Karl and Adeline have bought a home within \( \frac{1}{2} \) mile of where we now live, so Philena will be there alone with John and some of Adeline's sisters, who have a basement apartment.

I am trying to follow the Presidential Campaign but not getting anywhere. I am personally not able to vote this year. It looks to me like, if we take a four year period to look at, its a question of supporting either Truman or Dewey.

I saw our big General three weeks ago and he looks well. I had a note from Mrs. Mac a few days later. Down here things are quiet and its hard to realize there's a war on. I have to travel 1,000 miles to get into the atmosphere.

We have had no further word concerning my son who is a Prisoner-of-War. I have a feeling that he is now either in the Northern Philippines or in Formosa. I doubt if we hear again for a long time.

I was especially pleased with the Military Science Building. Its very much like I expected although the rooms seem larger than I had envisioned. Except for the fact that on the Rifle Range they fire down-hill instead of up-hill, the building is almost exactly as I planned it originally. Down in my heart I would like to serve in it some day though I think that is very unlikely now.

I was glad to have a short word with Dolph, but my stay was so short that I missed a great many of the friends and fine people of Lawrence.

Give my very best to Gertrude, I hope you are all in the best of health. Philena has pretty well recovered from her operation for gall stones but it will take time to gain her full strength. John is doing well in the shipyards but I presume his job is just a war job. Karl Jr. has established himself in a high position of recognition with consulting engineers and I was especially proud of his work. He took me to a dinner which he gave for me and there were 42 men, engineers, from his place. The high words of tribute they paid to Karl made me a proud father. Philena is expecting Kay and the baby to come out to the Coast next month.

Once again my very best to Gertrude and the warmest brotherly feelings to you,

Very sincerely yours,

Karl & Baldinin