

April 21, 1944



Dear Merrill,

I guess by the time you've received this you'll be thoroughly surprised. I was pleasantly surprised myself to hear from you, your letter & my birthday card must have crossed.

The reason I haven't written at this time is because I didn't think it would be to the advantage of either of us, but it's changed my mind & all no reason why you & I should not as two sensible adults be able to enjoy a pleasant correspondence.

When you write Jerry send him my congratulations I think they'll be well. Also I was very glad to hear from your mother where all the Davis are. I hope I may see you in morning with me here & says to tell you hello. You know Fern is not at school.

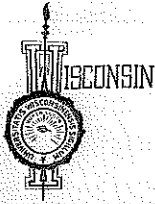
This semester as she was busy in
Mil. getting her Transcript ready. She
& Carl are to be married May 25th in Mil.
He graduates pilot training & gets his license
May 23 in Valdosta, Ga. School is over
here ^{the} 23 & am going to Mil. for several days
& stay several days after the wedding. I
guess I'll be home about June 8th.

I'm going back to Miami
this summer as head of Cruising.
I guess that place kinda gets under
my skin & I'll probably be going
back there every year of my life.

Excuse me for writing on the
both sides of this paper cause I wouldn't
want to have to read it as you are
having tea.

Fern & Carolyn & Shirley are
up this weekend & we gave a lovely
shower for 20 people for Fern this
afternoon

Sunday afternoon
I can't say much for this letter
as it has been written over a period
of several days & is probably quite a
mess. We are getting ready to take the
kids to the train station & then I must
come back & study for my classes



Tomorrow - Just 3 weeks more of classes
& then a week of finals - I'll be happy,
I'm kinda tired of studying for a while
& will be quite happy to relax for the
summer.

I was quite sorry to hear that
you are still having trouble, can't they
find out what the devil is wrong with
you, it's not appendix, or ulcers or gall
bladder, thank goodness! What can
it be, possibly the crazy way you
eat or maybe a fragment of the imaginary
news - Hal Herber & Connie Blecker are engaged,
Merry is expecting in July & Vic is on his
way to California with an A. P. O. - Stanley Brown
& Len Hoffman are engaged. Ellen Lefkowitz
is expecting in July & so is Zelda Ketsin,
pardon the use of their maiden names,
they are all married. Seymour is on
his way overseas. Mel B. is at Millington
until he starts Med. School at U. T. in June.
Alfred is still at Duke & if he continues
as he is, he'll graduate college in November.
You probably know all this stuff that
I've written, if so forgive me, I forgot



That your mother has practically written all of it to you already.

Selma & Edith Chamberly are doing nurse's aide at St. Joseph & Paula & Elly are working at Boub's & Helen is working at her Dad's. I saw all the kids while I was home & they all look grand. All my happy tho married friends, I'm very glad that I haven't found the person I want to marry yet, its hell when there's a war on & the future is so uncertain. I would not ^{wish} do any fear in the least, I want a home & be able to plan for my husband & family when I get married. I may end up an old maid, at least that's what everybody tried to tell me when I was home, but rather than that take the chance of being a war widow & with children.

I'll write soon again & maybe when this mob of people are gone I can concentrate a little more closely, until then & do write soon, always.

P.S. Today's your Birthday
Happy Birthday, Merrill

Budly Hope