

Merry Christmas!

Dearest Gram -

Yours wonderful - I like the way you do things - getting your Xmas cards out and putting me in the real Xmas spirit. It seems impossible that it is just two weeks off - and more impossible that I was in Long Beach two years ago at this time.

As for what's to happen this year we work till noon December 23 and then have five days off. A girl from Chicago and I are going to New York City for two days - we then come

back to eight hour duty for
four days - Our final exams
come January 14 then will
be all finished with classes
until our senior year -
which is a year from
now.

At present I'm on
pediatrics and for the first
time since I arrived here
seven months ago I felt
like crying - and did cry.
My patient - whom I had
had four hours every
day for a week was
put on the danger list.
he was so sweet but
with leukemia. That
little episode made me
realize how much I
can do to make a patient
a little happier. My prize
patient was my first one
and I truly fell in love
with him - Was'ham - Sept.

ember 2. weighing 1190 grams
(2.6 pounds) the first day I had
him he weighed 2220 grams -
not quite five pounds. His
little head fit in one hand
and his little behind in the
other — my 30 — means
stones I could tell. I
love every minute — I
feel I'm doing something
and yet learning at the
same time. Lots of people
say we are fast but
there are 238 college
graduates in my class
and 40 in the other
one.

You ask when we
graduate — well I'm starting
on my second $\frac{1}{4}$. We'll
finish in July 1946. That
sounds a long time away
but to think that three
weeks from today it will
be 1945. I'm coming home
next summer — fast over

months vacation - Maybe
my time off will come
while you are home - I
hope so.

Two girls are in my
room making Christmas
cards and little papers
like mine - They are hav-
ing such fun. Using my
stencils and cut. I have
fun doing them - I put
my presents in V. mail
for overseas.

Speaking overseas - a
very close friend of mine
that is in the army wrote
last week from the
Philippines - said he had
survived his first encounter
with nothing more than
a broken bath and a tired
body. He enclosed two
fifty centavo bills.

I told you the fellow
I saw in Long Beach is
a German prisoner -

Yesterday I went to see the
Jamaica Ice Ladies - They
were wonderful. The
skating was excellent &
every scene had a theme
to it - One especially that
was breathtaking - Called
Enchanted Forest ^{beginning}
in the spring - then the
frost depicted by a girl
dressed in a glittering
silver costume - then the
"spring & summer" girls
came back dressed in
long flowing orange &
yellow dresses - and while
the little frost figure
raced through them 24
girls dressed in long
white dresses came out
and skated among them.
There was a purple light
on the whole arena
which made everything

seem a little supernatural
because every girl & all
the trees lit up in the
color they were but
shone like some watches
do at night - It was truly
wonderful.

I'll be thinking about
you on Christmas Day
and hope that it is a
very pleasant one.

Sincerely
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Happy New Year

Ans Dec 29 - 1914

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