is the best of all of us? They are all good. Everyone who has seen them thinks so.

Your pictures of the fire are good. They surely do add to the attraction of the paper.

(all of your pictures, I mean).

The fire was a terrible thing. I feel so sorry for those poor old people.

Did you get your garden in? We're still having rain and snow, and haven't had ours plowed yet.

We've been pretty busy around here anyway with chicken-pox and bronchitis. Lance is going back to school tomorrow if it's nice.

I read in the paper about the reception at the church Friday

night. Tell Marie that it sounded very nice. The Snodgrass family seem likeable.

I suppose Dad told you that Bus has a three month deferment. Maybe things will be in better shape by that time.

Mother said you have been swamped with requests for admission to the Convention; so I won't add to your troubles; but there is a chance that we'll be in Chicago then. It would be fun to attend the convention if we could.

Have a good time in New York. I know that you will.

Thanks for sending the briefcase. It came Wednesday, and Bue was glad to get it. He had to have it for income reports.

I'm sorry the folks had an unpleasant train ride. We wanted them to take the Eagle Monday morning, but Dad thought he had to get back before then. We surely enjoyed their visit.

I wish you all would come up to visit us sometime. I guess we live too near Auburn.

Love,  
Dorothea

April 20, 1944

Mrs. Harry Johnson  
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

Thank you for your good letter which has made the rounds of the family.

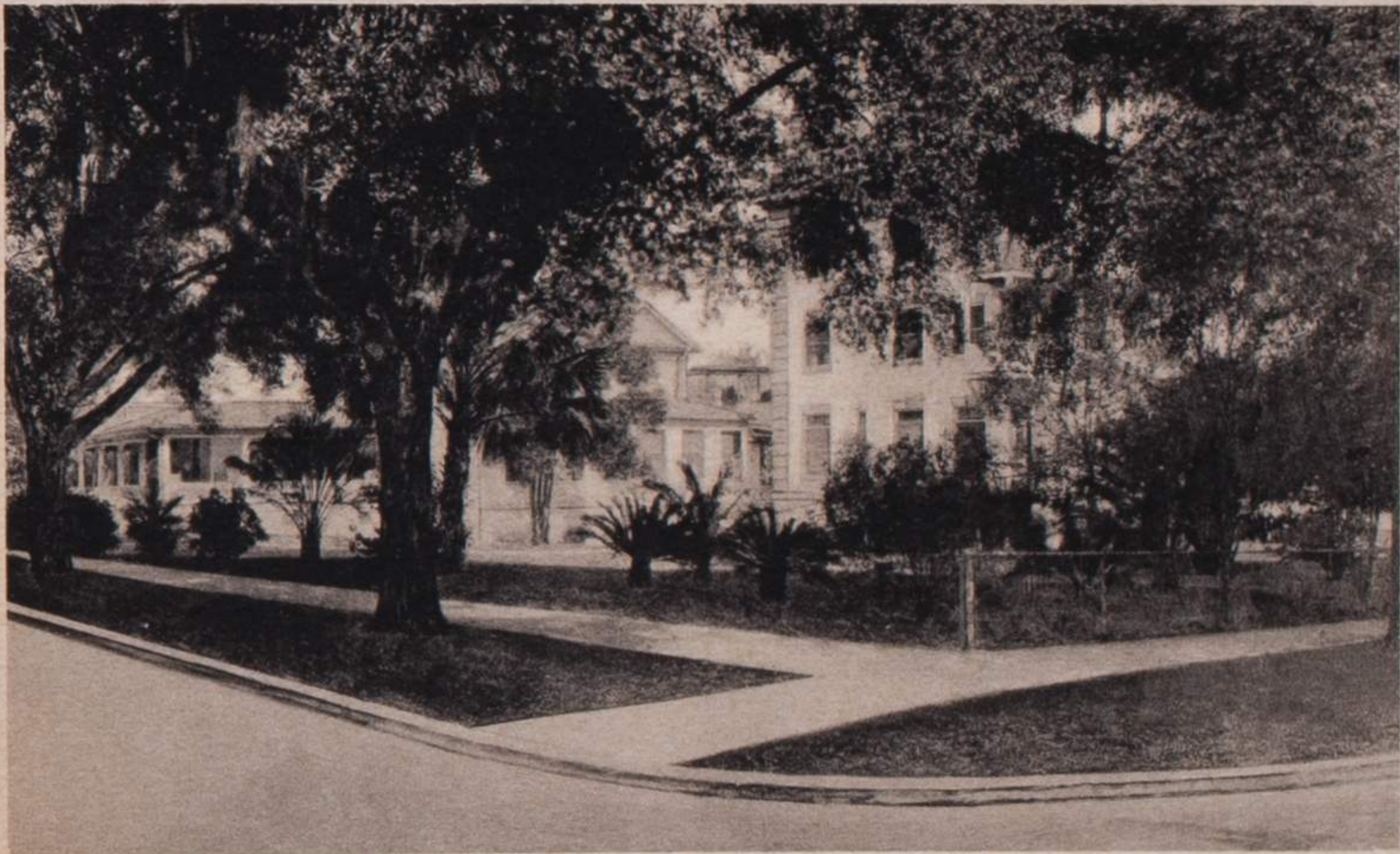
I probably won't be working in the darkroom for about ten days, but just as soon as I have the time, I will turn out some more pictures for you.

The garden is in a sorry state, but fortunately we have about one-half a city lot planted which should produce some food for the locker. If the weather turns off nice next week, I think Dolph and John can do some more planting. We still have plenty of time for corn and tomatoes--the two old dependables.

I don't know yet just what the situation will be on tickets to the convention, but if you and Bus are there at that time, I am sure we can find some way to get past the gate.

I was good news to learn Bus had been deferred for another three months because I know how much he is needed in the operation of the business. I don't like to see fathers called away, but in this case, the fact his brother has gone leaving all responsibility to Bus, makes it all the more desirable that he be allowed to continue with his important work.

Love to all,



OSCEOLA HOTEL ORLANDO, FLORIDA

© am. Perry Allen

Capt. Perry Allen, hwy, aaftac, Orlando, Fla.

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hello dolph...how goes the battle?

not much new here. been busy!

mother was down for a few days

and had a good visit. hope

the draft hasn't ruined you

organization. bill mc g. writes

has about wrecked us. sorry to

hear about harold schryver

mebbe is better off. did

tell you paul aiken is here?

formerly had the weekly at

concordia. best to all of you

and i still say is gonna be

a long war. wish could see all

of you but there will be no

chance to get homed for a

while. regards paa

POST CARD

Mr. Dolph Simons

Journal-World

Lawrence, Kansas

THIS SPACE FOR MESSAGE

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS

April 19, 1944

Mr. C. H. Hoinville  
908 Railway Exchange  
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Uncle Charlie:

Thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness in asking me to be a guest in your home at the time of the Republican National Convention.

Arrangements are being made for all members of the Kansas delegation to be together in one hotel in Chicago which will probably be the Stevens. I can see a distinct advantage in keeping the delegation together for matters of caucusing and discussion.

Of course, I plan to see you and Mary Jule, and I hope we can spend some time together.

I do deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in thinking of me and in writing.

Love to all,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

# The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

Railway Exchange, 80 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, 4

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In Reply Please Refer to File

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7539 So. Colfax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 17, 1944

Mr. A. C. Simons  
Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dolph:

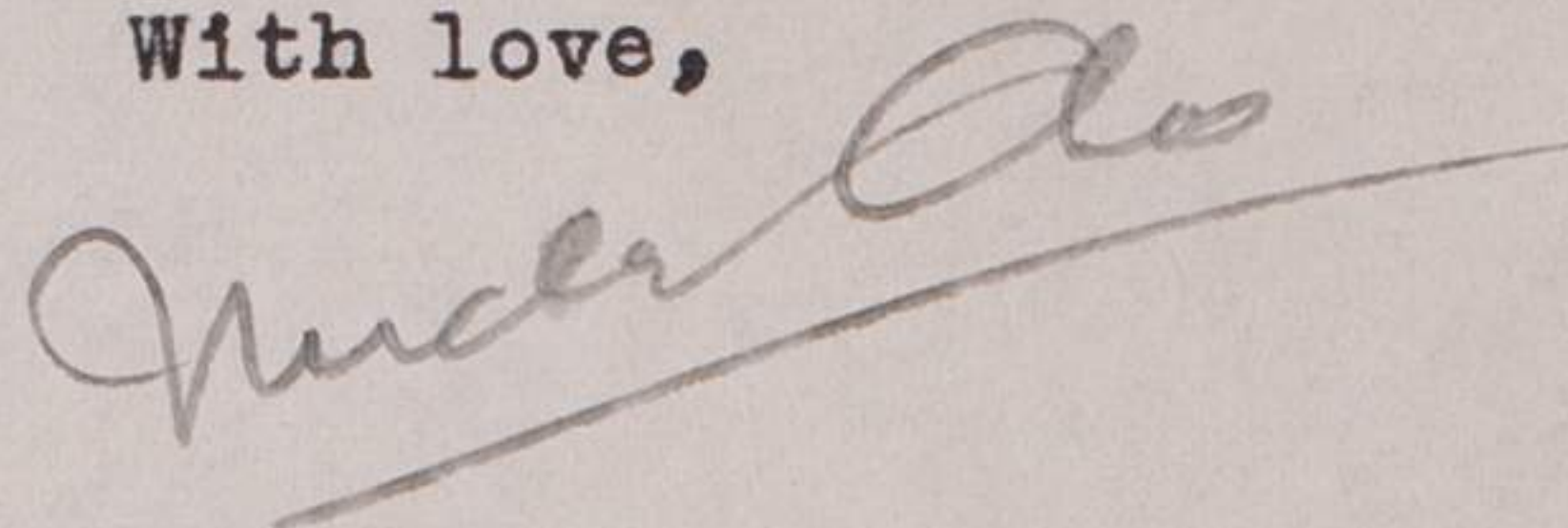
I wrote to your Dad in regard to your visit to Chicago during the convention, and he intimated that there might be reservations for you.

However, the invitation still stands, and if you wish to make my house your headquarters, I shall certainly be delighted and I know you will be comfortable.

Furthermore, I could arrange so that your hours would not conflict in any way, as you would have a key and could use it at will.

Please consider that the above comes from both Mary Jule and me.

With love,



April 17th,  
1944

Lt. L. C. Suggs  
c/o Mr. Harry Suggs  
Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Buddy:

The gift of the shells really hit the spot. Hunting and fishing give me a lot of pleasure, and as you know, the scarcity of shells has cut down on the hunting. Your gift probably will give me another day in the field next fall with my dog after birds.

Any giving should go the other way; from me to you. Along with the millions of others who have stayed at home during this war, I owe you much for what you have done to protect America from our enemies.

With the best of wishes in whatever you may do, and with appreciation for your thoughtfulness in sending me the shells, I am

Most sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

## GEORGE P. HOLLINGBERY CO.

## RADIO STATION REPRESENTATIVES

307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

TELEPHONE STATE 2898

CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

April 13 1944

Mr. Dolph Simons  
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

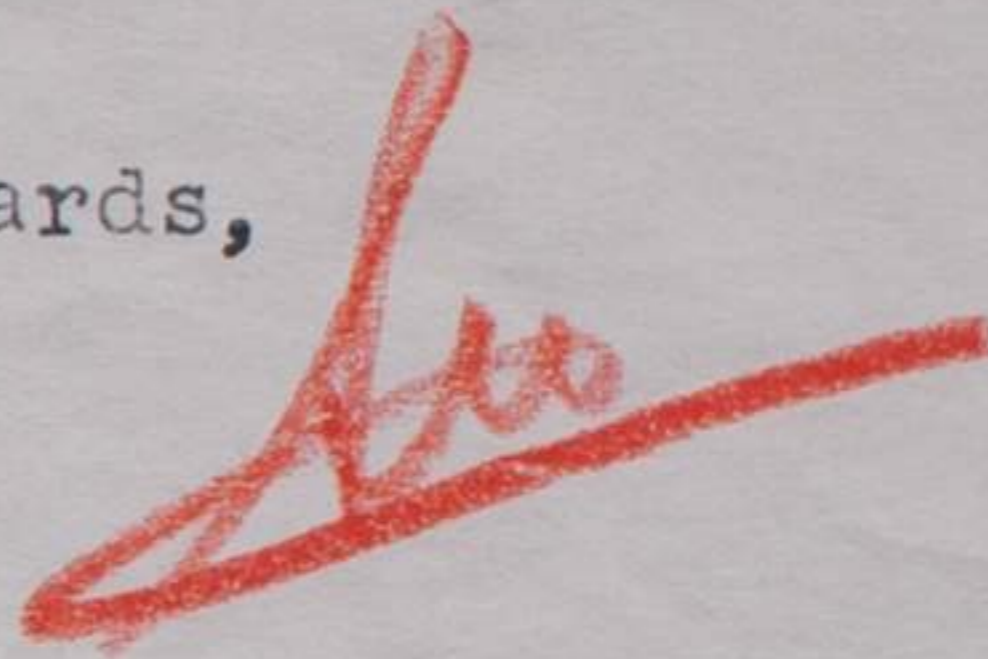
Dear Dolph:

I'm certainly glad you're going to be big-hearted and spend a little time here in Chicago, but as long as you're going to spend a little time, you might as well stay overnight and leave on Sunday.

About 11:00 Saturday night, we'll just be getting started. I've discussed this matter with Si Shannon and he is in 100% agreement with me. Si tells me that he'll guarantee to get you a reservation Sunday night and I think you'd better change your plans and let me know, because I'm sure you and Marie don't want to get back to Lawrence on Sunday with a touch of Saturday night on your breath. It would be much better to arrive Monday morning.

Furthermore, we want you to stay overnight and that's that.

Best regards,



George P. Hollingbery:lp

April 17, 1944

Mr. Joseph E. Wellman  
Transportation Advertising Company of Michigan  
806 Transportation Building  
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the good letter and your invitation to stop off in Detroit. I wish that we could have the visit, but it isn't in the picture this time. You know about the difficulty of getting train reservations, and it would be impossible to get them changed at this late date. I just talked to the station agent and find that we are not even routed thru Detroit. I had hoped we might have a way to get together for a short visit, but that is out also.

The Buhls told us about your phone visit, and I am glad that you got to say hello to each other. We like them a lot and they seem to enjoy Lawrence which must be quite a change from their life in Detroit.

It was good you could have the visit with Ruth and to see first hand how she is enjoying the life of a WAC.

I am sorry we won't get to see you this time and both of us hope it won't be long until we can get together for another good gab fest. In the meantime, the best of wishes to all the Wellmans.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

April 12, 1944

Mr. O. W. Maloney  
Maloney Tank Company  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Pat:

Thanks a lot for sending me the April issue of the Oil and Gas Journal containing the big cover picture of a super deluxe Maloney tower. Every once in a while I like to be able to brag about my brother-in-law and his plant, and this latest picture will help me back up the talk with an actual illustration.

Am glad to know we are going to get to visit with you this weekend. I am on federal jury service in Topeka, but it is my understanding court is not held on Saturday, so I should be here while you are in town.

Marie and I frequently talk about the glorious time we had in Tulsa and I don't see how anyone could be more hospitable than you and Blanche.

Love to all,

**Maloney Tank Manufacturing Company**  
**INTER-COMPANY CORRESPONDENCE**

Office Tulsa

Date 4/8/44

Attention Dear Ralph

From \_\_\_\_\_

Here is our latest cover adv. showing one of the big towers that we are now making. We are starting work on several that are much larger than this one. We have to ship them on two 55 ft flat cars.

We expect to drive up this next week end - probably be there Fri night.  
Regards Pat.

April 12, 1944

Judge Guy T. Helvering  
District Court of the United States  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Judge Helvering:

When we visited last week concerning my plans to leave Friday, April 21st for a business trip to New York, you suggested that if I were not called for jury service on the first or second case, I should bring it to your attention.

With jury service now delayed until Friday, thereby shortening the time for my scheduled departure by two days, it would seem desirable to refer to this situation.

Your kindness in making it possible for me to keep my business engagements in New York is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

April 10, 1944

Captain Perry Allen Hq.  
AAFTAC  
Orlando, Florida

Dear Perry:

Congratulations upon your promotion to captain, and I know your rapid advancement is a satisfaction to you and a great joy to your family.

As far as our organization is concerned, we feel we are lucky even though seventeen have gone directly into military service.

I think I told you Ernie Pontius went in about the first of the year and is now down at Camp Crowder, Missouri waiting to find out what the army wants him to do. He took one of those abbreviated six weeks basics at Camp Dodge, Iowa and I guess it was most strenuous.

Business remains good with local lineage showing a big jump over a year ago. National is slightly ahead and we have had a healthy growth in circulation the last few months without any attempt at solicitation.

We were all so sorry to hear about Harold Schryver but it did not come as any great surprise because his appearance in the last year indicated he could not hold out for long. I always liked Harold, but fortunately Lorenzen & Thompson have several other good men to help fill the gap.

With the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

April 10, 1944

Mr. M. R. Thompson  
Lorenzen & Thompson, Inc.  
28 West 44th Street  
New York 18, New York

Dear Tommy:

The train reservations on our return trip have been delayed a day which means we will want our accommodations at the Waldorf extended to include the night of April 28th.

I don't know whether it is necessary to send this word on to the hotel, but you will know best.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

April 10, 1944

Mr. George P. Hollingbery  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear George:

Thanks for your invitation to stop for a visit in Chicago. Our reservations call for a direct trip thru to New York, but we plan to be in Chicago from about 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, the 29th. Naturally, we would be happy to see you and Betty and your beautiful home.

If something should happen to interfere with the visit, we can make up for it in late June if you are in town, because I will be there as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. The way things are shaping up, it would appear the convention will not last long.

We are glad to hear from Betty about the onions.

With the best of wishes and hope that we will get to see you in the next few weeks, I am

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

Station

307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Telegram

to \_\_\_\_\_ from: GEORGE P. HOLLINGBERRY

copies to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reference to \_\_\_\_\_

Dolph -

Understand you & Marie

are going N.Y.

By all means stop off

here & see us if you

want to live a nice long

life -

Just got back from a well

vacation & am having a hell of

a time going to work again -

Don't fail us.

Geo

March 29, 1944

Dear Dolph:

They say "once a newspaper man, always a newspaper man and I am helping prove it. I am with Story, Brooks & Finley, Newspaper Reps. It is a nice job and I think an excellent organization. As you may know, our list includes The Detroit Free Press, Miami Herald and twenty-three others, one of which is Aldred Hill's Chester Times.

After consideration, I feel that this is the best type of job through which to get my foot in the door back here. Magazines want magazine men in the first place and in the second place they are all full to the guards. Agencies need copy men more than they need contact men and while I feel that I could qualify, it is hard to convince them without samples of produced national campaigns. I also considered radio and made contact with spot sales of both BBC and Blue, where I received much "house" but they want radio experience. However, I plan to make an extensive study of radio because many of the "reps" are selling both radio time and newspaper. I was on "the waiting list" at Katz and Mr. Brett told me that if I came with them I would be "up to my ears in radio selling". Anyhow I am happy with the connection.

I am now in tip-top shape, having picked up my lost weight. I had a four month's vacation which should be long enough for anyone.

By the way, have you heard that Harold Schryver died last Sunday? I was never so shocked in my life as I was when I saw him a few weeks ago. When he walked out of his office to greet me I thought for an instant that I had made a mistake and asked for the wrong man. He told me that he had lost over fifty pounds. It was only by his eyes that I recognized him.

I have had nice visits with Chet Shaw, Earl Johnson and Mert Akers. Marge and I also called on Paul and Mrs. Mickelson who live not far from us. They adopted a little girl just before they left Kansas City and Paul has eyes for nothing else.

Marge has an excellent job with Standard Oil of N.J. and is enjoying it very much. She likes activity and until we get a house again, she prefers working. We have a nice apartment and like it here very much, so far.

Regards to all.

167-10 Crocheron Ave.  
Apartment 1-J  
Flushing, N.Y.

"  
Hill

April 4, 1944

Mr. R. A. De Watteville  
167-10 Crocheron Avenue  
Apartment 1-J  
Flushing, New York

Dear Dee:

I am glad to hear you and Marge are both so nicely situated, and I can imagine it is a lot of fun to be working in New York City where most of the business plans for the nation originate. It has always seemed to me an impersonal place which would not be so pleasant for a long run, and it is my guess, that some of these days, you will be hankering to get back to your old stomping grounds. However, I realize a lot of people prefer the big city because otherwise there wouldn't be about ten million souls crowded around Manhattan Island.

I was extremely sorry to hear about Harold Schryver's death, but it came as no great surprise because he had such poor health and had refused to slow down. The poor fellow should have a good spot in heaven because he had much more than his share of tough luck in recent years.

Things are moving along about as usual in Lawrence. Fortunately we have not lost any more men to the services and business remains good with a gain of more than 7,000 inches so far this year, and circulation is climbing steadily.

Ernie Pontius finished his basic at Camp Dodge, Iowa last week and has been sent down to Camp Crowder, Missouri. As you may have noticed, Oscar Stauffer has accepted some government job in Washington, but states he will be there only six months.

Glad to hear you are back in good health and have picked up in weight.

With the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely,

DS:df

Dolph Simons

Written at the ~~Service Club and Telephone Center~~ <sup>Guard House</sup>

## CAMP DODGE

Camp Dodge, Iowa

Saturday Nite.

Dear Dolph.-

Sure enough they got me in the old guard house. I drew guard duty at 4 PM today and stay on till noon tomorrow. 9 miles to walk in that time so it will be slow.

Today I took my overseas physical and no doubt about it my health is far to good. Wednesday of this week the War Dept. declared this Camp an overseas replacement center for the Service Forces. Most of the grads will go directly to ports of embarkation. wow. one nice thing I will know in a very few days (guard)

We fired the 30 Cal. MIA for record this week and in the wind and snow I only missed expert by 8 Points - so now you can call me sharp shooter and the medal will go to Burton.

I was proud to see the good republicans draft you to get the job done for them -

Jack & Waeste The Spring Paper was a beauty and tight as drum - That one did make me homesick.

yes Dolph I could take a little of that social lar nibbling - you have no idea what a good bite is till you try it - Thanks Jessie for your much appreciated letter. Jack I promise to answer one of your letters some day.

This is the only piece of paper in this "Prig" and the pencil must be at least 2 inches long. So my best to all the gang - Ernie

P.S. - Probably the last paper you should send should be Thursdays! - Thanks.

From Art. E. G. Pontius 37728973

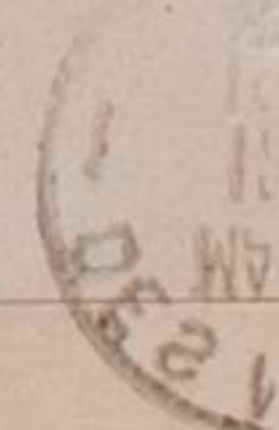
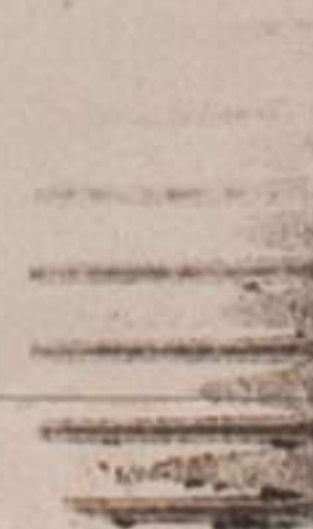
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To Dolph Simons  
Journel - World  
Lawrence  
Kansas



March 28, 1944

Mrs. Howard Holmgren  
Auburn, Nebraska

Dear Frances:

Thank you for your nice letter. I appreciate your kind thoughts about the delegate matter, and I always enjoy receiving one of your pleasant notes which I can claim as my own. I feel that your regular letters to Marie are partly mine, but nevertheless, when the letter comes addressed to me alone, I can hold it over Marie that you are my friend as well as hers.

I am all for you if you decide to go down to Missouri so that you can be nearer Howard. The family and the school board would miss you, but it is your own life to live, and if you would be happier down there, it certainly is the place for you to go.

Robert is a grand fellow and we enjoyed visiting with him. We like to have such folks in our home because it is a good influence on the boys. All of us have a certain amount of hero worship and any boy would do well to pattern after Robert.

Best of wishes to everyone.

Love to all,

March 28, 1944

Corp. Howard Holmgren  
Signal Corps at Large  
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Dear Howard:

Thanks very much for your kindness in writing about my election as a delegate to the national convention. I am looking forward with much pleasure to the convention, and I honestly believe the delegates will select the man who will be the next president of the United States.

We had such a good visit with Robert last week and we are looking forward to seeing him frequently while he is here at K.U. He is a fine young man and I know you and the others in the family must be very proud of his manner and his accomplishments.

Thanks for sending the newspaper which gets a good going over every week here at my desk.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df



UNITED STATES ARMY

Saturday

My dear Ralph -

Francis has just written that you were elected to the West Republican Convention. I think that is fine. It will mean lots of work but the experience will be very valuable to you. I offer my congratulations.

Have enjoyed your letters very much. I'm sorry not to have answered each of them but you know how it is. Have been with Francis

the last two or three week-ends she  
was down last week-end - Had fun  
and helene she enjoyed her self.  
Introduced her around and helene  
she may plan to come down so  
that we may be together so much  
as possible.

I missed sending you last  
week's "News" I sent this week today  
Had several interesting shots this time.

My regards to Marie and  
boys and your family -  
Sincerely  
Howard -

Pvt. Ernest A. Pontius 37728973

Co. 1 BTC 1719

Camp Dodge

Iowa



Mr. Dolph Simons  
Journal-Walk  
Lawrence, Kansas



Thursday nite

Dear Ralph -

Mail Call today and thank god there was a letter from The "Boss". Seldom the little red head fails me but today was the day.

You are beyond a doubt the greatest letter writer in the world. You can incorporate more news in a letter than anyone else, of course you know the news that interests me and man I enjoy every word.

Had a sweet letter from Harry Morrow the other day - He sure is a good egg.

We are almost thru the 4<sup>th</sup> week and from what I hear this is the bad one.

Next week we start off with the infiltration course then go on the range for 2 days firing for record with the Garand m 1, I hope to at least qualify. Scouting and Patrolling, land mines, tank traps and guard



duty is about all for the 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> weeks.

I would give anything to be stationed at Ft. Leavenworth when this is over. I believe I would rather be a Buck Private There Than a Sgt. any place else. A Class "A" Pass at Leavenworth would be as welcome as a good mine. I don't know anyone who has the power to get that job done and would welcome any suggestion you might have. They should have some flunky jobs in Public Relations or something I could do.

Dolph do me the favor of checking the time the "Rocket" leaves Des Moines for KC in the evening Saturday and how late I could leave KC Sunday to get home about 2 AM Monday. I can't go but 75 miles and they don't let us check schedules further than that. If I could show them



A fast schedule I might get out of here  
Sat into March 25<sup>th</sup>. The end of the 5<sup>th</sup> week  
is my only chance to leave.

You asked for long distance observance  
of the ads and comments. When I get  
settled I promise to do that. Have you  
checked Hatchkins of SBA? I hate to see  
that account die. Was good to see Round  
Corner and Krider ads. Green Bros anniversary  
ad was well prepared & worth the money.  
How about Jack Vincent? His deferment should  
be worth 100 bucks. Ha.

Yes I would like to coach U.B. There Basis  
it might make a man of him. — ??

I promise to write more often when  
this is over and then to perhaps I will  
not have to write while in Bed.

If you want someone to help on a Civil  
or patriotic drive and They think they  
(over)

are too busy or overworked, just tell  
them I would be very happy to work all  
day and half the night for the privilege  
of being with my family and to live in  
Lawrence Kansas. I'll trade places with  
any of them any time they think they  
are doing too much.

Again my thanks for those fine  
letters from you and the rest of  
our "swell family". Best regards to  
all — "Buck" Pontius

March 24, 1944

Commander Lyle O. Armel  
U.S.S. Dorothea L. Dix  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
New York, New York

Dear Lyle:

I think you know how pleased and happy I am over your increase in rank. Gerry was good enough to call me, and we had a brief item in our armed forces column because that is where I like to see personal military news used, so that other men in service can keep track of their friends who are serving the country all over the world.

We have ordered a cut so that the scrambled eggs may appear in print, and mailing of this letter will be delayed until we can enclose a tearsheet of the picture. It should be here for tomorrow and not later than Monday.

You are our highest ranking naval officer, and I know of no one who is more deserving. If you can manage a ship the way you can handle a shotgun, you should be a five-star Admiral. I will always remember the day we spent together last fall as one of my most enjoyable hunting trips.

You may not have noticed at the time, but I thought we were sort of mixed up on our number of quail. About a month later when Phog Allen asked me to look in the coupe to see if he had lost his keys there, I found a well preserved quail which I think undoubtedly was one of our birds taken that day.

I hope you are as happy as a man can be in the service, and I look forward with much pleasure to the time when you will be back here permanently and we can get together for more frequent visits.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

DS:df

Dolph Simons

U.S.S. Dorothea L. Dix  
c/o  
Fleet Post Office  
New York, N. Y.

15 March 1944.

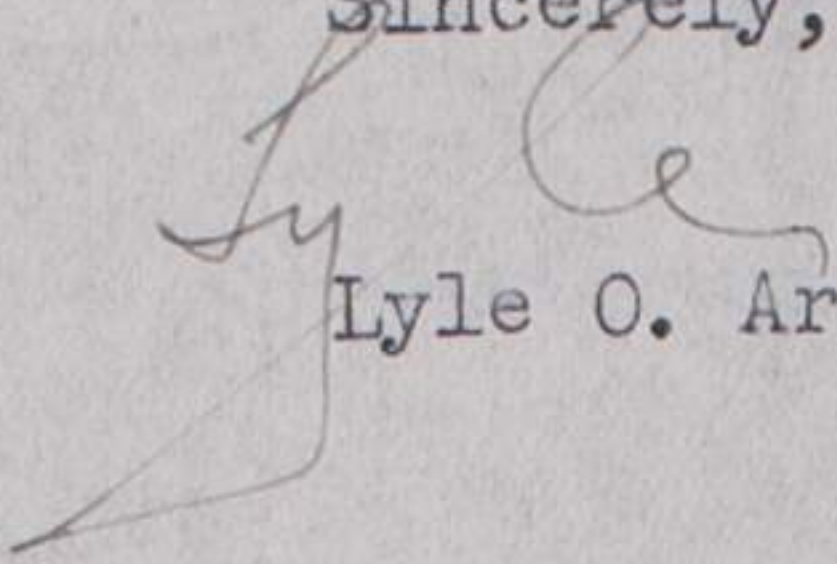
Dear Dolph:

Here is the official release from the 3rd Naval district concerning your hunting pardner.

You are at liberty to use it or the copy which comes from 9th Naval District at Chicago.

What isn't mentioned in the story is the fact that my rank was dated back to September 10, 1942, which didn't make me feel badly at all.

Sincerely,

  
Lyle O. Armel

Dear Dolph: - This official announcement just reached me yesterday - I am sending it on to you now for publication because that was done - simply to get Lyle's personal message on to you.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Armel

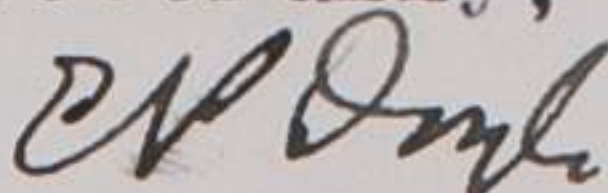
Headquarters of the Commandant  
Third Naval District

15 March, 19    

Memorandum for Comdr. Armel

Enclosed are three prints and a copy of the article I prepared on your promotion. I have sent glossy prints to the Public Relations Officer, 9ND, for distribution.

Respectfully,



E.P. Doyle  
Lieutenant USNR  
Press Section  
Public Relations

Lyle O. Arnel of Lawrence, Kansas, director of the endowment corporation of the University of Kansas, has been promoted to commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

Commander Arnel, who served as an ensign in World War I, has been on active service as a lieutenant commander since the summer of 1941. Until last December he was on duty aboard a transport in the Pacific and served in the operations at Kiska and Aushitka. Since December he has been executive officer of a transport in the Atlantic.

Commander Arnel, a graduate of the University of Kansas Class of 1900, maintains a home in Lawrence where his wife and three children are now residing. He is a native of Bolton, Kansas, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Arnel, still reside there.

March 24, 1944

Miss Iva Belle Harper  
Lawrence Memorial High School  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Harper:

I have just finished reading the complimentary article in this week's issue of the Budget, and I want to express my appreciation for the kind words which I know express your strong personal friendship. Such a story in the newspaper of my own high school, and written by someone I have known thru the years, means a lot more than if it had appeared in the New York Times.

Please believe me that I am deeply appreciative of your friendship.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

March 21, 1944

Mr. C. W. Kanaga  
Jenkins Music Company  
1217 Walnut Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Clint:

We are all so sorry to hear about the loss of Nina's son, and you are thoughtful to send us the information for use in the Journal-World. The Kanaga family has many friends in Lawrence.

Marie and I are going down to Tulsa this weekend to see Pat and Blanche, and I know how sorry they will be to learn of this young man's death.

Their boy, Pat Jr., is down in Coral Gables finishing up as a navigator in the Army Transport Command which looks like service on air transports over the Atlantic.

I appreciate your courtesy in looking after tickets for the Ice Capades. Enclosed is my check for \$10.00. We are looking forward to a happy evening with the boys.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df  
Enc.



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March 18, 1944

Mr. Dolph Simons  
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dolph:

Here are the four best tickets that are left to the Ice-Capades, and you owe me ten smackers. Glad to do it for you. The girl said these were really pretty good.

Yes, I am really proud of Clint, and I am proud of Bill, too. He is a good boy, and I hope the Navy keeps him in school awhile.

Remember me to your father.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Clint*

CWK:m  
Enc

C. W. Kanaga

*Clint came through the  
marshalls operation OK -*

*It is somewhere else*

*out there now. A letter*

*last week said he would*

*be busy shortly. He's a truck*

*loading & unloading officer on a combat  
transport and has a battery of anti aircraft guns also*

*Just  
for you  
Dolph  
not for  
publication*



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March 20, 1944

Mr. Dolph Simons  
The Lawrence Daily Journal World  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dolph:

On account of the fact that the family lived so many years in Lawrence, and so many people know Nina, I think I would like to have this item run in the Journal-World. If you want to change the form of it in any way, of course, go on and do it.

"Word was received today that Lt. Robert Ireland, son of Mr. & Mrs. Neal Ireland of Los Angeles, was killed in action March 7. Lt. Ireland had been flying a Thunderbolt in the European area for almost a year. He had previously been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. Mrs. Ireland is the former Nina Kanaga of this city."

Thanks a lot, Dolph. The war sure takes them. This kid of Nina's was just twenty-one years old, and was about ready to come home. I had a letter in January from him, and he had at that time completed over sixty combat missions. I guess these combat fighters don't get a leave as quickly as the bomber crews.

With best wishes, Dolph, and again remember me to your father and to your mother. As ever,

Yours,

CWK:m

Clinton W. Kanaga

March 21, 1944

Mr. V. A. Newman  
Woolf Brothers  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Vic:

Thanks for the dope on suits. One reason I have had special orders in the past is because I wear a size forty-one which usually is not carried in stock in very many styles.

Some time soon I will drop in and visit with your suit man and maybe he can tell me what to plan on.

I appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

# Woolf Brothers

KANSAS CITY

March 18, 1944

Mr. Dolph Simons  
c/o Lawrence Journal-World  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dolph:

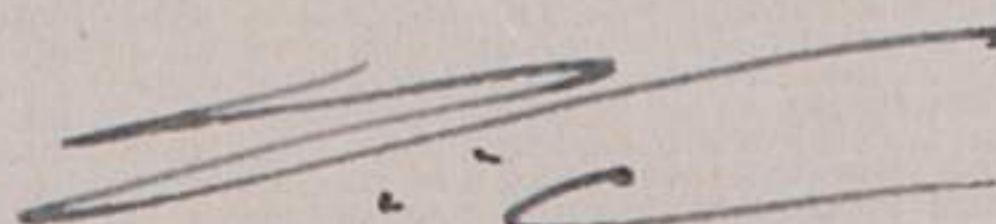
I am sorry not to have answered your letter of the 15th before, but I have been out of town and just got back.

We have always had a very broad special order line from Hickey-Freeman, but right now I don't know what to tell you. They sent out a special order line about ten days ago which was not as extensive as usual, and in the few days we have had it we have been getting "outs" by the dozen. They have promised us more swatches lately so maybe by the time you get in we will be better able to take care of you than we are at the moment.

Of course, we ordinarily carry a very large stock of Hickey-Freeman clothes, but that is not as extensive now as it usually is, although we were able to take care of Gus Lauterbach on a couple of suits out of stock this morning.

I would like to get you started, but I don't want to promise you too much under these particular conditions. My guess would be that given ordinary circumstances we would have a wide enough selection to be able to fit you right out of stock which, after all, is more satisfactory than any special order, if it can be done at all.

Sincerely,



Treasurer.

VAN:LG

P.S. - I am glad the boys found what they wanted. Anytime I can help you out in any way, will sure be glad to do so.

March 16, 1944

Mr. Joseph E. Wellman, Vice-Pres.  
Transportation Advertising Company  
806 Transportation Building  
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter, and again let me commend you for your kindness in wanting to assist some local woman in obtaining proper medical care thru your gift to Lawrence Memorial Hospital. I gave your check to father and he in turn will present it at the next meeting of the board when you will get an official acknowledgement. He tells me the original gift remains intact because as yet there has been no need for this financial assistance.

When George Hollingbery was in town this weekend, I asked him to be sure and give you a ring the next time he was in Detroit. I do not know the name of his station, but two or three phone calls to the stations asking for the name of their national representative would answer your questions.

It makes me happy to know you and the family like Detroit, and I hope I may hear from you frequently.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

March 15, 1944

Mr. Vic Newman  
Woolf Bros.  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Vic:

For a good many years nearly all of my clothes were made by Hickey-Freeman, and they were easy to order because a representative called at the Eldridge Hotel twice a year with his swatches. These clothes are no longer sold in Lawrence, and I am wondering if you have an arrangement whereby men may call at the store to select swatches and order suits and coats. If you do, it might be possible for me to come down and make a selection.

It was good to see you the other day, and the boys came away very happy with their selections. We are fortunate parents in that our youngsters put new clothes at the top of their lists for birthdays and Christmases.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

DS:df

March 7, 1944

Mr. J. L. Dalton  
1633 Wayne Street  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Dalton:

John Simons has asked me to send  
you the enclosed check for \$2.35 for  
a one year's subscription to the Satur-  
day Evening Post for

Roger Allen  
1831 New Hampshire  
Lawrence, Kansas

Your prompt attention to this  
order will be appreciated and an  
acknowledgement to John Simons, 1509  
Mass. St., Lawrence, Kansas, will be  
appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Dolph Simons

DS:df  
Enc.

March 3, 1944

Mr. O. W. Maloney  
Maloney Tank Company  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Pat:

Thanks for your good letter, and we all are pleased to get the dope on Owen. Marilyn apparently forgot to tell the folks, and all we had was Blanche's mention of "A.T.C.", so I called an officer friend and found out that he was in the Army Transport Command. It is spoken of as a very desirable place in the service, and I hope Owen will enjoy it.

We are planning on seeing you the weekend of the 18th, and we are both looking forward to the trip with much pleasure. Please don't plan any fancy doings because the nicest sort of a trip would be to have a couple of days visiting with you and Blanche and Miss Eileen.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter written today to John Montgomery.

Love to all,

Dolph Simons

DS:df