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Newark, Ohio,
March 4th 1942.

Dear William:

As usual I have been attempting to get a letter off to you, but it has been difficult to find time and get the machine. There is a great amount of work to do at the end of the month and it keeps us all rather busy.

Your letter of the 3rd came, I believe, on the 23rd of February and was mailed in this country. We were all glad to know that the box finally arrived and came through in good condition and that the staff enjoyed the fruit cake. I hope that the other two boxes will come through as well. Your white shoes had to be ordered from the factory and came last week so I packed your bill of goods in two cartons and sent them P.P. on Thursday, February 26th. If they go as the last box, you should receive them by the middle of April.

I shall give you roughly the amounts of the various classes of items. Suspenders, garters, socks, ties, shorts and pajamas were 24.73, shoes 20.60, toilet articles 14.50, blades 1.36, stamps 1.50 and postage 8.92. We sent the full amount of shorts and a few more white cotton socks than you ordered. I also put in a stone that you might sharpen your razor blades, I doubt, however, if you will do much good with it.

Janie wrote to me and told me about Philinda and she likes her very much. I think that Janie is having quite a hard time of it with the Jews in Rutland, too many bosses and I imagine that as Janie is not so used to working for other people she does not ~~know~~ know just how to take it. Then to, she of course has it in her mind that she is going to be married in June and that possibly makes her more independent that she should be. With the country in its present state of war, I think that she would be very foolish to get married until she knows what and where Norman is going. I hope that you have written to her and given her your opinion of the matter.

We are still awaiting a letter that will tell us about the country and the people, what they do and about your office and work. Mrs. Francis had a letter from Bud some little time time, she called Sarah and told her and wanted to know if you were alright. Is Bud still ferrying planes. Bob Hughes is to report in San Francisco on March the 9th for overseas duty, he is in the Quartermasters Corp. We had them for dinner last Sunday and he left on Monday for Chicago. He expects his promotion before he leaves the country.

There is a possibility that Newark will get a synthetic rubber plant at Heath Refinery, I hope that it is true or will materialize as it would be a big help to us and would probably be permanent.

The bus business has been very good and January was the largest month that we ever had. The tire rationing is a very serious thing in this country and many people are saving their tires and riding the bus. The taxes are bad enough now and next collection will be much higher. With all my interest to pay, it is going to make it quite difficult to get anything on principal. But so we win the war we shall not care about that.

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I sent the stamps to Ray and he was very much pleased with them, and if you have a chance send some more and I will give them to Louis Kussmaul as he is quite interested and asks about you every week end that he comes down from Granville.

Did you ever get a radio and what have you heard about a car. They are going to ration the new cars on hand this next week, possibly they might get one for you.

We had had more cold weather and had snow yesterday morning and it is quite brisk this morning. The grate in the furnace broke on Sunday and we had to let the fire go out, used the gas stove and it was not bad and they fixed it on Monday.

Betty and Herman are as well as usual, write a letter to Betty when you get a chance and also to grandpa. Merchandise is getting more difficult to obtain every day and that it making it quite tough for our business. Hope that we win this war soon, but we can't do it unless labor takes a different attitude from what they have in the past.

Am enclosing the telegram that came Christmas so you can see for yourself how it was worded. Am also enclosing stamps and hope that they reach you safely.

I must close for this time. Hope that you are well and can stand that hot climate for a while at least and not get down sick. Did your glasses come through. They sent them air mail. We are all well and Sarah is busy, she wrote a week or two ago. Love and best wishes,
addy

I told the P.O. to put large denomination stamps on your packages, they should make good exchange for some one saving our stamps.

*Had to take out
 escaped paper and trim
 more from cable to get by for 50¢*