Jan. 8, 1937.

Dear Brother,

My son is getting young fast. When you can get something just get ready for several auto trips next summer; to Coeur D'Alene etc.

We had a good trip and arrived home safely. Were snowed in two days at the Grand Canyon, but were determined to stick around there until it stopped snowing and we could see the Canyon. While it was snowing we could stand right in the sun or not more than 20 or 30 feet back into the Canyon.
Nothing of this 10 mile
to the third pick and
1 mile to the river below.
But it stopped snowing
the sun came out and
I got some pictures of
it before leaving.
24 hours after leaving
we were down in the
spring - the weather of
Imperial valley.
We are going down the
most southerly road,
night along the Mexican
border. Went across
to Mexicali, Mexico for
10 minutes just to
say we had. Then to
San Diego where we
stayed one night with
Uncle Charlie. The letter
two look great just
the same. Uncle Charlie
had funny in his knees
writing the same stuff
piece as he did
for me when "Toddy Eye"
came to see me.
He has been working
as a supervisor of
WPA in Nebraska, and right
now he called back for
again for some work,
2nd studying at
Los Angeles County
Hospital now. I have
over 12 weeks paid,
I am back daily, about
how each way.
But I have to go
out speaking all
February again. Didn't
I don't know yet where it will be. I tried to get out of it but couldn't.

We are all well.

Love,

Douglas.
Dear Mother,

Since the "discovery" of our residence in California and the resulting demands upon our time for speaking prevents our plans for study, we are changing our plans. I know that when we go to Yakima there will be no change for study of surgery, as it is possible here in the $16,000,000 General Hospital & Medical School. But the demand for speaking to aid the Missionary Program is making study here impossible, also. So we might as well be doing the same in Yakima, where we believe.

I am trying to get out of the Oregon speaking trip. But that may be too late now. Back of the question I have been...

We are planning on starting the auto trip northward to Yakima as early in April as weather, roads, and our arrangements here will permit. I hope it will be the first half of the month. I will go with the change in plane, I will probably not see you in March, even though I do have to go as far north as Portland to speak. For that would delay quite that much our arrangements for moving to Yakima in April.
We continue very well. But everyone about us is sick with flu & many dying with flu pneumonia.

We do love you mother and want to be with you as much as possible. I need to think up "terribly" if I can’t do it here, well then it’s got to be some place else. Nothing in Yankee to help me in this.

Love!

Douglas
Dear Mother,

I sent you a letter from Knox, Penna., when we first knew for sure that we would not return to China for the time being. We were quite at sea for a time to know just what to do next.

I left the family at Knox and drove the 78 miles to Pittsburgh to look the situation over for study in old West Penn Hospital. We wanted most to return to Rochester, Minn., for study, but that would involve considerable expense; and too we learned whilst there the first time that houses or apartments were all filled or too expensive. So we decided to try for controller's work, and
We are just 5 flocks from a fine new school in the building, a school just finished and to be used for the first time this fall. We are six flocks from the East End Church, and a mile from the West Ben Hospital.

We are terribly worried about our missionary friends, especially Wensong. The others were out of the danger zone and have probably evacuated to Hankow, 600 miles up the Yangtze River.

We are glad to be on the outside, looking in, this thing, rather than on the inside, looking for a way out as before.

I wonder if your paper mentioned the
telegram by Nancy Fry of
Montreal, telling of
the Japanese bombing of
my Christian Home School
there. No sense in that
bombing at all. Just with
less destructiveness, I
wonder if they instead
doing that on the Russian
property later. If so, who
can tell, I may have to
go back and pick up the
pieces later. But they
may destroy the build-
ing, but they can't
destroy the Christian
progress already built
up there.

We are all well.
Please write now you
know where to write to.
We haven't heard from
you since leaving.

Love, Douglas.