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Dear Grayce:

I was very sorry indeed to have missed your telephone call. I spent Christmas, as you now know, with Janet and family at Minneapolis, Kansas, and I called Blanche and family at Tulsa. I also had a call from Dolph from Lawrence, so if we had had connection with you, it would have made an all-around swing. I am sorry that I didn't get to talk to you.

There is nothing new with me, excepting that I haven't been feeling quite so well today, probably having a little trouble that has been going its rounds here lately.

Word from the Framptons recently said that the lakes ~~were~~ <sup>was</sup> all frozen over excepting a spot out in front of your home, and that too may be frozen by this time.

I have just received the book you sent me and am just now opening it to see if it is written in a language that I can read. You Scandahoovians up there in Minnesota seem to talk a different language.

I found the McNalleys all well and the call from Blanche indicated that Pat had at least spent the Christmas Day at home from the hospital. He had been at the hospital for some little time.

I have almost gotten to the inside of the several wrappers on your book and see through the cover the title is "Bataan Uncensored." I presume it deals with the group of Brainerd boys who were caught there and very largely wiped out.

I am not very sympathetic with the War trials because I am afraid it is setting a pattern for the future, and who knows but at some future time a group of American officers will be tried by some foreign court. Such things might happen.