March 28, 1945

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

Dear Charles:

The check for $300.00 from John's Union has been received and deposited. Please ascertain, if you can without too much trouble, when the payment on his insurance will be completed. He was of the opinion that he was insured for $600.00. If there is any more coming, I think that Gertrude is entitled to it, but if not, we shall not worry about it.

We have recently heard that Owen is a prisoner of war, presumably in southern Germany. All his folks have so far is the report from the War Department to that effect. The wire stated that a letter would follow, but this letter has not yet been received. Of course, we are all thankful that he is alive and sincerely trust that he will be returned to us in the near future. If supplies can keep pace with our galloping armies, the war in Germany may be over in the near future.

We have been having real spring weather. The spirea in front of our home is in blossom, jonquils have been in bloom for a week, and the Redbuds are out and nearly in full bloom. It has been so wet, however, that farm work has been greatly delayed. Very few oats or potatoes have been planted and practically no spring plowing has been done.

Gertrude is now having an attack of sciatica, and we took her to the hospital late yesterday afternoon. How long she will have to remain, I presume no one can tell at this time, but we are in hopes that the doctor will soon get the best of it.

A little later so as to be safe from forst, I think we had better again plant geraniums on Julia's grave, because they bloomed so splendidly there last year. Last Monday was her birthday.

Lovingly,

Your Brother

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