Dear Dr. Doug:

I am sending the Creamalin as fast as possible, but the post-office says I can't send more than two ounces air-mail. So I sent the 1000 Creamalin by regular parcel-post, but I made up a two-ounce package of them and sent it air-mail. I will send one of these two ounce packages twice a week for the next few weeks; by them the parcel should be there. I will bill you when I have sent the last air-mail package. Hope this will be satisfactory, it is the best I could do.

Not much new around here. I heard your report to the Rotary Club the other day and was greatly impressed. I know that you have the very best wishes of every man in the club; and they all pray for you. If there is ever any-thing else that we could do to help you out, I wish you would let us know. Mickey and Harry join me in sending you greetings.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Roy H. Tufts
July 5th, 1947.

Hofei, Anhwei, China, Saturday night again, and time to start another letter to you.

How the weeks are slipping along toward the time to be meeting you and the girls. I wish Doc was to be with you too; and we could have a family reunion dinner at Sun Yat in Shanghai.

Yesterday we had a nice Fourth of July. I had five operations, as usual after a big morning clinic. We had a downpour of rain during the latter part of the afternoon, so that the air was nicely cooled off for supper. Lyrel had been out in the country and came back soaked thru. She went up to the bathroom and got into my bathtub and slippers and came down for supper. I am on duty as host-of-the-month this month and had prepared a bit of a surprise celebration supper.

I made a gelatine vegetable salad in the ice box, and was it yummie with ripe tomatoes, lettuce, pears, onion, catsup, and onion salt in it. It was the best we have had out here yet, if I do say so myself. I tasted it to suit. Then we had sliced tomatoes and sugar, snap beans, beets, new potatoes (Pennies brought from Nanking) creamed, rubber chard, bread-butter, grape jam, hot chocolate. Then we brought in the layer cake with white frosting on it and decorated with fireworks on the 4th on top. With this three dishes each of apple ice cream. After supper we fired fireworks in the fireplace, and then had a two hour game of rummy.

Yesterday I got the swimming pool cleaned out and scrubbed. Also I had a pipe line made from our garden well to the pool. So all we have to do is draw the water from the well and pour it into a tin karosene tin, and it runs into this pipe and to the pool. So there is no carrying. You can't get anyone to do heavy work like water carrying, like we could in the old days BJ (Before the Japs). No one is hard enough up to want to do heavy work. You can't call in outside help for small jobs any more. This is the hayday for labor in China the same as in Nja.

Today a tea house fell down into the river, outside of east gate. One or more guests was killed and several are in a dangerous condition in our hospital tonight. One has broken ribs that have punctured his lungs. Another has a skull fracture.

The radio from Los Angeles just announced 145 Fourth of July deaths in the USA.

Another nice summer rain this afternoon has cooled it off for a good night's sleep.

This evening we had seven guests for supper, Government officials, as a thank you letter for Oswald for the things he is bringing in, to try to get permits and duty free. We had a good meal and finished up with coffee, peach pie, and ice cream. Everything tasted very good.

Do you know what Marx paid Bates for board and room last month. CNY$1,000,000. They charge enough to figure on cost of the canned things they are now using and will have to be replaced at the new and ever increasing prices. Also foreign items will be unobtainable soon, when surplus supplies are sold out, for there is no foreign exchange for use for such purposes.

I had a good sleep last night and another in church this morning, so am not taking my usual hot weather siesta after lunch. I have the fan going – real extravagant with my US$1.00 per gallon gasoline to run the engine. But this summer I am getting back for some of the discomforts I had last year. It keeps my mental health up as well as my physical comfort. So if there is any objections to it they will have to put up with it or send me home. I'm thru being a martyr for martyrdom sake. I'll do my job, but do it as comfortably as is possible, and try my darnedest to live as long as living is still pleasurable.

I am going to write to Shanghai for reservations by plane from Nanking to Kukiang for about August first. It costs the same as a cabin on the slow and crowded river steamers, and you get there in an hour instead of two days and a night. So I may go that way for a "look see". I have insisted on all missionaries taking a vacation, so I have to set the example. Wenona and Lyrel don't intend budging though.

Mr. Arndt, formerly in the Kuling Estate Office, is back there and trying to make a living by taking care of missionary property. His charge is US$56.00 per year and cost of caretaker or a share in one. I will take my deed along and have the "ot" reregistered. I expect to have Mr. Arndt take my Power of Attorney on the lot too. I think it would be smart to sell to some good Chinese if the right chance comes. We foreigners are due for an evacuation I figure, that not too far in the future. So I'm looking into any odds and ends not really needed. But I'll let that part of it ride till you get out to have your say in the matter.

Love, Doug.
Dear Grace,

With your letters coming thru in a week it makes you seem much closer, in fact you are probably closer in point of letters frequency than if I were in California or New York; for then we would not be so ardent about letter writing.

In yours of June 28th, you gave your idea about DCC having a car at college. I heartily second the notion on all points you made against it. I see his point, and know it would be lots of fun to have one there. I can remember back to my college days and how much I would have liked to have one. If I had had one in Eugene, Ore., I wouldn’t have had to ride my bike from Eugene to Creswell, 18 miles each way, after school every Wednesday, and then back, often thru the rain, with a flash light in my hand all the way in the dark, arriving back at Eugene about 4 A.M. And when it snowed and I had to take the train I had to go to bed after my gym classes, and get up at 1 A.M. to flag the train in the storm, and arrive at my bed at about 4 A.M. only to have to get up at 6 A.M. again to do my janitor work at the Administration Building before 8 A.M. classes. A nice little car would have been wonderful.

But I know now that if I had had one in medical school I would have been tempted to use it for too many study night dates - even more than I did have and wasted too much valuable time as it was. If you have to go be street car or bus you just don’t waste as much study time.

But the more important reason that you gave was the over appearances - for anyone needing to receive, or hoping to receive financial scholarship help, from contributing friends simply has to give up ideas of luxury or the hope of financial help. Most of the prospective givers will gladly help the poor missionaries son, but would a quack quite loud if he were asked to help pay for a car - when my son can’t afford to be gallivanting around in a car, fussing the ladies, when he should be studying. That’s what they would say right off. I’d say it myself.

So I’d say DCC’s only hope for having a car in college, is for him to inherit or find enough money to pay all of his college expenses and the car; or enough so that he can help himself a bit by summer work to make up enough with the money he is to inherit, another way I can see for him to have a car is to be able to get some good paying job so that he can earn a full half of his college and all other expenses, plus the price of the car and the expense of running it. Under those conditions I am still willing to give half of all college, food, clothes, and incidental expenses. If he can earn half AND THE CAR AND CAR EXPENSES, I think we can feel that we are not making a soof of him by his having a car, and can help the other half. But that does not take in help he expects to get from a church group. I would not be in favor of his accepting such help, if available - which seems impossible - if he can afford a car luxury. With transportation what it is in America a car - outside of business - is a luxury. For a family we are beginning to feel it is almost a necessary luxury - but it is a luxury nevertheless.

You mentioned being able to get a radiant screen from Barstow, but said it was only 36” x 48”. I had hoped it might be about 42” x 52” size. But do the best you can. All the cost of this photo stuff of course comes from the Corresponding Fund, and you can write your sight drafts for it right off the bat.

For goodness sake PLEASE FORGET ABOUT BRINGING THAT CAR to China for the Communists to take over. If you bring it expressly to sell, and don’t even have a reservation in the back of your head that you will yourself use it in Kofei, then that is illegal and libel to trouble.

If we get a car, it will be a truck for business and not pleasure driving. There is no pleasure driving in China today, or for some time to come. So just forget it. Your bike here is in good shape and will give you all the riding pleasure you will desire. And hurry up and come out. I need a riding companion, as it is I don’t get out. Lyrel puts the kibosh on Wenona and my trips by her not being able to ride, and Wenona won’t go without her, and walks to keep her company. So we don’t go.

Tomorow we can and bottle tomato juice. I’m going to flavor it all myself - onion, salt for most of it. Wish I had some celery. Kwan Dau found a bit of dry celery. We are canning cooperatively from both gardens. We have 18 glass jars of ladies and 27 milk tins of snap beans canned so far.
The other day your roll of unexposed movie film came thru. Today I took half of a roll. Scenes about the compound. First myself standing under a beautiful fig grape myrtle tree in our front yard. Then two boys drawing water and pouring it into the pipe to the pool. Then the hospital front gate, the lawn and main building and then looking down on various parts of the hospital yard from the top of the main building roof.

I think the story I am reading, Immortal Wife, is good for a husband and wife to read. I find many things that fit our relationship of a cooperative arrangement. I will copy a couple paragraphs I have underlined.

"The man who has a good wife is a king; she sweetens every hour. There can be no real happiness or success in life for the man with a poorish wife, and there can be no genuine failure for the man with a good wife. That's a stroke of pure genius I had when I recognized you (Grace), I shall always think well of myself for that magnificent flash of wisdom. ....... " A good wife must be a leveler; when her husband was riding the crest it was her obligation to deflate his ego by placing his accomplishment in proper perspective, to keep him from growing inordinately fond of himself."

July 15th. Second letter from you came thru in a week. This was the one written on the back of the Church Camp.

We have 4 feet of water in the pool today, so we can swim. This today I had the engineer run a line to the pool, so we had an after supper swim. We rescued Southeria lawn mower and had him engineer fix it up with several repair parts, and it runs quite well. I have my front lawn under control with it now and it looks good like old times. Gradually I hope to get the rest of the compound under lawn mower control and you will think you have never been away, when you arrive, by the looks of the place.

SOS! Will you call Roy Tuft at Tufts Drug store for me? Tell him to send no more creamalin by air mail, since he can only send 2 lbs. at a time. But to send another 1000 tablets by ordinary parcel post. Also ask him to send me the Benadilin (kind not needing refrigerating) in vials of 500,000 units each rather than the 200,000 unit size, if he can. Tell him to send them right along weekly for a time till I get stocked up a bit. You see he can't send more than $35.00 worth in one package, so he has to send them often and in smaller packages. I am using lots of Benadilin and saving lots of lives, and the hospital is getting a big reputation for miracles as a result. So I can't afford to run out.

For June, after paying all bills and repairs, we had a cash surplus for the month alone of $10,000. (750$850.00) Not bad for the eleventh month of going. I am putting this surplus into building and repair materials for later use. That is the only way to hold this kind of money without losing on it. So I am buying poles, lumber, cement, bricks, lime, nails, etc. We have the main building nearly finished, but there is still lots to do on the other buildings, little by little. There is a great labor shortage in Huai now that there was in Nanking when everyone was working out at Fanfong during the war. I simply can't get anyone to do heavy work. I can get absolutely no one to carry water for the pool at any price! They come and try it out an hour and beat it. Saying, "I don't have to eat that much bitterness." Now I know you can't feature such a thing in China, even if I am telling you and you believe me. Things are no much changed.

Now later is soon to be even worse, if possible, for conscription of all able body men between 18 and 45 is to start soon, in an all-out effort against the Communists. I may be able to hang onto my one carpenter, three painter, and a mason because they can claim they are doing urgent work for the hospital that is part of the war effort. I am now paying $15,000 per day for labor; not regular stuff.

I am due soon to take Stella to Shanghai from Wuji on a river boat. Mary has arranged for her care at the OMI home, where they have a resident doctor and nurses. She is to be cared for there until she can be shipped home.

You wrote, July 6th, "You are talking about sending a cable for our anniversary that costs six bucks. That sounds like a waste of good money to me." On the same day I said the same thing to Helen and decided not to waste the money. So often we think the same thoughts at the same time, as if no ocean separated us; and our remarks on the same subject pass each other in the mails.

(love, 
Dong)
DEAR GRACE,

WILL YOU TELL ME WHEN LAST WEEK FLY TO. IT IS SATURDAY NIGHT AGAIN. ONE THING THAT HAS MADE TIME FLY THIS WEEK HAS BEEN THAT WE HAVE HAD EMERGENCY APPENDIX OPERATIONS ON EVERY NONOPERATION DAY, AS WELL AS FIVE CASES ON THE THREE REGULAR DAYS.

EVEN TODAY, SATURDAY, WE ARE AT AN AFTERNOON TRANSFUSION. I HAVE WORKED OUT A BLOOD TRANSFUSION TECHNIQUE THAT WORKS LIKE A CHARM, MUCH BETTER THAN THE BAKTER VACUUM BOTTLE METHOD THAT WE USED IN ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL. IT IS A MODIFICATION OF THAT HOWEVER, WE ARE JUST BEGINNING TO PERSUADE DONORS TO GIVE THEIR BLOOD TO THEIR RELATIVES. MAYBE BY ANOTHER YEAR IT WILL BE THE STYLISH THING TO DO.

THIS IS OUR HOTTEST DAY AND EVENT SO FAR THIS YEAR, NOT A BREATH OF AIR ANYWHERE TONIGHT, AND THE HOSPITAL CEMENT FLOORS ARE ALL Hot. BUT we have nothing to complain of FOR THIS HAS BEEN THE COOLEST JULY I HAVE EVER SEEN UP TO NOW. LOTS OF RAIN TO KEEP IT COOL. We have CANVAS COTS FOR EVERYONE, AND ALL ARE OUT OF DOORS ON THIS HOT EVENING. I AM GOING TO TAKE MINE OUT SOON.

THIS EVENING I GAVE THE STAFF AND STUDENTS MY ANNUAL WATERSHED PARTY OUT ON THE FRONT LAWN. I SPREAD CHILLS OUT TO SIT ON, HAD A BAR OF WATER AND TOWELS, AND KHAN DAO CUT UP TWO BIG MELONS. I HAD ANOTHER ON TAP BUT THEY DIDN'T NEED IT.

THERE IS FOUR FEET NINE INCHES OF WATER IN THE POOL TONIGHT, AND IT IS HEAVENLY COOL. I WANT TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE ON THE WATER IN THE POOL.

JUST FOUND A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL THAT HAS SOME BAGS OF CEMENT LEFT OVER FROM THEIR BUILDING, SO I BOUGHT TWENTY BAGS FOR THE HOSPITAL AND TEN BAGS FOR KINWA. ALSO, TODAY I BOUGHT TEN TONS OF SOFT COAL DUST. IT COST ME 10/70.00 PER TON, OR 10/700.00 FOR THE TEN TONS.


MARK JUST WROTE ME THAT THEY WANT ME TO TAKE STELLA TO SHANGHAI. I AM ANSWERING TONIGHT AND ASKING WALTER TO MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PASSAGE AND CABINS ON A RIVER BOAT FROM WUH 4 TO SHANGHAI. I WILL GO FROM WUH 4 TO SHANGHAI BY LAUNCH. IT SHOULD BE A GOOD TRIP UNLESS IT EXTENDS THIS EXTREMELY BUSY. I GET MY WAY PAID, AND WILL DO SOME NEEDED DELAYED HOSPITAL AND PERSONAL SHOPPING DONE WHILE THERE. GUESS THIS WILL BE MY THIS SUMMER'S VACATION. I'VE ABOUT GIVEN UP KILLING NOW, BUT WHO KNEW WHAT I MIGHT DO THEN I GET AWAY FROM HOME AND RESPONSIBILITY. I MIGHT EVEN FLY FROM SHANGHAI TO KUENLAN AND BACK TO NANKING, WITH A FEW DAYS TO A WEEK AT KUENLAN. I'M GOING TO TRAVEL LIGHT & JUST IN CASE.

SUNDAY, JULY 30th. Boy!!! was last night a hotter!! Just like an oven everywhere. After hunting about for a place to set up my cot, I decided that it was nigher out doors than in the house; so I put it in front of the big east window of the schoolroom. I went to bed at 12:30 am, and fanned till I fanned myself to sleep at about 2 AM. I woke up at 4 AM stiff and went in onto my soft bed where I slept till 8 AM. It is just as hot this morning as I sit here writing to you and waiting for my boiled eggs and coffee to cool off a bit.

Launces are running again. Two companies are operating between Nanking and Hefei, with a one-day service Nanking to Chao Sea, and another half day to Hefei; arriving here in the early afternoon. They also take freight. So maybe it won't be so terrible for you and your baggage coming back this time. This has just happened within the last week. So you see my delaying your return till now was the right thing to do.

The largest company with the best launches is the Ching Tha Liu Yin Sheh Gong Sz., the other is the Tai Chang Gong Sz.

Stella's relatives in USA don't want to be bothered with her, and have asked the China Mission to care for her out here. But we are not paying any attention to their selfish wishes, and are arranging to send her home if and when possible. I have been delegated to take her from Wuhu to Shanghai to the CDI Infirmary. We will go by river boat as soon as Walter can arrange it. I have suggested to Marx that it might be dangerous for them to send me all the way to USA.
July 20th, 1947.

J.B. Lippincott Co.,
Washington Square, S,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Gentlemen:—

Enclosed please find my sight draft on the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Ind., for five ($5.00) Dollars, to cover a one year subscription for the Digest of Treatment. [Code: 6152]

Please start with January 1947, as these back numbers are asked for. Mail to—

Dr. C. T. Wong,
care Christian Hospital,
Nofei, Anhwei, China.

Respectfully yours,

D.J. Corpron, M.D.
Dear Grace et al.,

Another hot day of over ninety and humid with the current floor 3 pool of water. I had my usual 30 specialty registrants clinic after morning ward rounds and this afternoon a full schedule of operations till 5 P.M. And I'm off the biggest one, the big twenty-five pound ovarian cyst until tomorrow, when I would be fresh for it and it alone.

As is often the case, I had the young surgeon of the provincial hospital looking on; and he will be back tomorrow for the tumor. After the surgery I took him over to the house and gave him ice cream and into the pool for a dip - he doesn't swim. We had the pool full and played tag, as of old.

The pool has been full of swimmers and bathers all day, and is full tonight with student nurses. This is the first time for most of them. They finally got up their nerve, put on old dresses, and came in. The electric light makes evening swimming safe and fun.

I got a letter from Orville Douglas yesterday, saying that he had been seriously ill with virus pneumonia and is still not in condition for a trip to China. And Jimmie Yen is in America now and advised him to wait another year. I heard over the radio once while in Wuhu, that he had been taken to the hospital.

July 23rd. I am leaving for Wuhu in the morning with Yuan De Chi. As soon as I eat my supper I'll ride my bike down to the river and buy my tickets. Then we will be off about 3 A.M.

I have young Dr. Chih, son of the postmaster, installed in the medical department, to carry on in my absence. So I am leaving with some assurance that things will go on well.

I have two new snaps, taken for travel permits. I chose the full face view for my dozen prints. Dr. Yuan came over one busy day and took me in the yard just before clinic opened.

I have two requests for you. Dr. Kung and Miss Ling request you to buy me a watch for them. Made by some good company like Elgin, Hamilton, etc. Costing around $50.00 each. Also Miss Ling wants three fountain pens, and Dr. Kung two, like the cheap ones I brought out with me, that we got at Leslie Fossers Estocbrock - with the easily removable pen points. Get a dozen extra pens for others. With one spare point - medium for each.

I am disappointed in SGC after his making me the same promise I made my dad and kept it. I didn't ask him to make that promise just to be arbitrary but for a reason. Young fellows who smoke before 21 acquire a habit that they become real slaves to, and they hate themselves for it - but can do nothing about it. But if a boy waits till after he is of age his life long habits are already formed, and he can then take up smoking but hardly ever forms an uncontrollable habit. He may get so he likes a smoke once in a while, but not an unbreakable habit. I asked him to promise me that because I thank my dad many hundreds of times for asking me to promise the same. I was just trying to pass another blessing in disguise on to my son. That is more I intend to hold him to it. Of course he may break his word with me if he wishes. This is a free country. But in return, I may feel free at anytime to cash in on my part of the bargain. He will remember that the bargain was, that as long as he stays under our "roof" or wished to ask us to help support him or help with his education, he was to accept his and our requests as a soldier does orders of an officer, they are to be obeyed. One of our requests was that he not smoke till he was twenty-one. He accepted that request and gave us his word of honor. He has broken his promise - which frees us from any further support obligations, if we so wish to act on that. We won't, of course act on that,
Dear Grace,

Stuck in Wuhu with a load of human freight. All steamers going up-river get taken over by the military, so none are returning to Shanghai. We have a week more to get Stella to Shanghai to catch her ship to America. There is a rumor of a possible steamer arriving at Wuhu, downriver, this noon. If this does not pan out I will probably take her out to Nanking on the filthy, stinking, Chinese launch tomorrow morning. Then stay in the hospital in Nanking until reservations can be made on a night train - with sleeper, to Shanghai. Then have an ambulance meet us at the train in Shanghai. And my duty is done when I deliver her to the doctor at the CIM Nursing Home.

I have contacted an engineer here in Wuhu, who is raising several sunken ships here in the Wuhu Harbor. He is boarding at the hospital as I am. I have been watching him with his divers and underwater electric cutting torches. Thru him I am contacting a VB army landing boat - one with the let-down end gate. He knows of one in excellent condition in Shanghai and can get it for me for $250 the market price as his company has a priority. I am seriously considering buying it for hospital and mission use. Then we would be independent of worsening means of transportation for all of our stations but Chuhsein.

Some of the important uses we could make of it would be:-
Take you and your freight from Shanghai to Hefei - with room to spare for tanks of fuel oil, lumber, or other hospital needs.
Meet Grace Young and the Goulters and take all freight along. It will carry up to ten tons of freight easily. It has a GRAY MARINE diesel engine of 225 horse power, and draws 12 to 4 ft. of water only, depending on the load. As missionaries get sick and have to be taken out to Shanghai, like Stella, we wouldn't need to depend on other means of transportation. If we move families from one station to another, as is our new policy for the new missionaries to every few years, then we could easily move them in one trip - very cheaply. Not thinking they are thinking of moving Hekelle to Nantungchow soon. We could take them in one load and save about a third of the cost of the boat in the one trip. Another third of the cost for you and Goulter this time upon arrival. And there you have 2/3 of it paid for already. Also, to go to Wuhu, Nanking, or even Shanghai for hospital supplies as needed, with no need for bother of ferrying a truck across a river at any time. Again, if need for evacuation in time of Communist invasion - a very likely eventuality at any time - we have a means of doing so, when other means of evacuation might be denied us because everyone else wants them. Again, as it is practically a houseboat, we could use it for a summer vacation trip instead of going to Kuling or other expensive summering places. As it draws so little water, and run up onto the shore most any place for a landing, there is little need for a knowledge of the river bed to use it, as there would be for a boat of deeper draught. It burns cheap diesel oil, and uses it very economically. It starts from its own 12-volt storage batteries, which can also be used for lights.

I could also bring up my hospital beds and other equipment now waiting transportation from Shanghai. This again would save much money to the mission. I figure it would pay for itself in savings in one year easily. It's cost is around US$5,900, one year's gift from Mr. Cowin.

Also Joe Smith, who is to work the rural area from Wuhu to Wuwei, could use it for his work in all the little villages along the river and canal which he is to open up. So I am sold on the idea and expect I will get it if I can. It is not a plaything, but a real sturdy, serviceable boat, made for the Army to do heavy service.

Love,
Doug.
Dear Grace,

Such a to-do about getting Stella to Shanghai. Have been working on it for two weeks now, and still in Wuhu. At first Walter had a promise of river boat reservations for July 27th. Then that ship was delayed till July 30th. Then it was taken over by the military and we were promised tickets on another. Nothing could be learned definitely about this boats whereabouts and time was getting short for her making Shanghai in time to board the Gen. Meigs, Aug. 10th. So yesterday we bought tickets on a launch from Wuhu to Nanking, and picked out a cabin, and carried her two trunks on; telephoned Lewis Smythe to obtain three reservations on the sleeper from Nanking to Shanghai, and have the University Hospital ambulance meet the train and take us to the hospital until train time.

Then at 9:30 P.M., last night word came to Walter that the downriver steamer would be in Wuhu today at 8 A.M., and that we had reservations for two cabins, and must pay for four tickets from Hankow to Shanghai, whether we used them or not, as we had reserved them and prevented anyone else from getting them. So Walter worked from then till about 2 A.M. getting the launch tickets back, informing me at the General Hospital, and getting the trunk checks from his coolie, out at the Academy, so he could get the trunks this morning.

He and I have been up since 5 A.M. today, getting the trunks back and over to the China Navigation dock, getting Stella ready, the hospital truck in readiness to take us to the ship, when we should see the ship rounding the bend in the river - with glasses from Hyla Watters' house. Since 4 A.M. it has been just pouring down rain.

The boat hadn't come into sight at 8 A.M. nor at 9 A.M. nor at 10 A.M. Walter and Ethyl (with a headache) were up with Stella. I put in a long distance call to Dr. Trimmer, in Nanking, asking him not to have his ambulance meet the launch at noon, and to tell Lewis to cancel the three sleeper tickets - but that we might have to wire them to repeat the process this evening if the ship did not come today. I am now kicking myself for letting the launch agents without us this morning at 8:30., when everything was ready to meet our train with an ambulance.

Now the ship company says that it is due in here at 6 P.M. tonight. That's travel in China today.

Now a letter comes from Marx, saying he has seen the Meigs' ship's doctor, when it was in port on its way out; and the doctor doesn't want to take Stella, "Because it's too hot to travel now. Better wait till their next trip, Sept. 18th." That is all hokey, of course; for it is much hotter for her to remain in Shanghai than to be on the high seas. So I'll just have to be there and bear down on him, as a layman could not do. Another hitch is that she must have her own nurse, and it seems that the Chinese nurse, now with her, and wanting to go to USA with her, is having passport troubles, and may not be able to make it. But perhaps I can bear down on the American Consular authorities and push this thru also. If not, another idea is to find out if there are any nurses scheduled for this sailing, and try to get them to care for Stella for their fare paid by us. That is a long hunch.

In the meantime - this is my vacation for this year. I am not going to Kuling. I have asked Mac and Walter to inspect our house and Goulter's, and report on it to me. I'm also going to try to have him register my deed. I have it with me here. I don't want to trust it to the mails.

Love,

Doug.

P.S. Bates was carrying on a few classes up to the end of the school year. Then he was put on absolute rest. But he has shown no improvement. He may be the next one. Flapper probably next. I wonder who then.
Dear Ben,

I got back in Shanghai last Friday after 4 days in Nanjing, at 3 Pm today and found your letter. I am writing this reply 13th August in my car on the way to Nanking (Oriental) for the 5th Plenum. I agree with you, but there must be one mistake. I met for about 15 to 20 minutes in Nanking with Mayor Henderson's secretary, and we arranged a meeting for funds. But we will go on our way with thanks to your kindness.

We understand your concern for rehabilitation of the blind at Ho-Pei. But they can't be done. We can then decide if all or nothing can be done and see what they can do in their lake - and see what they can do about it without our direct intervention.

We muddled our courage enough to see it through.

The Xwarden, in all our years, has been the most able with adequate experience in dealing with us.

We still have something about it in our files.

We see a bit difficult for the blind.

My view is that the worst is provided for.

The story after the war was in trouble. The idea of Mr. Mac and the others is still that they need a mission to help them.

I am not sure what the end of this is. In the meantime, I didn't see the certificate for the American War. I am not sure if American War is an American basis.

I think we American friends should support the contributions. I am sure they are needed now.

1. They need help in China.
2. They need help in rehabilitation.
3. They need help in training.

If this is the case, I hope you will not wish to create an incident.
Chin is trying to cultivate American financial support. A military air force group was planning to take part in the defoliation effort. Frank Barnett, Community Center, said, "Dr. Frank Barnett, Community Center, said that the military headquarters got the names of the former American who would talk to the information of China, who would talk to the American Consulate. We need missionaries at Mantung, to sell the proper way to get the Chinese leaders away from the missionary work. That was my personal conclusion after a year back then. We need missionaries who are ready to do missionary work. Chinese leaders have no inclination to make a job for you. They just settle back into a job for retirement. The same in China. All Government jobs."

"I made too much money."

"I am necessary work for ourselves."

"I am glad I got my reservation for a Chinese missionary board district missions."

"And the game is to build a startup."

"They had to return in September."

"And less than a dozen reservations."

"I am getting to be a real problem."

"Perhaps we should resign to take peace."
The glad they took our money ($2,170, 05) out of the Cagney
screen but 2 think (at for) out of the Cagney
Pike Fund. But I wanted them to suggest 8
3 think it was becoming too far to do it. 
2 just said, "We want it when it is done.
I just said, "I don't want the place in
They said there isn't another the stage
I'm coming on. "I don't think the stage
of our headache in as doing the LSVP
...
Mr. Boyle,
Guaranty Trust Co.,
Second St. & East Yakima Ave.,
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Mr. Boyle,

My wife, Grace S. Corpron, has just written to me saying that you have an opportunity to sell my mother's (Mrs. Anna V. Corpron) dry land east of Parker, Wash. She also said that my sister Mae Samuel was offering some objection to the sale.

My mother informed me, when I was still in Yakima, that she had appointed me her executor, in her will. Also you have her signed statement to the effect that I may indicate how her affairs may be handled before her death.

It is my wish that you help mother sell all of her dry land near Parker, Wash. and deposit the proceeds to her trust fund, in your hands. This is also my mother's own wish in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas S. Corpron

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Douglas S. Corpron
Dear Grace and girls,
This is my last letter to you. Next time it will be face to face and
lips to lips.

We are leaving Shanghai for the up-river run to Hofei, Monday, Sept. 8th.
Grace Young just got her freight finished and it will be in the China Travel
storeroom today ready for delivery to our boat on Soochow Creek, when I say the
word. Today I am taking on 100 gals. of kerosene, two tons of white gasoline,
and 100 gals. of good lubricating oil, and another ton of diesel oil if I can
get it. My ration card is not back yet for that. However I now have enough to
get up to Hofei and back with some to spare; so I'll not wait on it.

Our five bbls. of fruit and clothes are still at Woosung, where the
"Oregon Mail" is unloading munitions and has only one lighter to bring the
rest of the cargo up to Shanghai. So I can't wait for it; but will go on and
get it thru customs when I return to meet you in a couple of weeks.

I'll have to hustle now and have no troubles on the road—or rather --
water. I must be back on the 22nd to meet your ship. I have time to do it
and time to spare to get out my August hospital report besides. But--just--
in case--I should be delayed, I will be ready for you at the S.A.S. So you can
take your cabin luggage out there by taxi. I will speak for a place for Goulters
at the Luthern Home, 310 Hart Road (around the corner from Avenue Road on Hart).
They meet the ship with their truck, Mr. Gavweit, mgr. Phone 39571.

Don't change any American money on the ship before you land. They try to
make you but give you only 12,000 to one, instead of the legal 39,000 to one.
Just put it in your stocking and show only your Amer. Express Travelers Checks,
if asked; and perhaps a little small change and few small bills. You know what I
mean. Also put your other friends wise to the gyp on the A.T. of course.

It is still blazing hot and sultry here, a long hot spell, but we have been
promised early relief. Hope it comes in time for your arrival.

I am sick unto death of Shanghai. I hate to return again. Only meeting you
could budge me out of Hofei once I get there. I am taking 100 lbs. of white sugar,
5 gals. sliced pineapple, honey, flour, butter, etc. up with me this trip. I bought
it from Wang ShFu, your former Shanghai cook. He gave me a good discount. I am
enormously in debt to the hospital treasurer. It will take us the year to get
straight, or draw on our savings. But it is nice to have the hospital on its
financial feet again and not have to think of that. As long as I can keep my
good health that will be a go. If, however, I should get sick and not be able
to work, our income drops off to half. It is half now that I am down here in
Shanghai.

Good bye till I see you, Lots of love,
Doug.
Dear Grace,

We were nearly ready to take off for Hiefi with our boat load - probably tomorrow some time - when a wire arrived from Wenona, thru Mr. Marx as follows:- "CORPRON COME ALONE BRING EMPTY BOAT IF POSSIBLE, IN ANY CASE COME IMMEDIATELY, WILKINSON." I puzzled over this and after hearing from my engineer and Lao Sun, just recently down from Hiefi to guard the boat, that Communists are very active within a short distance of Hiefi just before they left, I decided this was more intense trouble of that sort, and that they needed me to hurry back to help decide what to do about it in case of need for evacuation. I decided they thought it best to leave Grace Young and Verla Elliott and their baggage and freight here also for the time being.

So I am planning on hurrying back to Hiefi, with my engineer, on the 7 AM train, via Nan kin and Pengpu, with only my hand baggage and sleeping bag. If it is so bad as they sound I have no desire of losing the boat as well. If we are to lose most everything - might as well be everything there - and not try to rescue even a few things and in so doing risk loss of the boat, which would be worth more than the things that might drag out. If the Nationalist soldiers did not take it to keep it out of the hands of the Communists, then the Communists would get it. So I'm going light - hoping for the best, but expecting anything. At least I must rescue poor Lyrel and Wenona, and get them out if there is any real danger, and not let them stay too long trying to hold down the lid and preserve fool property. Let it all go to heck for all of me. And if it does I'm probably through and ready to go back to Yakima with you on an early ship, but we'll hope it is not that bad. Anyway you'll know more by the time you arrive in Shanghai. I sure hope I'll make it back and I think I will. But I have asked Marx to come down to meet you if I can't make it. YOU'LL BE MET.

I have reserved a place for us at SAS, so go there. I have reserved a place for the Goulters and Edna Gish - whom Margaret reported on you ship yesterday at Community Church. Margaret is just back from Singapore and looking well.

This change of plans and rush to Hiefi upsets all my carefully planned boat trips. I was going up first with Young and Elliott, their things, and a load of fuel oil. Next with you and your things and as many of Goulter's baggage as possible, then a third trip with Goulter's freight, if that was needed. Now, the boat will stay here at least till I get you through customs. Then our trips will all have to be rescheduled and rearranged. You women will probably not go up by boat but by train and bus. All space will be needed for baggage and freight. THAT IS IF CONDITIONS PERMIT.

Love,

Dory
AIR MAIL

September 24, 1947

Mrs. Douglas S. Copron,
O/o Mr. Edwin Marx,
Room 302, Mission Bldg.,
169 Yuen King Yuen Road,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Mrs. Copron:

Referring to your shipment of 29 packages Household Goods and Personal Effects:

I want to let you know this shipment did not make connection with the SS "PRESIDENT POLK", so that you will not look for your things when this vessel docks at Shanghai on the 29th of this month.

The System Freight Lines rolled on to the dock with your shipment the day after the "POLK" sailed from San Francisco, which was September 18th. In other words, it took this freight line fifteen days to deliver your goods from Yakima to San Francisco. In the meantime, we sent them two telegrams, but without an answer to either wire.

Because the apples required refrigeration, we thought it best to hold the shipment for the SS "GENERAL W. H. GORDON", so you may look for your things when the "GORDON" arrives in Shanghai in October. The "GORDON" sailed from San Francisco on the 19th. It was much better to hold the apples here for refrigeration storage on the "GORDON" rather than send them out in a freight shipment without refrigeration. They would surely have spoiled under regular storage down in the hold of a freight ship when it reached the warm Oriental waters. We hope they have not deteriorated due to the delay on the part of System Freight Line and being held for the "GORDON".

We will dispatch the original documents to you within a few days so you will have them in ample time prior to arrival of the "GORDON" at Shanghai. The bill-of-lading is not ready for us as yet at the steamship line.

This advance notice is being sent to you so you will know the whereabouts of your shipment when the "PRESIDENT POLK" docks without your cargo.

Very truly yours,
DYSON SHIPPING COMPANY, INC.
Per L. M. Norton
Dear Dr. [Name]

I would love to have you come to stay at Luchowfu. You can visit the hospital and see all the work being done. I am sure you will enjoy it.

We are working on a new building for patients that have been referred to us by local doctors and hospitals. We are also planning to expand our capacity in the near future.

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

LUCHOWFU CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL
HOPEI, ANHWEI, CHINA.