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My very dear Friend:

I am not sure just how we stand on correspondence, but I think our letters have been crossing. I notice before me yours of November 6 and January 5. The letters are so brimful of news, they always do me a world of good.

By now the basketball season is on, and I hope that Fog Allen has another successful time. We sort of expect it as a matter of course. The football season seems to have passed in the usual manner, though I thought by accident that we might over-win Nebraska.

I am very grateful to you for the clippings, and I have read them with interest. Certain magazines are coming to Australia, but I believe there is a ban on ordinary newspapers. I do appreciate items of interest whenever they are received.

Within the past week I have received your Christmas greetings from Rotary, with your name and my many friends. I got a real kick out of this, and this morning I received a very beautiful knife bearing the Rotary seal for which I am also very grateful. I attend Rotary whenever I can, and am taking a three-day motor trip with Angus Mitchell shortly. Mitchell might have been President of International Rotary had the war not come when it did. His family constitute about the best friends I have in Australia among the native population.

I was glad to hear you say such good things about my son John. John is really doing very well with the shipping company, though, if he were drafted, I would not object to his going even if he must be a private. However, he is much more use to the Government building ships. My oldest son is in California and is doing a fine job of engineering. We have written to my son, Captain Lawrence Chandler, who is a prisoner in the Philippine Islands of the Japanese Government. I have hopes we may hear within the next three months.

I am always glad to hear that ^{Colonel} Gage, who occupies my house, is such a good tenant. In fact, I have been afraid that the R.O.T.C. would fold up, and he would have to go on