

May 25, 1949

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Dear Friends:

I was very glad to receive your good letter of April 24, and to know that Philena's great desire to visit Australia is to be gratified.

Gertrude and I thoroughly enjoyed our acquaintance with you. You were of the best militarily, and also thoroughly grounded in your christian life, and in your desire to be good citizens. We have missed you a lot, but know that you and your wife will always have friends wherever you are.

Dolph's message is so popular that he finds it difficult to bring his speaking to a close. He has spoken several times in Kansas City, in Detroit, Denver, and in Nebraska, and today is speaking to the Officers' Intelligence Course at Fort Riley. He felt complimented in having the invitation to speak today in as much as he had previously spoken at the Fort. I am sure that his address would meet with your approval.

Quite a demand has been indicated for him to seek political office, but he says that in order to go into politics, he would have to recast his life plans and hesitates to do so. This hesitation is not caused by any question of defeat, but rather that it would break into his desire to continue to have a part in publishing a worth while newspaper and to finally launch both of his sons in the same line of business, if their ambitions lie in that direction.

I feel myself fortunate in having had so many years with Gertrude, but our plans had envisioned future trips and future happiness just in living together. Her going makes everything else seem rather empty.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours