

Dear Mother:  
We were very pleased to receive your nice  
letter & to know that you are doing your  
we had intended writing on Mother's day  
but with the pneumonia etc it has kept us on  
the jump. So much that we have to watch  
for mistakes etc. It will be nice  
to be moved & so have that burden  
from shoulders.

We are all O.K. - but Lucille is growing  
a little tired of waiting. Not long now!  
Milton's family seem to be O.K.  
No news from Idaho of recent date but  
I suppose all is well there  
yesterday was the most quiet for  
months so I rested by doing a few odd  
jobs about the home etc. Seems more like  
old times.

I was very sorry to find that Aunt  
Ralph's family had gone when I came in  
to see them. Had I known Lucille was not  
home I would have gone to the east & say hello  
at least - I hope they were not off for  
a long time.

Love to all  
Douglas.

Berkeley, California.  
May 31, 1939.

Dear Mother Ream:-

We receive such fine, cheerful let-  
ters from you, and enjoy them so very much.  
I always think I will write soon to show my  
appreciation, but time passes so quickly that  
it is much longer between letters than is in-  
tended. Your letters have a similar affect  
on me that Father's have - make me feel very  
good. You both seem so satisfied with life  
and what you have gotten out of it, thankful  
for what you have, your health, etc. It  
surely does make it nice when you are forced  
to be away from your loved ones for such  
long periods of time - to be assured that every-  
thing is "just fine".

Decoration Day yesterday - the first  
I haven't sent flowers to Father and Dingle  
for sometime, but there has been so much on  
mind lately, that I never thought of it until  
Saturday, then feared that by the time I had  
gone to a florist's (we never seem to have  
the "lasting" kind) and got them off they  
would have been too late. My dear Mother's  
grave didn't get a flower from me this year,  
but I know Father and Louise saw to it that  
it wasn't neglected.

We really expected that our Baby

would be here before now altho it isn't supposed to be here until 5th of June, but I have had several scares and David was ten days early. I think June is a nice month anyway, in which to have a birthday. You will be receiving the little "happy" announcement one of these first days.

We have been kept pretty busy with the house, but it isn't finished yet. We now think we may be moved by the 15th. It has taken a long time, but we haven't hurried them any -we were anxious for a good "job". There are a few things we felt we had to have for the new home -like rug and drapes for the living room and a bedroom set. You see there will be ten of us. (I am going to have a girl to help me -will sure need one now. My sister Louise has one picked out for me that she thinks will be fine, a Thomas girl from Bloomington.) I am wondering if I can get enough ambition to some day make another bedspread like the one I have. Won't have much use for this if I don't as we are going to have twin beds. Will make it nice-getting up to care for the Baby, Douglas answering phone, etc. I told Douglas that maybe you would will him yours, but you are going to live to be 100 years old so I cannot count on that.

I am sorry we didn't get to see Aunt Roxie and the girls when they were here. I was away only a little while that afternoon too -went up to the house and missed them. Douglas didn't

know I wasn't here and that they would be in here when he came in. I know you two are enjoying each other. It is fine to have sisters.

We haven't heard from Ida since we wrote her. I do hope she feels kindly toward us as we think so much of her, wouldn't wilfully do anything to hurt her.

The children are all fine. They will be thru school June 9th. I suppose I won't be able to attend Marilyn's graduation exercises -she is graduating from grade school to Jr. Hi. She is on the program too -playing her flute in a flute and violin duet. She plays the flute all the time in the orchestra and seems to enjoy it so much. Forrest has been taking cornet lessons since last fall and his teacher said he can play in the High School orchestra next fall.

Douglas is going to add his say so I believe I might as well quit -take a bath and retire. We hope and pray that your good health continues.

Love from all the family, including Nelle,

*Lucile*

1398 Solano Ave.,  
Berkeley, Calif.

1 June 1939

Lucille → Nora  
& Doug.

Expecting  
Baby (Aldon).



Ans.  
June 4,  
~~1939~~

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Long Beach, Cal.

