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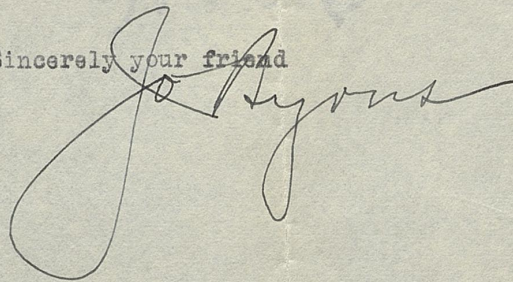
Dr. W. S. Farmer, Supt.,  
Central State Hospital,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Farmer:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 15th relative to Dr. Robert C. Riggs who wishes to become an interne at Walter Reed Hospital. Applications for these positions should be made to the Surgeon General of the Army and I am in this mail writing General Ireland requesting that the necessary information relative to the requirements be sent to Dr. Riggs. He can file application and when I go on to Washington early in November I will be glad to take the matter up in person.

I am sure I need not tell you that it is always a pleasure to serve you or anyone in whom you are interested.

Sincerely your friend



Nashville, Tenn.  
October 16, 1926



Nov. 18,  
1927  
Nebraska

Friday, A. M.  
At School

Dearest Bob —

Just a note to tell you that Bob's Elrod is coming down for Thanksgiving. I wrote him a few days ago when I did not know he had planned to come, & mentioned the fact that you were planning to come down then. Today I had an answer from him saying that he was thinking of driving down in his car & would be very glad to have you accompany him. He said for me to write you and let you know when he was planning to leave so if you could come with him you could write him and let him know so he could come by for you. He has a closed sedan and it would be very nice for you to make the trip together if you could get off that soon. But if you could not get off that soon (He is leaving Toledo, Sun. A. M. early & will arrive in Lexington



sometime Sat. Afternoon) you could go back with him. He is planning to stay until Sun. after Thanksgiving and I want you to stay until then too for I have lots planned for the week-end you are here. I hope you do come for I surely will be greatly disappointed if you do not come. Melia has already gotten our seats for the game. Bill said that several boys who graduated with you were coming down Thanksgiving.

Must go and get this off in the mail - Let me know by wire if you decide to come down with Robt, and if you come on the train let me know when to meet you.

I just can't wait to see you - surely am looking forward to Thanksgiving with the greatest of pleasure and with everything that's nice -

Always  
Stelle



hardly wait to get moved again, for our apartment is going to be grand looking and so nice and large. When Bob & you must come & visit us and see everything. Things have changed so very much I doubt if you would know it was the same place.

Must stop and help with lunch now. Gladys has just come by and left the baby while she is in town so I will have to watch him too as he is in to everything now.

Please don't wait so long to answer this letter - I look forward to your letters so much.

Be good and don't forget -  
Betty

From E. Evans

Friday a.m.  
Sept. 6 '29

My dear Bob -

Your letter came just as I was eating breakfast, and I surely did enjoy reading it for it seemed ages since you had written and it had been too - five weeks is an awfully long time to wait for an answer to a letter don't you think so?

I came home Monday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day - found Mom sitting up but it was still very painful for her to walk. Just as I had thought - she had fallen and I guess, strained the muscles in her hip so badly she could not walk or get up and down without help. Her leg is terribly bruised yet. She did not want me to come home so early but



I was afraid she was worse than she had written me, and too, she had a lot of company and I knew I should be here at home to help her.

I had a wonderful visit in Toledo and I stayed in Lexington and Richmond together until Sunday. Sis and I drove her car to Nashville Monday. Mr. & Mrs. Foster followed us in their car - we had no car trouble at all, except we did run out of gasoline once, and a young man, <sup>in passing,</sup> saw us, and he got behind us and pushed our car with the bumper of his car for 10 miles, which was the nearest filling station while I was in Lexington.

I called to see how your Mother + Dad were getting along. I talked with your sister - the one who lives in Cincinnati. The day I called your Mother was feeling better, but your Dad was not feeling so well. Suppose tho; you have heard from them since I was there.

I know your Mother + Dad will be very happy to have you back home for good, and I'm sure you will feel better to be near them since they are sick. Have you decided to start practicing independently and will you go in with an older doctor for awhile? Suppose tho; you will not decide this until you get back to Lexington.

Bob - the new building is coming along great. They say it will be complete by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and I can



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Saturday  
Sept. 14, 1929

Dearest Bob

Had to beg some stationary  
from the internes in order to write  
you for theres absolutely none in the  
house. Had intended to write you  
yesterday but Dad had me drive  
him to the Lebanon fair and we  
were there from early in the a.m.  
until late in the evening and  
when I returned I was too tired to  
do anything. Gpt to bed and sleep.  
Had a real nice time at the fair -  
won a huge white elephant - I  
would win an elephant, especially  
since that is a very appropriate  
thing for me to win.

It has been mighty cool  
here this week and has rained



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several times - but we shouldn't  
kick on the rain for we were  
having a water famine here. The  
spring was so low that ~~it~~ <sup>the water</sup> was  
only turned on 6 hours a day &  
that was during meal time.

Nothing much has been  
happening around here. We got  
40 negro patients at one time  
this week - they were all from  
Memphis. There are 470 crazy  
people in the city of Memphis that  
they haven't room for in the State  
Hospitals they are sending as many  
as they can to each of the three  
State Hospitals. But 40 was all that  
Dad had room for.



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Mama hasn't been feeling so well this week - has a terrible cough and has almost had asthma. Did I tell you that Mr. Fatts - the concrete and brick mason here has pneumonia and is about to die. He is Supt of the Inspection dept of our new building and it surely is unfortunate that he had to get sick at this time.

Must get dressed and go to town and mail this for Sam is already gone.

Be good write me real real soon -

Lorena

Helle



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Thursday Nite  
Sept. 26, 1929

Dearest Bob

Have been thinking of you all day and dreamed of you too last nite a real good dream too, so thought I'd write you a note before I go to bed. There really isn't so much to tell you for things are usually the same here all the time.

Peabody started today and I have been over there. I'm not going to take any work in school but am going to help out in the library some for a few weeks. They are shelving some new books and wanted me to help out, besides, it will keep me from getting lonely here at home doing nothing, besides, giving me some spending money to spend as I please.

Dandy started yesterday and the boys have been busy with rushing. A.K.'s only got 12 men this year but



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they said that was all they wanted since they got 20 last year and only lost 6 men in the graduating class of this year.

Dr. Morehead, the dentist out here, almost got killed the other day. One of the 12<sup>th</sup> ward patients (men) was mad at him for pulling some of his teeth, and he slipped up behind the dentist while he was working on someone else and broke a big glass bottle on his head. The dentist was unconscious for a while, and he is still in the hospital. His head is badly cut, <sup>full of glass</sup> and they had a terrible time stopping his head from bleeding.

About the only other exciting thing that has happened around here this week is, Lorange came in drunk, the other nite - he got in a fuss with the gatekeeper and a fight



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with the outside nitewatch and was raising so much fuss at 2 A.M. that Dad had to be awakened to go to the hospital and stop it all. Dad took Lawrence to his room and locked him in, and of course, fired him. But he isn't able to leave now for his head is all cut up and side too, from the fight, and he is confined to his bed.

Bob - our building is nearing completion and we can hardly wait to move into it. We hope to be living in it by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. We have already ordered all our furniture and curtains, etc. It is so good looking and I can hardly wait to get moved into it. and for you to come to see me.

Don't believe I know anything else to tell you this time. How is your Dad? Kindly remember me to him. Mama is feeling fine, but Dad has



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a very obstinate Carbuncle on his  
arm which pains him dreadfully,  
and it doesn't seem to get any better.

Write me real real soon and  
don't forget who is thinking of you -  
Forever,  
Stella



From Ethel Fourn  
Nashville

To. R. Reed



R

from Louisville

Monday

Bob dear.

at last I am off duty.  
Free, white and twenty-two.  
will be up (Friday) Aug 17 on  
the C & O. Please don't fail  
to meet me. This time I  
am sure.



I am bringing  
two pts. instead  
of one. Is that  
alright?

This is not a case  
of wolf, wolf and,  
no wolf - I will  
be there Friday  
night if the train  
runs. Expect me.

Yours per usual,  
Bess.

P.S. Please let me know that you  
get this and expect me.  
adlong



Just today realized that  
summer will soon be over.  
School days will soon be  
returning. (and I so hope you)  
as soon as you know  
where you are going this  
year you will tell me  
won't you? Don't know  
why I want to know, but  
just seems I do.

will see Bill tomorrow.  
then write you details.  
won't you write Elizabeth?  
She is so lovely?

Trust you feel fine + loads  
of love, I am as was, Bess.

Post Rm 44 Oct. 6  
L. 4/10/16

Wed -  
4506 Holderness ave.  
(For a few days, see?)

Dearest Bob: -

Arrived home in A-  
No. 1 - first class condition.  
(many thanks to you!)

How are you feeling,  
and are all parts of you  
improving? Have been  
kind - a worried about  
you.

went on duty the same  
day I got in town. so  
you see I haven't had



much time to think.

By the way tomorrow is moving day and I haven't had time to locate any where I will store my baggage until F. L. returns then I expect we will vacate for Cincy. may-be.

Bobbert please let me re-assure you that I had a wonderful time while in your city. enjoyed every moment with you, looked forward to seeing you every minute while away from you (needless to say, I miss you pitifully.)

you certainly have some true, blue Ole' pale, too.

I'm sure uncle Robert is still healthy and happy. Do hope he watches the horses carefully so 'they can't do anything.



From E. Redburn  
Lomax

To: R. <sup>W. H.</sup>  
Nashville, Tenn

May 28 (1924)?

Thursday —

Bob, my dear:

I am indeed  
not married to 'said ol' man'.  
In fact I never expect to be  
married. (again, eh!) sh—.

I am going to always stay  
reserved and a-part or in-part  
for just you. How do like it?  
Please don't flop your self  
or get your self floped this  
leap year, 'cause you just  
heard my vow.

you bet your  
life you may have an  
R+ my dear. Since you have  
been such a dear, sweet, calm,  
observant boy since you  
can have any thing I have



or that I can get. Fair enough?

I am so happy to know that maybe soon I can see you. Are you coming up for the Derby? The devil of it is that I am on duty hot, fast and furious until the 27 of this month. Of course I could and would see you but it would be only for a few minutes, probably. At any rate come if you can and I'll try to manage the rest. You know me 'al!

I know I can see you on your way home from school. I will reserve



my time for you.

Where are you going to be this summer? I've a plan. Flo and I are coming up (if you are in Lexington) to give a swell party. (all under cover). Lots of good drinks, Jack. all you must do is furnish me a good looking man. as good looking as you, my dear. He must be a good scout, yet understand how to compose him self. Sava?

This is to come off not later than the middle of July. maybe sooner. Please retain your good opinion of me. would you? I am not



as wild as this letter sounds  
yet as wild as I dare be,  
all to see and be with  
you. you know that tho.  
you "piggy" Shirk - why I am  
so crazy about you only  
'Omar' knows. To make a  
long story short I just am  
and I don't care. I am  
still the same Elizabeth  
to you. willing to give all,  
ask nothing in return.  
It's the you of you that's  
all.

now catch your breath  
and write me when you  
can. Please forgive me if I have  
said too much. All my love,  
Bess.



me. Elton is wearing his pin. Speedy just looks fine. Also saw Lana this morning. She spoke very sweetly. The boys are practicing base ball I think. Nothing exciting has happened here for ages. Is this letter sounds crazy don't blame me. I am so tired I am seeing cross eyed. Did you learn the poetry in Anatomy, P. 10. Is that is what they teach little boys in line. I think you better come home. Why don't you come some week end soon?

Mary.

P.S. Questions answered in Jason. Please in writing. m.

3/6/20

1st. 5th  
To: P. 10. 88  
C. 10. 10. 10. 10.

Wednesday Night

Dear Bob:

It was awfully nice of you to call me Saturday and hound of me not to write. But really Bob I have been working terribly hard. You know I always leave note books until the very last minute and then have to stay up all night and fix them up. Well I had three on hands last week. One right after the other. Of course we had a quiz when the notebooks were due. I flunked the Chemistry one but made the highest mark in the class on Embrology. I haven't gotten to bed before 3.00 o'clock in the morning for two weeks.



I spent the night with Virginia last night. She hasn't been very well. Nothing serious but she gets the blues and you know when any body else gets the dumps I immediately cheer up. So I went over to keep Virginia from getting lonesome.

I owe Margaret a letter as usual. I don't see why any body would mind if they never got a letter from me. My letters sound like I had simply thrown a handful of ideas at a sheet of paper and left them where they stuck.

Took Roger and two other boys out to school this morning. Saw Speedy but he didn't see

I just finished a 1,200 word argument for English the first of this week and the zoology note book and quiz are due first lab. next week. After that I am going to stop.

A junior out at state who went to center last year asked me to go to the next cadet hop with him and a little freshman asked me to go to the freshmen dance. Of course I did it. You know me when it comes to dancing. Bob says we know Jimmie Allen. He goes with ~~John~~ M. Clue and has red hair. He has been awfully nice to us lately. This sounds like a biography. But don't you think I'm awfully nice to tell you most every thing I do?