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L. M. KRIEG, Secretary

NEWARK, OHIO

July 24th 1942.

Dear William;

Your letter of July 13th arrived in Newark on July 21st which was, I believe, the best time that any of your letter have made. It had been a mighty long time since we had heard from you and I did not write, thinking that a letter would come. Your letter to Janie came after she had left for Washington and I forwarded it to her but she has never returned it for us to read.

Of course you will have seen Bud Francis by this time, he was leaving Newark late on the 16th or early the 17th, depending upon the time that he could get a plane out of Columbus. He expected that he might go back over on a Bomber. I gave him Janie's new address and also sent with him your insurance notice and the picture of Janie in her wedding dress which appeared in the Advocate. I have not had a letter from Janie for over a week. They were moving into an apartment on July 15th and the address is 1500 Harrison St., Arlington, Va. I am waiting to hear from her for I want to send her presents and other things to her as soon as she is settled. Will tell you while I think of it that Molly Starrett is to be married on Saturday (tomorrow).

The war situation looks quite black for the Russians this morning. The radio reports that Rostov is now in the hands of the Germans. They also announce that one of the largest convoys in history had arrived safely in England. It would seem if we could open a second front in Europe that it would help some and that will happen when we are properly prepared.

It is fine that you received your car in good order. Wish that you would tell us about the price of gasoline and where your oil and gas comes from. I do not remember of hearing that oil is produced in Africa. We should also like to have you tell us about the food that you have and the help you have to do your cooking and take care of the apartment for you. Bud did not tell us a whole lot as I did not get to see so very much of him. (You must overlook some of these mistakes in writing ect, as I am listening to the radio news and writing at the same time).

On last Tuesday evening Sarah stooped over to get a pan from under the sink and got a bad kink in her back. We had Dr. Creighton in the morning and she has been in bed

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every since. Creighton is going to tape up her back this morning and I think she will be able to get up Saturday morning. Her back has bothered her some every since the night she fell on the ice in Granville the night that we got stuck on the hill.

Our glads are just begining to bloom and I think they will be very nice this year. We have put up forty quart of string beans and will have plenty of tomatoes and lima beans from our garden. We have beets and had peas but the pea season is over. I do not get to go to the farm in Coshocton very much on account of the tires, but the grapes are doing very well and if Penick can get them sprayed again we shall have a nice crop with no sugar to make wine so I do not know how they will sell.

Herman and Betty are still at Scout Camp but I think they will be through this next week. Have not had a letter from Grandpa since he went back, so he must be doing alright.

Merchandise is getting more difficult to obtain every day and I really do not know what we are going to do for something to sell if it continues. We can buy in wire cloth, guns and ammunition are gone, but we do have a fair supply of shells for fall, bar iron is out, netting is out as is all of the aluminum products, galvanized goods, lawn mowers and brass and copper products are gone. So you see that we have our troubles. We will hope that this will not last too long and that the concerted efforts of the peoples of U.S. will soon win the war.

I must tell you that we are supposed to get a large Aluminum plant in Newark. It will be located south of Heath refinery and is supposed to cost around \$20,000,000 and they expect to start the building by the first of August. They say that it will employ over two thousand people. I hope it will pan out as expected for it will be a big help to Newark.

I must close now as we are getting busy and it is too hard to write. I do hope that you are keeping well and not letting the hot weather get you down. Write as often as you can for we all love to hear from you and so many inquire about you. Remember us to Bud when you see him. Suppose if he goes into the army, it will spoil his big pay envelope.

Love and best wishes,

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