Dear Mother,

I left Pechino on the 10th of this month. Got to Choo Lake with my own boat and outboard motor. Was held up there three days by a storm and a strong wind. After while trying to cross the lake my motor balked on me, when I was right opposite a bandit village. They came out after me. I prayed and prepared my shotgun for action if the worst came to the worst. I decided not to allow myself to be captured alive.
But I talked them out of it. They wanted to tax one to their village. That would mean capturing at least nothing during the night. They evidently were not prepared to take a foreigner captive in broad daylight. As soon as the bandits are, so I talked them out of it, explaining work on my motor, and keeping a lookout out of the corner of my eye.
at this same time. After a time they reluctantly returned to their village on the shore. Then I reached by feeding the fishes and never did get that feel for rowing again. And rowed back to my starting point (about 10 miles) helped by the wind, with my first (I hope last) hands experience to add to my varied experience. Got back to my boat at
a Buddhist temple, caught
one of the only two transport
vessels to walnut flat.
I have traded in my
old useless motor for a new
one. I must, I have decided
have a dependable means
of getting to Theosophy.
It is costing me a lot
for the new motor. They
gave me $100 gold on my
old one (a gift, for they didn't
know the worth as I did)
and I have to add $400 gold
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to that new work.
The old one was 18,000 ft.
The new one is 24,000 ft.
The exact price for my boat.

Floods all the way from
tienchow fu to Wuhai. There
will be famine in our
district again this year.
This time floods rather than
drought as last year.

Poor China. You have
been reading about its
terrible revolutions abou
Hawskow. The same descriptive hold for
our district also. I
don't repeat them for
you. The fact we have
had such a good just
7 months in the hospital
will help tide me over
this next January hard time.
So I am not worrying
for the hospital finances
this year.
I had six days with
Grace and the Kiddies at
Bingtan before coming in
up here for my cousins’ stitches. Ruth is walking now (on her 10th month birthday she could go almost any where, with 7 or 8 frequent plunges down on her flatbottom. Adelaide is her middle name. Hardly any time of the day she will be still enough for a long rest. Everyone of the children walk farther than the other. Phyllis has been almost 18 months. Billie 16
Sorry on his 1st birthday.
Both at 10 months.
I tell S. that if we have a dozen they will be walking from birth.

We are so happy with one little family. But we hope we won't have any more until after we next furlough. I fear we want to come home via India, Egypt, Palestine, Ensf., & New York. Another baby would prevent that.
we could manage it. I wish
those children at home
would get quite a bit
out of it & remember it.

Grace has done well.

fully well managing her summer expenses.
She is a real girl,
I tell you. She managed
to have 4 paying guests
occupying her two rooms
all of the time.

At 14. per day.
amounts for about $800.00 for the summer. This pays our rent and all expenses of servants, travel, although she took two men on a small ship and the mule's son with her. With the $1750.00 allowed by the mission she will make it all but a little short of my travel and her food. She is using the money we had saved up for the summer.
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vacation expenses to have me buy a few Peking rugs. I will try to buy me 6 x 9 & 3 smaller 3 x 5 rugs. We will use them upstairs so that when we go home they will be "used" rugs. I'm duty.

We are all very well and therefore happy.

So glad you feel free to unbend your troubles on me. Your troubles are my
troubles remember that, and don't hesitate to confide in me at all times. One must have someone to "overflow" onto. Now you don't have Papa any longer to do next best, make use of your new good, thank, and.

Love,

Douglas.
Dear Mother,

I am a patient in P.Y. M. C. I was in perfect health; but chose to have an operation and place myself on my back for two weeks. How don't you think that takes a little courage.

It was my method of treatment, so much scar tissue had formed from years of instrument dilatation that dilatation was becoming less and less satisfactory; more frequent and more painful.

So while there in Beijing, I decided to have it tended to right. The section of the meata with the scar tissue was removed, and the two ends of the cut meata vented together. To effect union of the section, it is necessary to have a drainage catheter from the bladder, cut thin a wound in the peritoneum into a bottle. I had the operation five days ago; the worst of the discomfort is over now; the wound is healing satisfactorily.

I expect to return to Tsingtau & take the
family back to Luchcroft in two weeks time. I had no idea when I came to.
Believing that I'd have an operation. I
had to obtain special permission from
the nurses to take the time for it.

Oh! I have lots of special news for you this time. For one thing Grace
yesterday letter informs me that our little family also can have our little
accident for she is one month
pregnant! This wasn't according
to plan, but we are not sorry and
will be glad to welcome another
little "chunk of dough" to model. This
baby will come about the same date
as Rythly Ann did, June 1st.

Sondy is in excellent health, hikes
miles every day, swims and sun-bathes
every day, and by the time I can
take her away for Tangier we will
have had 3 1/2 months at the sea shore.
Pretty good prenatal preparation, isn't

Tanny is well and lots of real
company for Grace now that the season is practically deserted of vacationers. But she was all over everywhere. Grace put in her swimming suit and she (Grig) runs on the beach while Ruth get fat legs carry her uneasingly all over the wet, clean, hard sand. I saw little kids walk the beach get lots of entertainment out of watching her. Our 10-month baby is a young lady. She's a Copper, no mistake. She has a bit of Papa's corner of the mouth smile.

Two weeks ago I had my first aeroplane ride. It was supposed to cost $15 for a 20-minute run over Peking. I got into the plane with a young German, a schoolmate of the German pilot. This was very lucky for me for the pilot wished to show his buddy a good time, so gave me an exceptionally fine trip of an hour and
a quarter; circling the city points of interest several times; and then going 30 miles out to the Western Hills and seeing the temples out there. On the return to the field we went up over a mile high where it was delightfully cool, and returned to the landing field. I had my movie with me. For the two reels I took as good. Probably not so good tho, for my camera is pretty stopp for such fast movements. I am now real “air-minded.” So others wrote I get a great “kick” out of it.

A letter from Mrs. Ewalt, at Luchow, which I received yesterday says the immediate vicinity of Luchow was not hard hit by flood. There is 3/4 a foot. Also the hospital report continues good.

About the x-ray report, which you included in your letter, just forwarded to me here. For a person of you
age, a synovitis somewhat past middle life, the X-ray findings could be called practically negative. Hypertrophic means overgrowth of tissue, and arthritis means inflammation (rheumatism) of the joint. In the weal — a chronic mild rheumatism has shown slight over-deposit of bone on the joint surface margin.

Many older people have this with no symptoms. You fall just exaggerated the somewhat. Strided up a groused thing a bit. I have not seen the film. It is probably in Luchowfu. I am not having package forwarded to me.

You should like doctors, don’t you. Glad I am on it so that I can keep in touch with you. It is fine if those Seattle men tho. to show you their professional courtesy. Wish you would send me their name and addresses, I’d like to write a note of appreciation to them also.
I love you always. Wish I could drop in on you occasionally to see how you are doing. Love, 

Douglas.
Nov. 15, 1931.

Dearest Mother,

I have been terrible about my correspondence since our return to Luchowfu. But finally I've got a spasm. Please don't scold me too much for it. But I suppose you have already done so and I just haven't received it yet. Anyway I deserve it.

We had a good trip back from Tientsin, but lost a copy containing some of Groce's aluminum kitchen ware, clothing, books, raincoats, etc. Groce just sent off a letter to the Promotional department telling about the trip. You will get your copy soon then.

When we got back we discovered how necessary we are to the peace and harmony of the hospital. Everything and everyone was in a mess of scrap and gossipings. The head nurse was resigning because a clique of one doctor and wife and a few others were telling about that she was a bad woman. After a time we found it was all jealousy and troubles over who had authority while we were away. Now we have things in hand again, but it will be necessary to ask one doctor to leave when his contract is up next June because his wife is a troublemaker and her tongue can not be controlled.

This year is to be the banner year financially for the hospital. The income will care for all expenses plus 1/4 of the balance due on the x-ray equipment. This is in spite of the flood year. It is true the flood has not hit Luchowfu hard yet; but it will next spring's wheat crop because the crop cannot be put in in most places due to the water still being on the land. Our hospital beds are full all of the time. Always there are sick trying to get beds. Sometimes coming daily for a week before gaining admission. More and more the people are being educated to hospital treatment for illnesses; so that now there are a much higher percentage of the clinic patients being admitted. A smaller clinic keeps the hospital beds full than formerly. We have had to raise the clinic charges by three or four times this last year in order to keep the number down to what the staff could handle. Of course we always give free treatment to those who will register for charity. But "free" keeps the number of these charity cases down.

You will wonder how Groce can manage to do it. But two weeks ago she started off a "Well Baby Clinic", on the plan of those she used to take Sunny to in New York City. We are able to do this now that we have our new woman doctor with us. She is a very capable woman; has had a family of three children of her own; and has been in public health work in both Peking and Hankow. They have had two opening meetings so far. The first a week ago with about 60 street mothers, many of whom have kiddies coming to Miss Major's playground. Yesterday they had 25 or 30 Church mothers out in the rain. Next week will be the test when registrations are made for the street mothers with a fee of 50 coppers (Gold 5 cents) per child. This is only a registration fee good for a season. Those registered get free baths weekly in a heated room (Chinese homes are not heated and babies usually get no baths all winter), weighings regularly, feeding advice, health advice, simple treatments, etc. Lyrel's mother's Sunday School class gave $25.00
which will care for several months of the oil, since the hospital supplies are the service of the doctor, graduate nurse, one of the student nurses, and ordinary drug to dressings.

For the Church women there will also be a Mother's Club of some kind started soon, with Child Welfare and Training as its object.

I have a new outside water. I was allowed $1000 on my old one. I had to add $800 to it. It will break us up in business all winter, but I didn't want to come back without means of transportation in an emergency. This water is more than twice the power of the old one. It is large enough for the boat that I build to fit our station. I can take the whole bunch out in it. Can get to tuna in probably 12 hours.

Ic. Johnson Seaweed "B4".

We are all well but Scorry who has a cold. He was in bed

Tues. Wednesday and today. Should be better tomorrow.

I have looked over the x-ray film you sent and find the bone projection on the inferior edge of the joint surfaces referred to by your doctor. It is caused by a chronic inflammation, which may still be active or may have been past history. As far as I can see in the x-ray film show.

Your injury may be a result of an old silent, caused by the rheumatism. This rheumatism may still have resulted from your former problems as the focus of infection. There is nothing to be done about the exostosis seen in the x-ray film. But any focus of infection should be treated if inflammation in the joint continues. If incontinence then let it

P. S. Oh ho! a good day! This is

After 96 o'clock. (8 for 10) Tastes so

good a little timing. K Unlimited

With every one. Thank God for

This means that we

and that I reply soon. If so let me know.
Dearest Mother,

Your letter of Oct. 26th, containing the $5.00 from the Guild arrived in due time and was turned over to the twin baby’s account. A week later a gift of gold $25.00 came from Ethel Sauer. So little May Doh is well taken care of for seven or eight months more, and May Doh is an awfully cute little Chinese kiddie. She is far enough advanced now to be placed in some good Chinese home. But Miss Han and the other nurses can’t bear to part with her. She is almost Miss Han’s daughter. I wouldn’t be a bit surprised if she would adopt her some day.

Grace will soon write a “thank you” letter to the Guild Girls.

There is a real need here for some baby “placing” organization. That is to take unwanted girls or babies born into families that are unable to financially care for them. The Hospital is short on nurses just now. Graduates just can’t be found. Later when we are able to add two more graduates we will open up a baby ward. There is a room next to the new women’s ward suitable for such a purpose. This we plan to make into a nursery for unwanted babies delivered in our hospital or left on our doorstep. It will be the plan to raise these infants through the nursing period; get them in good physical condition and then place them in good homes.

All other work in the Hospital is going nicely now, since we have returned and been able to straighten out certain difficulties that arose during our vacation absence. It seems that we are becoming more and more necessary to this small portion of the Lord’s work as the years go by. And what are we to do about it? Are we to become hardened to this need and shut our eyes on it and go about seeking our own advantages regardless? That would be contrary to our childhood home training. It would also tear down all of our life’s principles today. We are happy in the knowledge that we are able to do something in this particular position that no one else could do as well for at least five years after our leaving. We are happy in lots to do to keep us out of mischief. Now since our vacation absence, we find also that our presence here, even if we did nothing, is an advantage to the work, a levener of peace and harmony, so necessary to the Chinese workers. So we seem to be “married” to this job, with very rigid and limited laws of divorcement.

I can see very little evidence that this our second term of service will be our last. We must therefore plan to make the most of our 1956 furlough visit. I therefore wish to propose the following plan for the furlough year:-

In the first place you and I must get our visit out; and Grace and her mother their visit. In the second place the “three” children cannot be neglected all over the U.S.A.

My plan (to be approved by you and Mrs. Chapman) is this. That we spend at Long Beach. That you be there to meet us. That we all stay there for a short visit, when you can love the kiddies to your heart’s content. Then we leave Grace and the kiddies with her mother, and you and I proceed eastward to New York City for study in X-ray and Surgery and fitting of glasses (Refraction). After a few months in New York we would go to Chicago for attendance at the Clinics there. You could visit the
Moody Institute while in Chicago. So this would be profitable for both of us. Then if time and pocketbooks permitted we could visit the Mayo Clinic at Rochester. Also while in Chicago you might find it possible to run up to Strathroy some time. Or it might be possible for both of us to go. Returning to Yakima we might drive down to Portland, Ore. to take Grace and the kiddies off of the train. Then all visit in Yakima for a short time before sailing from Seattle or Vancouver.

The only part of this plan that doesn't appeal to me is the separation from the family for so long a time. But if I did not study I would have to be on the road speaking for the Society all the time anyway. And that would be such a hard routine that you couldn't do it and I would be away from the family anyway. The furlough is not a year's vacation. It is for study and to help the Promotional program of the Society, if we are in good health. If health does not permit, then of course we should be in a hospital or sanitarium. Also with times so hard in America, and finances so strained in the Society no one would wish to loaf a year with pay. Also I can enjoy my visit with you and you with me so much better if we are doing something together than if we have nothing to do but sit at home and discuss our slight differences in theological interpretation of various portions of scripture. In the main we agree. That is natural since you raised me. It is only in minor things that we differ; which is natural since our later experiences have been different; one in China and the other in America.

So sorry you have been having some uncertainty in your investments of late. But probably you are much better off than thousands of others. Many without enough to eat, let alone investments. At such times it is always harder but much more satisfactory to hope for the best, since it does very little good to worry about it anyway.

Santa seems to be very good to us this year. Most packages have arrived already. Sonny has had to stick his hand through a hole in a few of them just to satisfy his curiosity a bit. He is very anxious for Old Santa to arrive. He even asks when he is coming when we get him up at night.

I'm sorry to inform you that my operation at Peiping has nothing to do with having babies. In fact I am in better shape to do my part than before.

We are (and have for a month) buying good old Yakima winesaps on the street. They have the Blue Goose wrapper with "Yakima, Washington" on them. They are cheap too. We get ten apples for a $1.00 Mex. That would be less than 2½ cents each. I doubt if you could buy them that cheaply in the stores at Yakima.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year and a Happy Birthday, I remain

With Love,

Douglas.
Dec 17, 1931.

Dear Mother -

I was glad to hear from you last week. Your Xmas packages have been here two or three weeks. They are safely put away on a high shelf. Douglas Ogden can hardly wait. He will get a real thrill this year.

I hardly know what to write about the Yallah Junior Church. Our little twin whom we call May de is almost taken care of. Ethel Saunders money so far is all that we have needed. Miss Hahn our helper


Yesterday Doug operated on little 
boy six years old and took 
out a huge kidney stone. Somni 
is so interested in him - he came 
over before breakfast to give him 
this Shchipki dollly to play with.

Some thing the middles could send 
them selves & we could make 
very good use of them - also 
sewing books- pictures- smalls, etc. 
I will write Mrs. Mt. Gordon 
this week and explain this plan 
to her. I am proud of our Baby clinic 
which I have started this fall -
It is not in our normal Budget- Ms.
Leatherhead 25th June 53. Exchanges. We have all been very busy with school and extracurricular activities. The following is a summary of our recent events:

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- We have recently held a school-wide sports day, which was a huge success. The weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed the various activities available.
- The school has also been involved in several community service projects. We have been working with local organizations to provide assistance to those in need.
- The school is currently working on a project to improve the school's library. We are actively seeking donations of books and other materials to make it a more valuable resource for students and staff.
- We are also looking forward to our upcoming trip to London. This will be an exciting opportunity to explore the city and learn more about its rich history.

We hope you are well and that you are enjoying your summer break. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best regards,

[Signature]
Luchowfu, Anhwei, China
December 30, 1931

Dear Friends:

Another Christmas has come and gone in Luchowfu and it seems as though each year it means more. Now with the flood and famine refugees all about us our whole Christian community was more conscious of the privilege we have of sharing our joy and our plenty with our less fortunate neighbors. Thru the inspiration of one of our young ministers our Christmas Sunday service was one of giving White Gifts. About eight of the older members of the church put on a playlet in which they dramatized several scenes woven about the verse - "I was hungry and ye fed me, naked and ye clothed me, thirsty and ye gave me to drink, etc."

The acting was good and a large restless audience kept very quiet while it was in progress. It was the first time in the history of Luchowfu church that men and women appeared together in such a play. At the close of the service a large basket of gifts and a tray full of money was contributed. The Chinese are great gift givers and they respond readily.

Our Christmas week was full. It began the Sunday before with a fine Sunday School program given in the afternoon. On Wednesday night our hospital nurses tried to give a big public program but it had to be mostly given up because so many street loafers and soldiers crowded in that no one could see. On Thursday night the Girls School had much the same experience, only they waited until nine o'clock when most of the loafers had given up and gone home. Then they gave a private performance. This was not an anti-Christian demonstration at all, only curiosity and a great craving for entertainment. Luchowfu has absolutely no organized amusements of any kind.

Thursday morning our school girls came carolling about 4:00 A.M. It was a beautiful warm night with a full moon and they did look and sound like angels as they came down our walk with their lighted candles. We invited them in and they were interested to see the Christmas tree, filled stockings and children's toys all ready and they all sampled some Christmas candy. Shortly after our girl nurses came singing too, and were also thrilled over the kiddies' stockings.

At daylight Sonnie was up and down stairs before his sleepy parents hardly realized it. He came prancing back with his big new drum and I had a great time to get him to stand still long enough to put his clothes on. With two kiddies big enough to enjoy their gifts we had a real family celebration, the best one in five years. Then at ten o'clock came Christmas chapel in the hospital wards, at which our school girls sang and Mr. Goulter talked. Later a very realistic Santa Claus distributed packages of candy to all the sick - patients and servants.

Our Baby Clinic is proving very popular. We have over sixty babies registered now. Our average weekly attendance is about twenty-five. The mothers do so appreciate a warm place in which to bathe their babies. Over half of them have skin conditions that very much need the service of our doctor and nurses. Scabies is the commonest disease. It is so contagious and hard to clear up for they reinfet
each other and their heavy padded garments cannot be washed. I am amazed at the amount of clothes they wear. One little girl three years old weighed twenty-three pounds. She wore five layers of padded clothes. I weighed them and found they weighed five pounds. When she had them all on she was as round as a barrel and could not play or run. If she fell down she could not get up. Can you imagine carrying around clothes that weigh one fourth as much as your body? After some persuasion the mother consented to take off one coat. We are trying hard to teach the mothers to use knitted woolen garments for one inside layer and do away with several of the heavy padded garments. One little mother named Wen brings three kiddies every week. It takes half an hour to bathe and dress each one and by the time three o'clock comes she is so tired she sits down in the guest room and rests a while. Mothers are the same in any country. They all try to do the best they can for their children and appreciate every opportunity. The baby scale is now proving very popular. At first they were afraid and cried when they were brought to my corner. I passed out cookies to the babies and explained our reasons for weighing to the mothers. Now there are many of them asking, "How much did my baby gain this week?" It keeps me busy keeping track of the records and learning to read the names.

I try to remember some stories about our hospital cases to tell you each month. We have taken in a new baby boy. We call him our little bandit. Communist soldiers who are really bandits are very bad in the districts west of here. They raided a village and drove a family consisting of a mother and three children out to seek their living as beggars. After many months of wandering they landed outside Luchowfu at the village home of Mrs. Chen, one of our Bible Women. Her oldest brother, a widower, wanted a wife so he bought the oldest child of this beggar woman, a young girl about seventeen. He paid three hundred dollars for her and thus the beggar mother had money enough to set up a home and feed her other children. Shortly after this a baby boy was born to this young girl, the son of one of the bandit soldiers. She became very ill and they were brought to the hospital. The fifteen day old baby was so hungry. He had been living on sugar water and rice gruel. I fixed him a warm bottle of cows milk and he took it right away. Three days later the little mother died. We hope to find a good Christian home for the baby. Boys are usually easier to place than girls.

Small Fibby came to our Baby Clinic last week. He has been in his new home just a year now and has made wonderful progress. He weighs over twenty five pounds and has such big fat cheeks and arms and legs. He walks nicely and is beginning to talk. His mother is so devoted to him, seems to spend all her time caring for him.

Little Mei Du, the twin, is a year old tomorrow. She is just walking for the first time this week. I am having a birthday party for her and inviting all the nurses to supper.

China is in the midst of a turnover in her government. We don't know how much it will affect us.

We enjoyed the many Christmas gifts and cards we received from you all.

Grace Corpron.