

August 6, 1943

Dear Charlie and Julia:-

Here is my monthly check.

Enjoyed the good letter from Julia which I sent on to Gertie and Grace. I think that she made an excellent sale of the cattle and hope she makes a good sale on the horses. I am glad to see you clean up a bit there, as it was more apt to cost you money than to make it, and there is no longer the zest and novelty that you experienced at first. It has been worth all that it has cost you in getting you past that period, when you might have slipped out on us, if Julia had not seen to it that you had an opportunity to rough it a bit in the north woods.

The bad storm also proved a blessing in disguise as it opened before you with almost compelling force the need to get what you could out of the timber. We shall never forget the happy days that we have spent with you there.

I hope that you will handle things this time as successfully as you did during the last war. Don't over tax your strength, but you seem to have been blessed with a capacity for gettings done, and to expedite their doing.

I would rather pass up the fishing and delightfulness of the lake to stay on the job this year, but I shall leave tomorrow night for the north to re-join Gertrude and shall not return till early in Sept. The time for closing will doubtless be affected by the weather. A cold and wet September robs one of much pleasure, and we would be glad to get back home.

Love and best wishes to all of you. If you really wrote me a letter of more than two lines--I fear the shock would be too great to bear.

With Love Your Brother.