

I hope the war is over
by then. — — it will be
so dreadful to see all our
friends go over and not
come back.

Most of the time I don't
worry about it — don't
even think about it but
sometimes it comes very
close to home then it seems
more real.

It seems as though the
tension is getting on everyone's
nerves and we scarcely know
just what to expect.

We are looking forward
to your visit this summer.
We all hope you will make
it a long one.

Bye now and lots of love
from us all.
Helen



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Dearest Grandma,

I have read your last
letter many times and enjoyed
it so much. I wish we could
all find time in this busy world
to know each other better. I
have planned on writing so
many times but something
always interferes. I thought
my years at college were
much too hectic — but school
teaching is just as bad only
it lacks the thrill and fun
of college — I'm enjoying
it though. And especially
being home. I'm so glad you
enjoyed the cake I sent. I
wanted to make some more but

School since Xmas has been
one grand rush - exams, grade
opera - assemblies - but
tonight I breathe a sigh of
relief for I hope we will soon
be back on a normal schedule
except, of course, for the
new war time and the Saturday
schools. By Saturday night
I'm practically worn to a
fray.

The diamond Karl gave
me at Xmas time is so dainty
and sweet. You would
like Karl, Grandmother, he
is so thoughtful and sincere.
He isn't enjoying the army
especially yet but is looking
forward to his flight training
at the Primary Base.

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I can't get the fruits here any
more. I had so much fun
at Xmas making candy and
cakes. I made about sixteen
lbs of chocolates like the
ones I sent Jean and about
fifteen pounds of fruit cake.

It was a strange Christmas
this year for everyone I
suppose. I had hoped our
family could be together but
since it was impossible for
Jean to be here and I went
south we were kind of split
up. I'm glad Jean can be
with you and do hope he
will not have to go to war.

We all wonder and worry
about the folks in P. I. Let
us know if you get any
word from them.

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