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Mrs. Lillian A. Gooding
328 Gallaway Street
Weiser, Idaho

Dear Cousin:

I was pleasantly surprised Thursday night in having Russel call me from downtown. He responded to my invitation to come out, and we had the pleasure of having Russ, Mimi, Grace and her two children--the boy Russel about 6, and little Penelope, a darling little girl of 5 months, one of the prettiest, sweetest little infants that I have ever seen.

Eight days before they had left San Diego by auto. They had started the southern route but after passing Phoenix, Russel found that Grace was very anxious to see her husband at Denver, so they took the route that led to Durango, Colorado and on up to Denver. Although the driving must have been difficult, Grace, who handled the car, came thru all right. They all looked well, but somewhat tired from their trip.

Mimi had been in California for 18 months, and part of the time at least had been employed in defense work.

Grace's husband, Mr. Yoder, is in the armed forces located at Denver.

I understand that Julia, who also married a Yoder, has no children.

I would have dropped you a line now and then, but had got mixed up a little on the address, but I shall try to keep it now permanently. I trust that you and yours are getting thru the war period as well as could be hoped, and I shall be glad to hear from you.

Lovingly,

Your Cousin