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Tuesday

Dear Mother,

Of I keep putting
off letter writing I'll be
ashamed to write. I've started
several letters to you but
never been interrupted and they
were never finished. I believe
I have time to write now.
Nellie runs in most every
day for she drives Geel
to the subway near here.

We are so pleased over
dad's victory. Wish it had
happened while we were
down there. I never have
enjoyed seeing it all. Mamma
sent clippings from the
Birmingham and Huntsville
papers. Saw the picture of him with
his gun. I bet he needs
a mean one. Hope you go to
the ball.

I hardly realize that
Christmas has come and gone.
We spent such a quiet one
after it really came. I had a
rather hectic ~~some~~ week of
shopping after I had to keep

The Lakeys. I believe you wrote
that you'd love the Christmas
shopping crowds. I rather
doubt that for it's like our
long football game. One day
I got Mary Ellen Lakey. We
got gifts for her to give five
friends and members of her
family plus an evening dress
and school shoes for her. That
took all day. When we started
home she was all in and
neither of us had heels in our
stockings. She was ready to give
up many times. I find that
everybody about New York
wears one out this time. I
guess it's because I've had
my fill of it. I don't feel

unhappy about being here
but I just don't care about
nothing around much. I
just go to town when I
have to.

I've gotten off the
Christmas subject without
thanking you for your
gift to us. You were far too

As much. We are still enjoying
the fruit cake. I've been
giving small keepings to
make it last as long as
possible. Think we'll finish
today.

I have I written that we
are day dieting? It's more
like going near dieting,
however. I got his book of
meals and receipts in October.
Most of the meals are very
nice. The whole thing is in
the combination of foods. No
meal should ~~have~~ have protein
and starch. We never have
bread with meat - use celery.
I haven't gained a pound

in spite of all the cream,
butter etc. but Bill has
gained so much I had to
let out ticks in his
clothes. He weighs 151 I
believe. That's ten or more
pounds up for him.

I really believe Bill is
much improved. He still
complains a lot but he looks
better and I'm afraid some
of the complaining is habit
now. He's a little concerned
about his tarsals now and
may have them treated. They
are near when they fill
the system with poison.

We have a time seeing
you. Am afraid she believes it
intentional. Bill makes week
ends when she is free and
she's missed him. She's been
out here and I've asked when
she couldn't come so it's
the same old story. Her radio
is out of commission so I'm
going in tomorrow to see if
I can locate the trouble.
She just knows how to turn
it all and off so the trouble
may be trivial.

We had a rather nice
compliment yesterday. The woman
from whom we rent said if we'd
stay with her five or six
months she'd have a phone

put in for us, that would mean
\$5 installation fee and \$4²⁵ per
month. She said we were just
the tenants she wanted and
~~couldn't~~ would offer any inducement
to keep us. She's a nice little
woman not much older than
I am. The husband is German
and she's Welsh. We are going
to stay but will pay for our
phone. Nellie found a house
in Forest Hills last week she
wanted us to take, it was nice
but Bill didn't want to fool
with a furnace and it has
up our rent. After we're all
settled a little more will
be time enough to take
on a house.

I'm making this much
too long. You see once I get
started I'm hard to stop.
I expect Nellie any minute
so I'll quit before she
gets here.

Love to each of you
and thanks again for
everything -

Mama