

Tuesday Sept 16

Dear Nancy and Harry:

I know you have been looking for a letter from us all from Paris with news from part of the world. It hardly seems possible we arrived in Paris three weeks ago tomorrow. The days have just flown by, and not many idle moments. I don't know if Katharine sent you for any of my letters or not. They are all sort of hurried up affairs - telling what we are doing and answering questions. If she hasn't I do a little repeating to catch you up to date - Just thought I should just think to send you mail, knowing you were out your fishing trip till around the first of Sept & then I expect you have been both in Chicago at Halland - or perhaps in Iowa City - By now Coeley has started and Harry is back again. We are so very happy Harry to learn you are exempt from the draft for this coming school year. Will that mean after you are 25 yrs old - will you have to serve - I do hope not. Wondering Nancy dear if you are going to take some work to keep you busy? I will just keep house for Harry and you, and working there in the studio & fill most of your time. This perfect you can have deep a nice studio off of Paul's and still have room for keep house. I know you soon will be making plan to paint in some interesting places. When you grower - tell us all about yourself. How did the fishing go!!! I know it must have been great fun. Did you learn to scale clean & fry them about as soon as you caught them - what a wonderful delicacy. I only did it once, up in the mountains in Colorado. I will never forget the fun & wonderful flavor of those mt. trout. Had better get back to our trip!!! Or you not believe we are over here. We left Swarthmore on an early morning train 6:23 to be exact with 4 bags - 1 pr. crutches, 3 coats, 1 pr. crutches, 2 hand bags - 3 books (George got our wool coats in the bags) - a neighbor across the street from Aunt K. (Helen Ingham). Mary had a snipe - got into 30th station - + a porter - bag - wheel chair - took our bag & got us transferred to the N. E. train - it was a beautiful morning - so clear & bright - we went into the den for an extra cup of coffee & altho' we had eaten before we left but the feeling of everything together & our trip

it was wonderful sweet. I just N. & Judy to N.Y.  
help get us to the Boat having never been on  
such a large boat - I may be her quitcher - complicated  
things a bit - but Mary was a wonderful sport & she  
was simply bearing all the time - It really is a  
wonderful age to take her along on this trip -  
believe she will remember every detail. The Boat  
trip was great. When we got to N.Y. we took a  
taxi to the Boat Pier + just saw the S.S. U.S.  
Docked as we stopped. I had got some tickets  
and it truly was great. I had got some tickets  
or visitors passes for the ladies so they were  
able to get on the Boat with us - and of all  
over the Boat before it was time for us to  
leave. It was the cleanest most modern  
& people beautiful Boat I have ever seen.  
We had four passage cabin - class and  
so we shared the stateroom with two  
other very nice ladies - both about my age or  
a little older - one from Anconiti - she was born  
in Switzerland and had been abroad many times  
so it was fun to have some one so pleasant  
as also one who knew the ropes. The other lady  
was from Alleghen Ohio - going to Munich. Jimmy  
I met her son & daughter & two grand children  
He was in the air force & would be in Germany 3  
years before returning home. Everyone was lovely  
on the boat to Mary fun - I may had so much fun  
with the steward and was able to get the Captain  
of the Boat autograph - along with a good many others.  
Oh what a party! Quitcher will do for you -  
about 11:30 the whistle blew and all visitors were asked  
to leave the boat - I never saw so many flowers  
and corsages - packages piled to the ceiling -  
luggage in one spot in on life - They really told us  
goodbye - I by gave both M & J an orchid - so  
I felt very festive - the boat left the dock at 12:00  
it was so great from standing on the rail - watching all the  
mechanics of a huge lined leaving port - also to see  
the colorful panorama of people in excellent  
manner - quitcher being taken - stencils flying  
around the decks - we hardly realized were under  
mound - I was a very smooth - but we got a big  
squeeze feeling in our luggage. Mary and I  
at the rail grateful of so far - but I were so busy  
for the rest hour - everything happening so rapidly  
we soon felt normal - I saw delightful - I saw  
helped a cat - the train going - a beautiful tune  
played by bugle - at 12:30 - Heady we went to the  
dining room - after the first meal - we were  
assigned our own table - I from then on we

had so many people stop to visit & chat with us  
as asked Mary what had happened - very  
only one on our Cabin class with a crutch - she really  
did get attention - really people in exceptional friendly  
on a Boat + Lounge, if you press into a couple  
Gossamer ones - it used to hard to shake them  
The meals were delicious - could not begin to eat all  
they wished was to - Wonderful treats + salads (fresh fruit + veg)  
+ heavenly desserts - which I enjoyed - Mary +  
every group at 11 a.m. they served hot buns to us +  
from 4 to 5 - tea hour - with a very lovely orchestra - they  
also played every so many pieces for Mary + we had  
a fine location for our deck chairs on the back of the boat  
I think it is called. They were next to some South American  
Doctors who were going to Spain + Italy - to gather up a lot  
of antiques + watches + bring back to P.A. - very nice company  
also on first class - like the Kesteven family of Verla Mast  
We saw 4 first class movies in the theater which was  
very nice - deep seats in lovely shade of blue - & blue green walls  
with the decorating were so modern - you would think  
loved the colors in the lounge room, on our deck - was in  
grey brown coral + silver quite a pleasing combination  
The furniture in deep sea blue with accents of green + gold  
white glass that describe these - but all in such good taste - I don't  
stand several very prominent artist both men & women did  
the decorating - you must see it some day - the corridors were all  
a lovely green - with each deck painted a different color.  
The doors to each cabin on  
our doors on V. decks were (henna) colored - some gold - some  
blue - etc - etc We had the library + a dear gift shop on  
our deck - which made it very convenient for us - Mary + I  
the library + we could take any books out we wanted back to  
our cabin for the entire trip - We bought lots of comics + 2  
decks of cards + had many games - Canasta + some bridge.  
They might there was established there were 3 orchestras  
on boat + 9 pianos - cocktail bar very modern +  
ultra-avant design. Each night there was Bingo +  
horse racing parties on the lounge - they played three  
times - but last night - so didn't play the last evening  
but we had lots of fun. The last evening they had a gala  
party everyone dined up - Menu was splendid - had  
paper caps - balloons - noise makers - & lots of extra  
things at our place - Candy - nuts + bonbons. They gave  
everybody a complete copy of all the menus in gold  
embroidered folders - so this will go into our travel book.  
which we are keeping to fix up when we get back.  
very nice they was dancing from 10 o'clock to 11:30 +  
although I danced for some of them - I didn't dance every  
night - quite a few young people on the boat - many  
to study abroad - and many more of their kids too going  
to Germany to join their husbands. 1800 guests on boat  
+ a crew of 1000 - so you see we saw lots of people - the  
trip was delightful in every way - I hope some day you can  
take a trip to Europe - it is so relaxing - we just seem to feel  
completely at ease - We felt fine the whole time - & the second  
day had only a slight storm in late afternoon - but it was  
a thrill to watch the waves coming up along side of the  
decks - We arrived at La Havre - part Aug 27 in the  
wee hours of the morning but we did not disembark until  
9 a.m. - Mary + I were the very first passengers  
to get off the boat - wasn't that a thrill - all on  
account of Mary's leg crutch - We had such elegant  
attention on the boat all of the time - I think  
Mary would not be able to find a replacement - But she  
was very sweet, and has grown up a lot.

Harvey especially to have this job -  
for he knew Harvey had practical - not  
just theoretical knowledge about storage  
and transportation of grain - which is what  
Harvey is being sent to Turkey - Grain is  
their main product - they have for many problems  
now about its storage & transportation & that is  
where H. comes into the picture - he is going  
over in a consulting capacity for the Turkish  
government - They will be at the Capital of Turkey  
which is Ankara. It is all under the Marshall  
plan - or has a different name now - but  
it will be for three months or longer depending  
on how long it takes to do a job like he has mapped  
out - Well we tried to see some of the things  
they wanted to see - mostly by Japsi - but I've  
did go up on the Eiffel Tower which is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hr  
trip - then on the way down - about 100 feet above  
ground - they have a very nice restaurant - so we  
stopped & ate (or dined) there - Had a nice  
orchestra - They played several pieces for May  
L. benefit which she enjoyed - Food was  
wonderful - The French know how to make wonderful  
soups & their meats are splendid - they use a  
great deal of butter in their cooking - but nothing  
is greasy - always nice veg. & fresh fruit  
for dessert & cheese of any description.  
I had a wonderful day seeing the  
Louvre on Monday - we walked so long & looked  
so much - we felt like we were numb - but  
I have been once since - & took it a little slower  
the second time - I am going several more  
times - because it is so large and there are  
so many very things to see - it would take  
days to really see it, and enjoy every thing.  
After France, Harvey left for Paris & Pige  
came the next week - They were here 4 days -  
but we only got to see them twice - once  
for dinner & once for lunch - They are on  
a tour - 39 - it's all - and most every

this summer. & is very good company on  
this trip - she usually is eyeing it - in rotary  
way - We took the train from La. Harve to  
Paris - which is about a 3 hr ride - getting into  
Paris at noon. Gene met us at the ~~bus~~ station  
and was all smiles - The office here have a car  
& chauffeur - & so we had a ride up to our  
apt. We have a very nice place - just 3 blocks  
from the Arc de Triomphe - It is on the 3 floors - but  
the rooms are large and airy, with a fireplace  
or lots of high windows - We have a large  
living room with plenty of decorations, chair +  
a large french chair - large sheet make into  
a fine bed for Mary Lu - then you have a bedroom  
& a bath - In the living room is a modern - style  
large cupboard - so we can keep some things  
in it for use for cooking - we bought a little  
electric cooker - to boil water & make tea & cocoa in,  
also I have cooked eggs - beans - etc - I get over  
breakfast very easy - & Mary L. & I eat lunch  
here - it is much easier & much more reasonable  
than eating as you speak out - & much more  
home like - We have had the fireplace going every  
day except the first week - so I toast this  
wonderful french bread - or their french roll +  
make hot coffee or tea + with fruit & eggs - & I  
we have a fine breakfast every day & gather  
the little street in the central little shops -  
one for meat, some for pastry & bread called a  
pâtisserie - & one for fresh fruits & vegetable  
get in little (string bag) full of corns back  
to the apt. - it is specially fun - I can put the  
butter & milk on the ledge of the window - I  
everyone shops every morning - as there is very little  
refrigerator - except in the restaurant +  
more modern type apt. - but the french method  
is to buy just what you need - in fresh fruit &  
meat each day - some fruit is small or  
large amounts - These shops are very interesting  
nothing at home like them - The first  
week we were here - we could eat our  
own dinner at night - when Gene gets  
home from the office - on the sidewalk

cafes or restaurant and they really are good is  
chipping spots - so informal - but the food is  
delicious. We eat out dinner out every evening  
when Gene gets home. He is working quite long  
hours - from 8 to 7 or 7:30 at night - every sat. &  
nearly every Sunday till 2 or 3 o'clock - after  
that he comes home, we try to do a little sight seeing.  
Of course May Long has not been able to walk  
to much - so we have had to take taxi or buses  
but we have managed to see a good many  
things all ready - We all love Paris - it's  
really a magnificent old historic & quaint  
city. Everything moves with such easy and  
grace. People are all so friendly. - My French  
is beginning to improve, but Gene does wonderfully  
well - he can make himself understood almost  
anywhere & anytime - I am now able to understand  
the menus - But I believe May L. will feel me,  
she is picking up the words so easily - We hope  
to put her in school if only for a short while - so  
she can get a little first hand knowledge of the  
French language - The schools open then October.  
There happens to be one a block away from  
our apt & we have our application in - so  
we may be able to get her into it - hardly know  
what or where to begin - But we have been  
busy - doing a number of things - First of all  
Frank & Harvey came the end of the first  
week we were here, they flew over & got here  
on Friday afternoon & left early Sunday morning  
so we managed to be together as much as  
we could - Harvey of course at to be at the  
State Dept Headquarters here - being briefed on  
all the details of his job in Turkey - The Headquarters  
of all the U.S. - Govt. Agricultural Foreign Programs is  
here in Paris - & all the men who are sent  
to different countries on different missions and  
for - leave from Paris - so of course Harvey  
Aunt Boss is here in Paris a Mr. Norton -  
who is a Kansan by the way - Harvey has known  
him for many years - & he asked for