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Lawrence Daily Journal-World,  
LAWRENCE,  
Kansas, U.S.A.



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~~HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES AUSTRALIA~~

~~SYDNEY ROAD~~  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

375 Collins St.,  
April 23, 1943.

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
Lawrence Daily Journal-World,  
LAWRENCE, Kansas.

My dear W.C.,

That was surely a nice evening we spent together on March 11, the day of your last very delightful letter. The message was so full of friendly feeling and information that I hardly know where to begin in answering it. I hope on my part I can live up to the sentiments you expressed as to my work and character. Sometimes I feel that my friends think entirely too highly of me and that it is impossible to live up to their full expectations. However we will continue on as best we can. You know, of course, the mutual high esteem that Philena and I have of yourself and Gertrude. I hope we shall see much of you when this affair is all over. In fact it would be fine if we were both out here when you are on your trip to Australia, but I would not begin making plans just yet, the war is far from over.

It was fine of you to send a copy of your letter to Philena and she appreciated it very much indeed.

I arrived in Australia a year ago today. It has been a good year, all considered. We have submitted a great many valuable reports to the Government, about 200 of them to be exact. I have been away on travel one half of the time and covered about 38,000 miles. The second year will have further travels though I presume not quite so many and so long as the first year.

We have no food troubles and problems such as you are acquiring in the States. Hotels are restricted to three courses and a limitation on the price of meals, about 80 cents is about all they are allowed to charge for dinner. There is some rationing of sugar, tea and coffee but I have had ample food and very fine food at that. The fruits are very good and much like California in some respects.

This is Good Friday and I am afraid the only offices working are the American officers. The streets are dead, shops are closed for three days, and there was no news by radio or through the press this morning. When they rest in Australia they really stop work. For the most part Labor is very active doing 40 to 45 hours a week for women and 50 to 55 for men. A few silly managers are trying to run with 60 to 70 hours a week, and the Labor Governments control of affairs is far from perfect. They still have plenty of strikes, the wharf laborers and coal miners in particular

are a thorn in the Government's side. Most of the munitions factories work, however, is high class.

Today is also my son Chandler's birthday. He is 28 years old today and on the day of his birth I first met personally the Emperor of Japan, the father of the present Mikado. Some folks wanted us to have at least part of his name Japanese, and I am certainly glad we did not take that advice. We have heard nothing from him but I have hopes that we might receive a letter within the next month or two. We have all been able to write to him and I do hope some of the letters at least have gone through. What a way to spend a war!

These are the autumn days in Australia, chrysanthemums in flower and the Iceland poppies are coming up and will be in bloom all through the winter. We have only light frost here, no real freezes or snow. I find my short great coat very convenient, for the rooms are cold. From what I hear, the past winter was very severe in most parts of the States. My brother in Ohio refers to it as the worst since 1918.

My chief social event this month was a reception for generals, admirals and their ladies. There were 137 present altogether representing five countries. There were about 35 of the general or corresponding rank. It seems like we see everybody eventually here in this city. All the Australians come here because this is headquarters for the various military and naval departments. That in fact is the real reason why my office is here.

A week or ten days ago we saw that Wendall Wilkie was probably coming out. I expect to pick up the paper in a day or two and find he has arrived. We were certainly glad when the Flynn nomination was withdrawn and our present Minister and family are as happy as can be and so are all of us who are closely associated with him.

I still have hopes that before October I may have my good wife out here. I am not counting too much on it but if circumstances permit I want her to come.

I wish to express my sincerest sympathy with you in the loss of your sister, which must have been very sudden and tragic. I hope too that your oldest sister is fully recovered from her attack. Do keep well both of you and enjoy the best of health.

I was interested very much in the mimeograph copy of Dolph's letter to your members now in service, that is a very fine idea and much appreciated by the men, I am sure. I was glad to hear of the award which came to Lieut Mills. Harold Barr sends me a weekly mimeograph and usually with his personal comments at the end. His notes are pretty well concerned

with his family and church but I get a few tips of the University news from them. I believe he is sending out 60 copies a week and they are very much appreciated and doing a lot of good, though it must call for a considerable effort on his part. I was sorry to hear about the burning of the building at K.U. I am happy to know that Lindley Hall is ready for occupation and I virtually pray that the R.O.T.C. building, which I worked so hard for, may be completed/accredited to the institution.

I am glad to know that Colonel William C. Washington is taking over. I was pleased to receive your clipping but I am not sure that he has yet arrived in Lawrence. I think you will like him. I was a class mate of his for three years at Staff Schools. The family were real people like the Bradey's. If you see him remember me to him. I shall write to him shortly myself on the assumption that he is already in Lawrence. I have had no more further information as to Colonel Riggs, but I shall check again when I am in a position to do so. I am sure there will be no change.

I was pleased to hear that the Rotary is going on so well in Lawrence. It should, with the swell of population, be booming there. I gave a speech at a Rotary Convention two weeks ago. There were 120 people there, mainly leading citizens. I talked on the subject of the "American Citizen" and it went over very well with these good people here.

My son John has been trying to get a commission on his record at K.U. but apparently is still held up because of his eyes. He quit the ship building for a while because his work had been office and too confined. He then delivered mail for two months and reduced his weight by 22 lbs and the last letter he said he was returning to the shipyards and seemed hopeful of getting a position which would not confine him to keeping records.

I appreciate what you say about using my knowledge of Japan and the Japanese, for the Government, but it has not all been lost here. There are things concerning which I cannot write and of course as M.A. here I am not using it very much, but one occasion in particular I received a personal commendation from the highest authority for a special piece of work which I will tell you about some day. I really would like to be where my knowledge counted more than here, but this is a good position for me and I am happy and hoping that I can stay with it for two years longer at least.

Give my very best wishes to Gertrude and Dolph and remember that I am always happy to receive your letters.

Very faithfully, yours,

Karl F. Baldwin

April 15, 1943

Av. Cadet Owen Maloney Jr.  
AAFTD  
International House Room 858  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Owen:

The folks were over at our house last night and I had the pleasure of reading your letter. I bet it does get kind of lonesome studying as hard as you do and with as little opportunity of time off, and letters from home undoubtedly help a lot. On the other hand everybody is busy or think that they are, and so the writing of letters is often put off to some more convenient time.

Naturally, we are mighty sorry to have the Maloney family move away and yet it seems a very natural thing to do, and I would not in any way try to influence them in doing something else. It will not be long before it will be O.W. Maloney the 3rd running the business down there instead of O.W. Maloney the 2nd. You will have some advantages over your dad and some disadvantages in trying to match him because I consider him a first-class salesman and he is making good in the Maloney Tank business. I think that he thoroughly enjoys acting where he has to assume full responsibility.

They tell me that Eileen was in tears last night thinking about having to break all local friendships, but knowing Eileen, I doubt if it will be very long before Susie, Jean, Tom and Joe down in Tulsa will be found to be very companionable. Your dad drives down tomorrow taking Elanche and both of the girls and they will be down there for a few days at a hotel which will give the kids a kick.

I haven't tried to keep in touch with any of your old girls because I didn't think they would be interested in an old-timer even under war conditions.

We are all proud of you, believe that you have real ability, feel sure that you will make the grade, and that when peace comes, you will have gained something thru your service that will be really worthwhile to you.

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Here we keep doing the things as they come along. McCabe has been selling bonds to people in the office who have bought over forty \$25.00 bonds and he is hopeful that he can push the

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April 27, 1943.

Mr. August Ford,  
Route 4,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Ford:

According to the records at JUnderwoods  
you have now taken 202 bushels and 30 pounds  
of corn from Mr. Simons place.

Since I wrote you the other day the way  
bills show that you took 6660 pounds or 95  
bushels and 10 pounds. This together with the  
107 bushels 20 pounds would make the 202 bushels  
and 30 pounds.

We should appreciate your calling as soon as  
possible so that we may clear our desk of the  
matter.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Simons,  
by

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Underwood to see how  
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Get <sup>total</sup> weights and no 3 bushels

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April 19, 1943.

Mr. August Ford,  
Route 4,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

According to the weights given us by Underwood's you have taken 7510 lbs. of corn. This would make 107 bushels and 20 pounds. On April 2nd the local market was 95¢ and today the market is \$1.05.

If you will call at our office when you are in town we can arrive at a price for the corn so that we may make an agreeable settlement.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

For W. C. Simons

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April 20, 1943.

Mr. August Ford,  
Route 4,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In writing you yesterday about the corn I failed to state that Mr. Simons wanted to have the corn moved as soon as possible. If you intend getting any more corn he would like for you to do it soon.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

for Mr. W. C. Simons.

April 30, 1943

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I have just received the enclosed paper which I have signed and which you are to sign if you so desire and also the addressed envelope in which you may return the paper to Hoinville.

I am also enclosing a letter which you may read and then return it to me as Gertie as not seen it.

I conferred with Dr. Liddy this morning and he believes that Charles should call in a competent heart specialist to advise in regard to Julia's case.

I shall not attempt to write further at this time.

Lovingly,

Your brother

April 30, 1943

Mr. C. H. Hoinville  
7539 Colfax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charles:

I received your special delivery letter almost immediately after talking with you. It happened that I had an appointment with Dr. Liddy for my annual check up. He said he was glad to talk with me for he could say things to me that he could not very well write. He is inclined to believe that the reports you have sent him indicate a tendency to heart failure which should be compensated adequately in some manner.

He feels that Julia's condition is such that you should call in either for her care or for consultation with Dr. Ante a competent heart specialist. That is the gist of my talk with him.

I have signed the paper that you sent me and will send it on to Grayce today.

Hope everything moves along nicely.

Your brother,

WCS:df

April 27, 1943

Mrs. C. F. Johnson  
Dawson, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

I am always glad to read your letters and enjoyed the Easter cards.

Everyone who knows your little boys speaks so complimentary of them; one of the latest to sing their praises being Mrs. Nelson who is now visiting Marie and Dolph.

I thank you very much for going over to Macedonia and I think perhaps you will be interested in the carbon copy enclosed of a letter I have just written to McNalley. The offer to purchase for \$800.00 came from Mr. Ralph McCready of the Macedonia Implement Company.

We hope to be able to see you some of these days but have no immediate plans. It is taking so long to get things fixed up at home, but I know you will be greatly pleased with the results.

Give our best love to Bus and the boys.

Lovingly,

Your Dad

April 27, 1943

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Tree Tops  
Route 3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I am sending you herewith a carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Julia which gives you all the news.

We shall miss you and the lake very much this summer, but can see no other way out at this time.

We sincerely hope that Don is not only better, but that he will stay better. If he takes after either his father or his mother, he should enjoy good health for many years to come.

Dolph Jr. is growing tall and slender and I think that by the end of this year, he will have gained several inches in height. Both of the boys are busy and they are good workers.

We had eight friends out at the house last evening to sing songs from a new hymnal preparatory to buying new song books for the church. I placed an order this morning for 250 copies. Our church has been serving the community remarkably well. Dr. Schwegler has been preaching some wonderful sermons and the general work of the church has been directed very satisfactorily by Mr. Thomas.

I shall be glad to know what reply, if any, you received from Mrs. Blackhurst.

Gertie joins me in sending love.

Lovingly,

Your brother

April 27, 1943

Mrs. C. H. Hoinville  
7539 Colfax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Julia:

I am sending you today parcel post some of Etoile's dresses. We still have three of her grips which Grayce went thru when she was here. Certie asked me to send them to you today, but I told her you were crowded yourselves and I did not like to put anything more on to you until you were ready for it.

I have asked L. A. McNalley to be my lawyer in looking after the disposition of the Macedonia property. I am in a position to do this because I paid the funeral expenses of Dr. Cowdy and when I found the place was to be encumbered by claims under his will, I filed my claim for funeral expenses which are always the first expense to be paid. I had an offer to rent the pasture and later received an offer for the purchase of the property at \$800.00. I turned these matters over to Mo. Bus and Dorothea went over to Macedonia recently and they believe the only value in the buildings would be that of secondhand materials.

They do not have a probate judge or court in Iowa, estates being handled thru the district court. The amount of furniture still there is negligible. We hold the receipt given her for the first half of this year's taxes.

Mary Jule and Charles were over the other night and as you know, Charles has received an appointment as an Ensign in the Navy, but has not yet been sworn in nor advised when to appear.

We are still cleaning up around home and are making some headway. Instead of trying to farm our land ourselves this year, we have rented it out so that it is all in use. I sold our horse yesterday by telephone and will deliver it today. I shall probably keep my plows and mowing machine, but may dispose of some other equipment.

I think I may have told you about the after effects of Marie's vaccination. It was the first time she had ever been vaccinated

Mrs. C. H. Hoinville

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for Smallpox and it really took. As the wound itself was nearing the end, an eruption broke out over her arms and legs below the knee with a few spots on her body, each one of which resembled a vaccination. She was quite miserable for some little time although she had good medical attention. She has entirely recovered from the unpleasant experience.

Blanche and Pat have sold their house and have bought a new home in Tulsa. It is a very beautiful place and we feel sure they will enjoy it. It is mighty hard to have them go away after they have been near us for so long.

The spring here has been a little dry, but recent rains have put everything in good shape and the sub-soil is thoroughly saturated from the moisture of last year and last winter.

I sincerely hope that you are making steady recovery and I feel that it will be necessary for you to eat as much as you can of nourishing foods to restore your bodily strength. When this is over, I think it quite likely that you may have ten years or more of the best health you have had for many years.

I have not yet purchased a marker for Etoile's grave, but I have sent word to the owner of the marble works twice, but have not yet seen him. I hope to have a stone installed before Memorial Day and as soon as the stone is in place, we shall sod the grave.

Certie joins me in sending love.

Lovingly,

Your brother

April 23, 1943

Dr. Roger T. Farley  
Medical Arts Building  
63rd Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Farley:

Attached hereto please find pamphlets  
which you recently sent to Mr. W. C. Simons.

Both Mr. Simons and Mr. Stiner, about  
whom he has written you, read the articles  
with much interest.

Mr. Simons wishes me to express his  
sincere appreciation to you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to W. C. Simons

DMF

March 29, 1943

Dr. Roger T. Farley,  
Medical Arts Building,  
63rd Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Doctor Farley:

My sister, Mrs. C. H. Hoinville, 7539 Colfax, Chicago, has been so pleased with your treatment of her arthritis that I send you the name of a friend of mine, William Stiner, Route 5, Lawrence. He is a man about seventy-five years old and is able to get about, but is seriously handicapped by the disease. I told him about what you had done for my sister and am writing you at his request.

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Mr. Simonson :-

This letter, & to  
Thank you for your  
letter of recommendation.

It was very  
much appreciated and.  
I'm sure it must have  
helped with the O. C. S.  
Board's decision.

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JEFFERSON BARRACKS

MISSOURI

I'm hoping all is  
well with you and that  
I might have an opportunity  
to return your favor.

Respectfully yours  
Francis M. Hall

April 19, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, KANSAS

Dear Janet:

I am sending you herewith abstract  
of title to 706 Mass. St.

I haven't time to write a letter,  
but I love you and yours.

Your dad

WCS:df

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Here we keep doing the things as they come along. McCabe has been selling bonds to people in the office who have bought over forty \$25.00 bonds and he is hopeful that he can push the amount up to fifty. We feel this will make a nice showing on the part of our co-workers and we are going to add an equal amount either thru personal or office purchases.

If there is anything your grandad can do for you, I shall be very happy to have you let me know. Sometimes there is something, and if so, don't hesitate to call on me. The folks gave us one of your photographs, but if you could round up another one for me, I should be glad to have it framed to hang in the office with my family group.

Much love,

Your Grandad

April 12, 1943

Mr. W. R. Stiner  
Route 5  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Bill:

I am passing on to you a circular recently received from Dr. Farley. Please understand that I have never met Dr. Farley and have had no previous correspondence with him. I simply mentioned him to you because he had been very successful in his treatment of Arthritis with my sister.

He also sent me an article "Food Will Win The War" in which he stated that during 1941 American industry lost the production of over 97,000,000 work days as a result of crippling by Arthritis. He said this copy was the only one he had and he wished me to return it after reading it.

This copy is in my desk and I shall be glad to have you come to the office and read it if you care to do so after which I shall return it to Dr. Farley.

With best wishes to Mrs. Stiner, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df  
Enc.

April 12, 1943

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

Dear Pat:

I take pleasure in sending my check herewith to pay for the tank. I appreciate very much indeed your making it for me under present conditions. I have the tar at home to paint it, but the weather and men have not been hitting it off just right to get the work done. I don't want to dig the hole until the tank is ready to go into it because under present conditions, the ground would certainly cave badly.

Blanche continues to be delighted over your new home. I trust that you will spend many happy hours together there, although, naturally, we should love to have you return to Lawrence if it seemed best for you to do so.

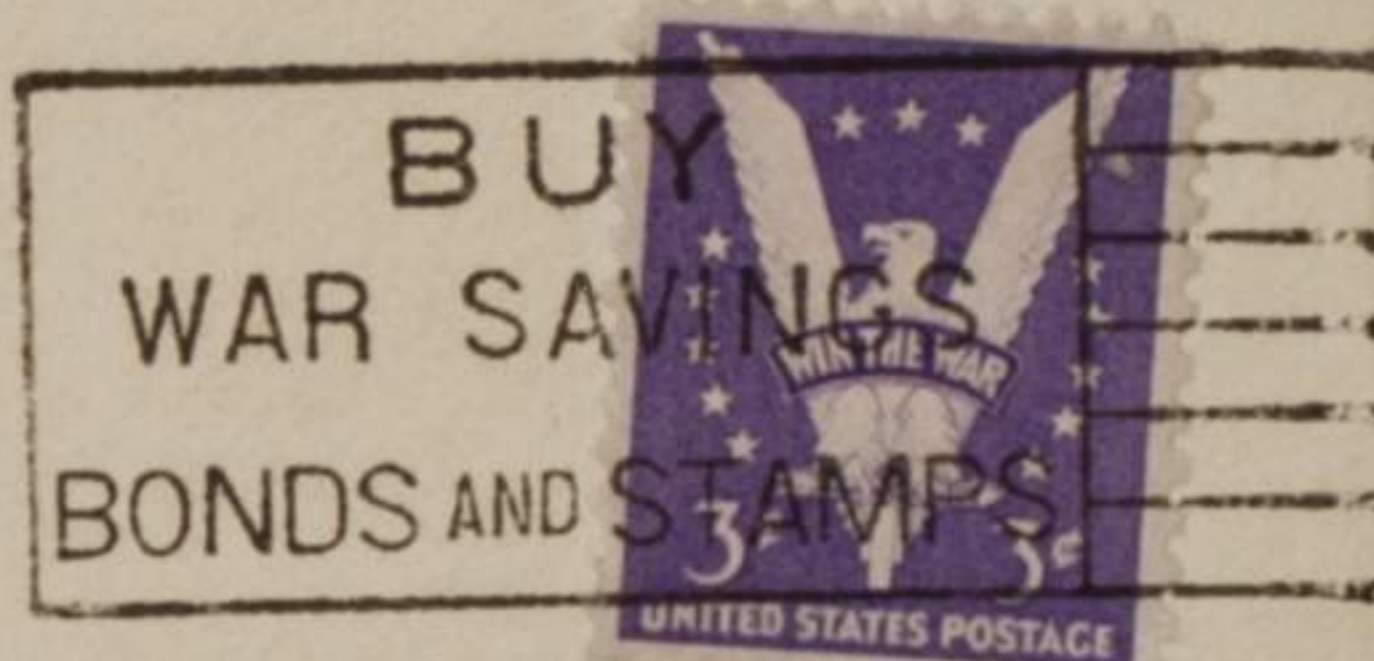
We have had some nice rains and everything is growing rapidly.

Lovingly,

Your father

WCS:JCM  
Enc.

ROGER T. FARLEY, M. D.  
1305 EAST SIXTY-THIRD STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Mr. W. C. Simons  
THE LAWRENCE DAILY JOURNAL-WORLD  
Lawrence  
Kansas

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ROGER T. FARLEY, M. D.  
1305 EAST SIXTY-THIRD STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 3, 1943

Mr. W. C. Simons  
Lawrence  
Kansas

My dear Mr. Simons:

Yours of March 29 read with a great deal of interest and satisfaction to myself.

I am so pleased to know that Mrs. Hoinville has progressed to her satisfaction regarding her arthritis. It was very nice of you to refer Mr. William Stiner, Route 5, Lawrence, to me. I am directing a letter to him, this date, and feel sure that if we can get in rapport that at least his arthritic disease can be arrested and if so, his progress can become in a comparatively short time a function of his own physiology.

I need not tell you that my interest in arthritis has been so pronounced that in many ways I have neglected other elements of practice, which I could ill afford to do. However, I think the effort has been worth while and feel that I really have contributed something in the field of arthritis therapy.

Again let me thank you for your kind communication and close with the assurance that it will give me great pleasure to hear from you at any time.

I am sending under separate cover a few reprints and a recent address which I have been making before Lions' Clubs, Rotarians, and P. T. A's. Hope it will not bore you.

Respectfully yours,

*Roger T. Farley*

Roger T. Farley

RTF:kdw

P. S. The long quotes in the address do not necessarily stamp me a disciple.

R. T. F.

ROGER T. FARLEY, M. D.  
1305 EAST SIXTY-THIRD STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 3, 1943

Mr. William Stiner  
Route 5  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Sir:

I have today answered a letter which I received from Mr. W. C. Simons of Lawrence a few days ago in which he told me that he had promised to write a letter to me in your behalf.

Regarding your arthritis - when I first began my research approximately eight years ago, I had to develop a certain routine of both laboratory and physical examination procedures. These procedures have been changed, altered, or dropped from time to time as our knowledge of the therapy of arthritis increased. At the present time, we advise all arthritis sufferers to come to Chicago and go through our routine examination and conference. This by far is the most satisfactory and result-producing procedure. If it is impossible to come to Chicago, get in touch with your personal physician and I will be glad to correspond with him about the laboratory and physical examination routines that we follow here, a copy of which might be sent to me with a succinct personal history of your past and present ailments. The object of the whole procedure is to ascertain your present status and begin from there in an effort to correct your physiology through nutritional management with very little drug medication so that you can in quite some measure gain relief from your arthritis. Should you be one of those persons whose physiology responds to the management we have evolved, your progress should be rapid.

I would not have you infer that this promises a so-called "cure" --I would have you understand, however, that it does promise a great measure of relief and practically complete arresting of your arthritis as you have suffered from it.

I should be very glad to hear from you and will answer it as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

RTF:w

Roger T. Farley

April 1, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Hoinville  
7539 Colfax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother and Sister:

I was very glad to receive Charlie's letter yesterday stating that you had arrived safely and had developed a better appetite. I can see how after six months of sops and gruels, substantial food had a real appeal for you and perhaps is just what you need at this time.

The registered letter which has been at the post office for some days was from Joe and I asked that it be returned marked "uncalled for". I received a second notice about it this morning so felt I should do something.

I wrote to the Probate Judge of Pottawatomie County in regard to the Macedonia property and our desire to dispose of it in order to collect for the funeral expenses of Dr. Cowdy which was filed as a claim against the estate. I have not had a reply.

We are still in a mess out home with men building the garage which is now nearing completion and which will be an attractive and commodious building. As we wrecked two other small buildings, there is a lot of work to do on our yard.

Perhaps later you will be able to make us a visit when we hope to have everything in good shape.

I am thankful that your severe illness occurred here in Lawrence where we could be of some assistance in looking after you. It made it hard on Charlie, but I believe Dr. Liddy did a good job.

Gertie joins me in sending love.

Your loving brother,

Jackson Sanatorium  
Jackson Michigan  
March 30-1943-

Mr. W. C. Simons  
Lawrence Kansas  
Dear Cousin, -

The days move on and  
it is near time for me <sup>to</sup> go home.  
Probably not more than two weeks more.  
I am on outdoor exercise now 15 min-  
utes and the remaining exercises are  
30-45-60 minutes. I don't see any  
use of staying ~~longer~~ <sup>longer</sup> as it is; I can  
take just as good care of myself at home  
and not do as much as I am doing now.  
But I have to wait the doctor's permission.  
Our snow has been gone for  
two or three weeks. It is still cold though,

ever, strong north and west winds.

It rained last night cloudy and cold to day. Kansas is two or three weeks farther advanced than Michigan and Michigan is that much ahead of New York.

Eugene as usual is planning on a big garden, to raise all our winter vegetables as well as summer. The last two years he has been unable to have a garden because of my illness. He took care of the fruit and we have nearly all of last years untouched. The land we don't need for a garden has been rented.

We can manage on the vegetable ration easily - the meat ration will require more thinking as we usually use a good deal of cheese and butter, we still have cottage cheese and cream, most oleo is fortified with

Vitamins. I am glad now I have made a study of these things it will help. I have to eat strained vegetables and they are only a <sup>big</sup> pt. a can.

Lillian has rented a room to two girls; this will help financially and be a little company too. She needs people more than Jean did. I am often anxious about her.

Cousin Julia was in a hospital in Lawrence when Etoile died. I watch the news for further information about her but found none. I think she must be in Chicago now and I shall write her. I believe her hands are too crippled to write.

I at least wish they would compromise on the ~~Punnett~~ plan. It is going to be nearly impossible to con-

time paying income tax and a  
with holding tax too. The last two years  
haven't left us any surplus. We usually  
manage whatever comes so I suppose  
we can that.

Eugene's brother's three boys are  
all in the Service. Sgt. Tech. "Jimmy" in  
N. Africa, Jason at Camp Blanding Fla -  
and Arthur a marine in California.

Willard and Betty are still in  
Buffalo - all of them are well. Little Judith  
had chicken pox later Willard had her ex-  
amined and fluoroscoped - the doctor said  
she had perfect health and well formed  
in every way - she is such a little thing  
they were anxious. Betty is small.

If you write within the next  
ten days send here otherwise to home address.

My love and best regards to you  
and your dear wife, Your cousin Kathryn

April 1, 1943

Miss Lillian Cowdy  
3751 Aldrich Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sister Cousin:

So much has happened in the past seven weeks that I hardly know where to begin. On the 13th of February, Mr. Hoinville sent word that Julia was very ill and that it was essential that Etoile be taken away so that she might seek a change in climate. I left for Chicago that evening returning Sunday with Etoile. She was seemingly in good health, but considerably over weight. We had a very pleasant visit with her and I feel sure that she was happy for the something over two weeks that she was with us.

On Thursday, February 25th, Julia and Charlie came in following a trip to Houston, Texas and Julia was very near a collapse with an attack of heart trouble, something she had never had before so far as she was aware. She stopped at her granddaughter's, Mary Jule, where they have a first floor bedroom and I think this was extremely fortunate, for I doubt if she could have survived climbing the stairs at our home. On Saturday we took her to the hospital where she had a day and night nurse. She remained in the hospital until the evening of Monday, March the 29th.

On March 2nd, just six days after Julia arrived, Etoile died almost instantly from what apparently was a heart attack. She had been downstairs during the afternoon where she had been enjoying watching the redbirds feed just outside the window. Later she went upstairs as she spent a great deal of time in resting in her bed. At dinner time she was called and responded pleasantly that she would be done in a moment. She then went to the bathroom and a moment later we heard a noise indicating a fall. I rushed upstairs as rapidly as possible and found that she had been stricken and evidently fell easily against the bathroom door and had then fallen to the floor. We immediately called a doctor, but there was no sign of consciousness and she was practically gone when I found her. She was buried on the family lot near mamma, papa, Louie, Vera, and little Sally.

Miss Lillian Gowdy

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Julia was very sick and during her sickness was at one time threatened by pneumonia--the attack being aborted, had a serious condition with her heart, and an unfavorable reaction on her kidneys probably from use of the sulpha drug. We feel that her physician handled the case skillfully or else she would not have survived.

As it is, she is now home in Chicago and a letter received yesterday indicates that she is feeling improved.

Dorothea and babies came from Dawson to attend Etoile's funeral and while here Lance, her oldest boy, had the measles from which he recovered nicely and fortunately the younger boy, whom we tried to keep out of the room, escaped having them.

We have had a little more than our share of anxiety, but Gertie and I have been able to meet the need and are all right.

If Etoile had to go, I am glad that she was with us at the time as I am sure she enjoyed her visit with us very much as we also did having her with us.

I hope that you are feeling better and as I said in a recent letter, don't feel that it is necessary for you to answer this letter if your hands find it difficult to write.

With very best wishes, I remain

Your loving brother cousin

April 1, 1943

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

I am sending you herewith carbon copy of a letter I have just mailed Janet which gives you a report on Julia. We are very thankful that her sickness turned out so well.

The last letter from Janet stated that she had fallen and had badly wrenched her ankle and that an examination of Mary Beth's eyes indicates the same type of near sightedness that Janet has.

There is not very much more to tell you. All of the expenses of Etoile's funeral have been paid, the larger part of it being paid by the bank in Chicago in which she had a balance. I paid the rest.

I was fortunate in getting the makers to accept a return of the package of medicine she had recently received and they refunded the \$12.00 that she had paid. this also being applied to the expense account.

I have written the Probate Judge of Pottawatomie County, Iowa in which Macedonia is located, but have had no reply.

We shall miss seeing you this summer, but hope to get by. We sincerely hope that Don is better.

Certie joins me in sending love.

Your brother,

April 1, 1943

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

We were very sorry to hear of your fall and we hope that you are getting along nicely. I believe that hot and cold applications of water together with a reasonable amount of manipulating the ankle will aid in your recovery. What I mean by manipulating the ankle is for you to lie down on your back and work the foot and ankle a bit by muscular movement.

Our home or rather our yard still looks like "Hell's Half Acre". We tore down the granary and tool house and are utilizing the lumber in the building of our new garage which is going to be a very attractive and useful building. We have cut down the big tree that stood in front of the garage, but have not yet been able to get it entirely removed. Getting competent help and enough of it at a time to do what you want to is quite a proposition. We have been quite fortunate in having a man named Lear work for us. He is employed at the Sunflower Ordnance Works, but puts in a few hours a day for us and is a rapid and efficient worker. I pay 10 cents an hour above the prevailing price for such labor as this because he is worth it.

We have rented all of our plow land, reserving only for ourselves the two garden plots near our house and Dolph and his boys are making good use of the two lots on the east side of Vermont that formerly belonged to Mrs. Laptad. Their garden is up so that you can see it from the street.

I am thinking of selling the horse. I should like to raise some livestock and chickens, but do not believe it wise to take on the responsibility with no assurance of permanent help.

We are also sorry that Mary Beth's beautiful eyes require glasses. I shall never forget how your range of vision was enlarged when you had your first pair of glasses.

Julia left here Monday night and word received yesterday indicates that she stood the trip well and is making continued improvement. On account of difficulty in securing a drawing room, she was

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taken to Kansas City in an ambulance and put on a train there. She was a desperately sick woman for quite a while and every time the telephone rang at night, I feared that it might be a call from the hospital. Charlie Hoinville was very faithful when he was here and I made two calls a day at the hospital while she was there.

Tell Michael why not spell it Mi-col which would combine his name of Michael Collins.

The weather has turned off nicely here and everyone is trying to have a garden.

Much love,

Dad

April 1, 1943

Mrs. Kathryne Drought  
1417 North Blackstone  
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Kathryne:

So many things have happened in the past seven weeks that I have been unable to look after my correspondence.

I am sending you herewith a carbon copy of a letter I have just sent to Lillian in which I have gone into considerable detail.

I sincerely hope that you are in improved health.

Give my regards to all the family.

Lovingly,

Your cousin

April 1, 1943

Mr. Elmer E. Brown  
Route 4  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Elmer:

I was glad to get your letter. I have probably known you for fifty years or more as it was fifty-one years last December since I came to Lawrence, and I knew Mrs. Brown when she was a mighty sweet little girl of about ten or twelve years of age at Larned, Kansas.

We have not always agreed in regard to minor things, but I have always enjoyed your friendship. I have even forgiven you for electing me constable which evinces the great generosity of my disposition.

I don't happen to recall the particular incident that you mention, but I did know your father and I knew at least one of his brothers who lived in North Lawrence, and I have had a good deal of admiration for Willard whose ability I have never questioned.

I hope you will have no further occasion to play treader.

If at any time I can be of service, please call upon me.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

WCS:df

Lawrence, Kans, March 28, 1943

Mr W. C. Simons:  
Lawrence, Mo.

Dear Friend - We appreciated and wish heartily to thank you for the complementary editorial on The Brown Family -

Some years ago I wrote an article about my "Dear old Dad" as to how an emigrant Irish boy had succeeded and Henry Albach published it in the Democrat.

You thought well enough <sup>to</sup> to copy it in the Journal World giving credit to them for it.

Mr Albach told me he credited Corbett you and told you I wrote it. On reading it to some friends later I was overcome and broke into tears. I did not save the copy and have often since wish I had.

I was wondering if you would recall the incident in any way. As we grow older such things mean much to us. Thank you again.

Emmet E Brown & Clara Huddleston Brown

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March 11, 1943

Col Karl F. Baldwin  
U.S. Military Attache  
375 Collins Street  
Melbourne, Australia

My dear Col. Karl:

The letter I received from you dated February 15th was one of the finest letters I have ever received. Mrs. Simons and I have had the same feeling toward you and Mrs. Baldwin that you evidently hold toward us, but I feel as if we had not made that sentiment quite as clear to you as you have made it to us. We have admired you as a man, as a Christian gentleman, and as an officer who reflects credit upon our entire military forces. We hold Mrs. Baldwin in the same high esteem and appreciate the heroism and courage that has been hers during all the days we have known her and especially since the cowardly attack on Pearl Harbor.

I think I have realized perhaps more fully than some the great value that you have for our government at this time in your knowledge of the Japanese and of their language. I should like to have you sit in at the peace table where your first-hand knowledge would be of very great value.

I don't know just when I wrote you last as I usually write immediately upon hearing from you and occasionally at other times.

We had a wonderful basketball season--ten games with the Big Six and ten victories. Some of these games were played under the disadvantage of having some of our best men sick and others called to service. I think that the splendid courage and the physical prowess shown by the members of the team will be of unusual value in military service.

Rotary is moving along quite nicely.

I had known for several weeks that a change was due in the Commandant of the R.O.T.C. I think that Dusenbury did his best, but perhaps did not know just how to deploy when he ran up against

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a stone wall. In any event he felt aggrieved as I think I told you in my last letter and finally the change has been made although I have not had the pleasure of meeting Col. Wm. C. Washington.

You may note that I am following your letter paragraph by paragraph.

I doubt materially that John will be accepted for military service on account of his eyesight. If there is any place where keen vision is essential, it is in combat service and if he is not to fight, perhaps he is doing work of more value to the government in building ships than he would in giving such military service as might be given him.

I certainly hope that you will get good news from your son, Captain Chandler.

I think the University has gone all out in its cooperation with military and naval forces. The engineering school has been particularly active in training men for service.

We had heard about Col. Carroll Riggs being missing and I do not recall at this moment whether the government has listed him definitely as being lost. Certain it is that if he is gone, he has given his all for the nation he served, and for the freedom of mind, speech, and body which is so dear to us.

We follow the trend of war in the various fields. McArthur seems to be handling things with great ability and judgment in the Australian and Solomon areas. Russia has done magnificently and while for a couple of days this week, Hitler has been concentrating his efforts in the Donets area, the reports indicate that the Russians are holding them in the Ukraine sector and at the same time are still making headway farther north.

I am not so sure of the effectiveness of the destruction wrought from the air in conquering a country, but I do feel that if Germany had felt the weight of war 25 years ago as the residents of Germany are feeling it today, this war might not have happened. The Allies quit fighting too soon which gave the German leaders the opportunity to build up the myth of their invincibility. When it comes to the Japs, it seems to me that they have been victorious in every war they have conducted during recent historical times until the present war. If results continue as they have been, there will be a greater number of incidents of hari-kari among the ranking Japs. If you did not read it, you would enjoy an account of a battle between an American officer with boxing gloves against a champion Jiu Jitsu hero some years ago. The story appeared in one of this year's issues of the Reader's Digest.

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Thirty-four thousand miles of travel on your part in Australia reminds me of the story of the Swede who survived after being carried for some miles by a run-away team. A sympathetic friend in commenting on the event stated, "It must have been of great comfort to you to know that God was with you." To make the story short the Swede replied that if God went with him, he sure was going some.

I, too, hope that the war will end soon enough for Mrs. Simons and myself to visit Australia while you and Mrs. Baldwin are there.

In regard to food in the states, we have plenty. No one has occasion to go hungry, but we have been a little inconvenienced at times in getting everything that we might want. I think the general spirit on the part of the people is good and that they are willing to cooperate in every way necessary to keep our soldiers well clothed, fed, and supplied with munitions.

I think the label "DC 13" might easily mean "Delightful Colonel".

Again referring to Australia, the occasion of a possible visit to Australia is so remote at this time that I would not wish to burden the mails with literature now. Later on we shall be delighted to get it.

Alfred Lawrence has shown an excellent spirit and is coming along real well. He is operating his studio, but says that shortages of various kinds are apt to put him out of business. His wife is suffering from a sort of nervous breakdown and there is a possibility that she may have had a slight cerebral hemorrhage. Their daughter who is a registered nurse is here.

Today is Dolph Jr.'s 13th birthday. We are proud of all of our nine grandchildren.

Believing that you will be interested in how we are keeping in touch with our boys, I am enclosing a rather long letter that Dolph has just written to ten of our men now in service. This list does not include soldiers who were formerly in our employ, but simply those who left our office to take up their military duties. Included in the group is Lt. Archie L. Mills who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for piloting one of the planes which located the Jap fleet in the battle of Midway and also bombed one or more vessels.

I made a brief trip to Chicago leaving here on February 11th and returning February 14th with my sister, Etoile B. Simons, next older than I. We had a little more than two weeks of a most pleasant visit when on the evening of March 2nd, she suffered a heart attack and died almost instantly without any evidence of pain or suffering. She was highly educated having received her degree of Ph.D. from Chicago University where she was also elected to Sigma Xi. She had

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a fall sixteen years ago in which she suffered a fractured skull. It had some effect on her health from which she never fully recovered although it was not a mental deficiency. Her death was a great shock to us, but we were glad that there was no long period of pain and suffering for her to endure. Just this morning our youngest grandson, Charles Simons Johnson, Dorothea's little boy, was walking around at our home with a toy telephone talking to his "Aunt Tola". She had quite captured his little heart and he was happy with her.

My oldest sister, Mrs. Hoinville, had been ill in Chicago for some time and both her physician and her husband thought it would be beneficial for her to accompany Mr. Hoinville to Houston, Texas. It proved to be too much for her and she arrived in Lawrence, February 25th and had a minor heart attack so that we took her to the hospital on Saturday evening, February 27th. She seems to be coming along satisfactorily although a little more slowly than we wish. Her husband has made one visit her since and will be back again Saturday morning. We are hopeful for her complete recovery.

We have had a very cold March so far which is not without its advantages because it has held back fruit and early vegetation from the danger of frost. Everyone is trying to raise a victory garden. Having lost our man, Ramsey, to the SOW plant, we have rented out most of our cultivated ground, but will have a garden for ourselves in some way.

This is an extremely long letter, but we are a long ways apart. I want to assure you that I have a real brotherly feeling for you and I shall be happy when Lawrence again becomes your home.

I treasure your friendship.

Cordially yours,

March 11, 1943

Aviation Cadet O. W. Maloney  
AAFTD  
International House, University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Owen:

I read the paragraph in your letter yesterday to your folks which referred to the tremendously heavy load you are now carrying.

I want to advise you in all seriousness that in practically every occurrence in life, we come to situations which seem almost insurmountable. The men who give way ~~are~~ doomed to a life of mediocrity while the way is opened for greater success to the man who holds on during those crucial moments and fights it out. Almost invariably after such an experience as you are having now, the burden lightens and the whole situation will appear brighter and much easier to carry.

We love you a lot, have confidence in your ability, and simply want to pat you on the back and say stay with it until you have the situation thoroughly in hand.

With love and every good wish, I am

As ever

Your Grandad

March 6, 1943

Mr. Charles H. Hoinville,  
908 Railway Exchange,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Charlie:

I believe Julia is making very satisfactory improvement. She told me that the doctor had also spoken to her in that manner. She called up Gertrude this morning and her voice was firm and natural. I try to make my visits short because she wants to talk and I don't believe it is best to have her talk, especially on subjects which might cause intense feeling.

She asked me to write you today and suggested that you tell Katy not to admit visitors to the house and probably she had better not discuss matters with her friends.

We are hoping that Grace will stay here for a good visit, but I think she anticipates leaving not later than the middle of next week.

I bought her a Tribune today, but it was what they called the Bulldog, issued the middle of the week, and while it contains the special magazine features and comics that will appear in the Sunday paper, from a news standpoint it is of no value. What would you think of your subscribing for the Tribune, to be mailed directly to her for a week or ten days.

The telephone is working, as you may have inferred from my mention of the call from Julia.

We shall keep you in touch as well as we can.

With love,

Your brother

WCS:JM

March 5, 1943

Mrs. E. H. Henley  
906 South Sierra Bonita Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Henley:

You can tell your boy, Roy, that the matter you send us is received as evidence of your love for the old town and your interest in the old town newspaper.

We treasure the fine friendship we have had with you and we rejoice in the peace and comfort that undoubtedly surrounds you at this time.

Please give my best regards to Roy.

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons.

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