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Dear Miss Loving,

I received your letter only five minutes ago and am writing an answer to it right away. Also received your card & was very glad to hear from you. Letters are the most welcome thing there is, you know.

First of all, I will answer your question of how much mail I have received from you in the last month. You see, for most of the past month, I was on a Troop Transport ship (Army) en route to the good old U.S.A., and therefore could not receive any mail. For the week or so before that, I was at the U.S. Army hospital in Trinidad. I received the Christmas card with the \$2 in it on Christmas Eve. That is the first letter I had received from you since the one with the first edition of "Post Script". I admit that I procrastinate in my writing of letters, but I have tried to answer all your questions. I have not received the box you mentioned nor the Sunday newspapers as yet. But do not worry as I doubt if the box has even left the States. The last time I was in N.Y., I got more "held mail" than I got throughout the whole trip. It made everyone on the ship very mad, but that is the way it goes. It just can't be helped.

Please thank the other eight for me, too. I know I will receive the box before long plus the newspapers. It was very nice to hear from all of you, especially on the night before Christmas. I hope to be home soon and thank each one personally, but until then, please thank them for me. I hope that the Alumni Dance was a success. Miss Elliot said she hoped I would be there, & I wish that I would have been able, because that is one of the best dances of the year at W-L.

As for me, I have more spare time than I ever had in my life. Its not everybody who can stay in bed and read all day with just on[e] pause to eat, is it? I seem to be getting along fine so far; in fact, better than expected. I feel okay, myself, and raring to go, but the doctor says no. Perhaps, it won't be too long. If the Lord stays with me, it won't be, but the doctor said its hard t say – which, is an answer that doesn't satisfy me.

Please write again, Miss Loving, & I'll try to answer to more speed than usual.

As ever,

Claude