

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1927.

Dearest Eira -

Your letter came a few days ago. I haven't written because I have been so busy. I am the baby's nurse, and she & the children were all sick from the water here, when we first came - we are using spring water now. The



house is only partly  
settled, as our <sup>papers & heavy</sup> things  
have never come from  
storage in St Louis.

I wired them to hurry  
them up, & they sent  
word back, that the  
press of storm business  
had kept them very busy,  
but they would send  
them as soon as possi-  
ble.

Brad has also been sick  
a heavy cold on his  
chest. He has never had



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one before - The doctor put  
him to bed for two  
days, but he is up  
again now.

The children are all  
well at present.

Evelyn, the nurse is  
going <sup>to leave</sup> & I have to find  
a nurse for the baby.

Frances & Edward are  
both going to Kinder-  
garden now but Evelyn  
stays with them <sup>the morning</sup>.



weeks, she is going to start  
taking them <sup>there</sup>, but not  
staying with them.

You must be sure to come  
over this fall. Fort Leavenworth  
is different from  
most garrisons - 400 officers  
and no drilling or  
bugle calls can be heard  
from our quarters. There  
is a more academic air  
about the place. A fine

97 hole golf course,  
a nice golf club house.  
We are 35 miles from Kansas City.  
~~There are~~

There are trolley, bus line &  
a Railroad connecting with



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Kansas City. good highway  
all the way.

The town of Leavenworth,  
three miles away has  
a population of 16,000.

I had my Dodge  
car, driven over from  
Lexington St Louis, by  
one of the boys in the  
Storage Parking Garage.

Edna Hobbs has been at  
Walter Reed Hospital Washington,  
having some slight operation  
she is much better. I believe



Home

I certainly was sorry about  
Francis arm - It must  
have been a hard  
experience, & to have to  
have it reset three times.  
There always seems to be  
something to worry one.  
I hope that Louise & Gordon  
are well again - that  
flu seems to have made  
the rounds, Louise had some-  
thing like it, Mary said, when  
you all come back  
from the West.

Best love to you all, & I  
will look forward to seeing  
you this fall.  
affectionately  
Alice



1.  
Harbor Spring Mich.

Bluff Road -

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1927.

Dearst Ezra & Mary;  
The box, containing  
all the lovely toys, came  
yesterday, Evelyn took Fran-  
ces & Edward down to  
the Post Office, & Ed-  
ward & Frances carried the  
box up the hill, in great  
excitement. Edward took  
his birthday very seriously,  
& seemed to feel that he  
had grown up on that  
day. He enjoyed all of his  
things, and when he saw  
the pretty little "Bubble"  
doll in your box - he



2. was possessed to keep it,  
but finally he gave it up  
to Frances. He has played  
with the air-plane almost  
constantly - we have a fine  
big lawn here, & a space  
all around the house -  
I think we were very  
lucky to get this house,  
so late in the season, tho'  
it is away from the  
pleasant resort at Mus-  
selle, it has other ad-  
vantages that the resort  
cottages don't have. It  
is a finished house plastered  
& papered thro' out & the  
cottages in Beque were just  
board construction, at least



3. ~~those~~ ~~that~~ were shown, so,  
then see are up high,  
& have a wonderful  
view, & so much  
lovely lawn, & all well-  
kept. Mrs. Brubaker  
wants to sell it. I think  
that they would take  
about seven thousand  
for it - but I shouldn't  
want to own it, I don't  
believe - It is so far  
from where we shall  
probably be the next  
few years.

Brad motored us  
700 miles  
here, bringing his mother  
& Katherine - in two days



4. from Sixington - They got here the night of my birthday. Mrs C. & H. stopped at the hotel, as we didn't have room for all, & they came over for some of their meals. Mrs Chynoweth looked very badly when she came, had gotten thin & had a bad cold, but in the four days they were here, she recovered herself, quite a good deal, & her cold almost disappeared. So that it was a sort of hay fever.

I have only had mild touches of hay fever since



5. I've been here, & think  
that I'll have very little  
here. We are counting  
on staying until Sept  
19th or 20th, & then  
going either to Chicago  
or to Bottle Creek for a  
few days before going on  
to Kansas City.

Brad & his mother &  
Katherine took the "Mammoth",  
a small ice steamer, for  
Chicago from here, carrying  
the car on the boat, &  
then Brad motored to K.  
City from Chicago. He <sup>left</sup> got  
here last Sunday just a  
week ago. He had to



6. be in Seavernworth Wednesday morning. I haven't heard except by telegram any thing further.

This is a very pleasant climate, & this time of the year seems very nice. It hasn't been cold since the first week that we came up - we had a cold spell then.

I suppose that you are getting in to Louisville to-day. I hope you have had a nice rest & change & that Gordon was much benefited by the sea - Love to all affectionately - Grace.



Mrs. John McFerran Barr



He has some special  
scheme in his mind  
about getting the stock in some other way  
or making it up hold. in some way.  
We are leaving pretty  
warm weather, the past  
three days; 90+ - The  
papers promise showers  
& cooler this.

I think that we may  
get off about the 14<sup>th</sup>  
of July. The C. M. T. C.  
begins on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July -  
& 1500 boys arrive  
in our midst, & they say



July 1<sup>st</sup> 1927.

Desert Days -

I started to write you  
some days ago, but was  
interrupted. -

I was awfully glad to  
get your letter, & to hear  
what Mrs Callahan said  
about our stock in the  
Louisville Varnish Co. It  
seems to be quite a  
fair-minded man, unless



That it is not altogether pleasant  
after that here. x x x x x

July 6<sup>th</sup> I was interrupted & since we have  
had a glorious fourth & cool weather  
again - the packers have about packed us  
up - Brod has moved into the P.O.T.C.  
We all had a good view of  
Sindbergle when he was here. The  
came out to the Veterans  
Hospital Sunday morning to see  
the veterans of the world war -  
the enclosed picture is of us waiting  
to see him. I looked so fat, that  
I took out myself off.

Brod officiated every day at  
the parades for Sindbergle. He  
was on the platform the third  
day that Sindbergle was  
here - he was aide to the  
master <sup>starter</sup> of the big parade, the  
first day, & went to the banquet  
1500 people - had charge of the landing  
at Sambert field, the first day.



was out of order, but  
I think he found  
that he was out of  
gas! ~~me~~ I thought it was a  
lovely joke on him.

I decided that we  
would wait until  
we got to Weeque  
tonsing before taking a  
cottage - It is so much  
of a lottery to rent one  
without seeing it.

There has been a good  
deal of Chicken Pox  
around - The little boy



I turned my Dodge in for  
the new model, & got  
the Standard Drive - I had  
to give \$250.00 for the  
exchange, but am well  
satisfied with the trans-  
action - This morning  
I had the "thrill" that  
comes once in a lifetime  
Bob's Packard wouldn't  
start & my little Dodge  
had to push him.  
He thought the Starter



next door had it & was in  
quarantine - Frances said that  
"Jack's Chicken spots were gone,  
but he still had the  
quarantella" & Edward called  
them the Chicken Pops.

The baby can walk about  
twenty steps in an uncertain  
way & is awfully sweet. The neigh-  
bors all take a lot of interest in  
her - she walks out on the Parade ground  
in front of the house.

I invested most of the money  
from the P.G. stock in good Gov.  
bonds - but still have part of it  
uninvested.

I know Gordon did well  
on his examinations - I hope you  
are all having a happy summer  
& are well.

I am so glad that you came  
over to see us at the time you  
did. -

I am enclosing some more  
Baby's Charts - Love to all  
Grace.





Jefferson Barracks -  
Quarters 6 E.  
Missouri

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1926.

Merry Xmas!

Dearest Mary & Ezra -

We have received your  
boxes from Louisville, Ky,  
and I am very anxious  
to open them - Xmas seems  
to mean so much more  
up in the U. S. A. You have  
been very generous to us -  
This is just to wish you all  
a merry Xmas & to say that  
I sent a box with various small  
remembrances in it, & am  
going to send Mary some  
china, as soon as I can  
get it properly packed -  
Ezra, I would like to get



you an Atwater Kent Radio  
Model 30 - if you would  
like it - we got one thro'  
the Post Exchange, who got  
it thro' the wholesale house -

& we are enjoying it very  
much - we have listened to  
Louisville several times. It is  
not a cabinet <sup>radio</sup>, & is not obtrusive  
looking, in a house & has a  
loud speaker etc. You can get  
them installed for a little  
fee - we paid a sergeant \$4.00  
but a retail shop asked 10.00

from town. If you would like  
one I wish you would let me  
know, - I didn't know what to  
send you. Write me if you do, &  
I may be able to get it thro' the Post  
Exchange here, or if you prefer - just  
go down & get it & send  
me the bill -  
I sent Louise a ~~thin~~ rain coat



from De Prima who were  
exhibiting at the Chase  
Hotel, while we were there,  
and I don't believe they sent  
the right size - If it doesn't  
fit let me know & I will  
write them to take it back  
& send another.

We are about settled now,  
and like it here very much.  
It is an awfully <sup>nice</sup> Post  
and prettily <sup>high up on the river -</sup>  
~~settled~~ <sup>situated</sup> - Col.  
Hurs Falls have asked  
us to receive with them  
on new years day at the  
regimental reception.

Our house is brick, red &  
roomy, but has only one  
ball room which is  
so pleasant - It is the kind



of house that was being  
built about the time that  
father was retired.

Our furnace is new too,  
& very efficient - & we have  
a new frigidaire, & a  
new Electric washer - or  
"Savage" - I believe the "Eden" is

the best one. We bought the  
frigidaire & washer, & we  
have put new oil cloth down  
in the kitchen & parlour & bath  
room & looks quite fresh &  
nice - there is an electric

stove in the kitchen, instead of  
the old coal stove - It is very  
nice & saves a lot of work -

You must come out in the  
Spring vacation, & visit us sure  
to you all. -  
Yours,



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PANAMA PACIFIC LINE



ON BOARD S.S.

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>

Dearest Mary & Ezra -  
We reach Havana this  
noon & the purser says that  
letters mailed there will reach  
their destination before we dock in  
New York. They go there Key West  
& train from there. So I am writing  
instead of cabling.

We left Panama September 1<sup>st</sup>  
Edward's birthday, and have had  
a very smooth trip, so far. The weather  
warm, as it usually is down here.  
I have been getting up at seven  
& going in the swimming tank



out on the forward deck - It is quite refreshing. The children are enjoying the trip, the Edward can't understand why he doesn't go out he is so accustomed to going out every morning & afternoon. The baby is fine too - She is a very happy baby & very active - She is always creeping under her covers & I am remembering her all night long. Last night I thought she was so sound asleep that she would be safe for the night, & at four o'clock I awoke & heard a little muffled squeak & jumped up & couldn't see her or feel her anywhere. I tore off the sheet & there she was a yard from the top, way at the bottom of the berth - She was smiling & wriggling & didn't seem to mind being under there.

We spend the day in Havana



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ON BOARD S. S.

from about one to eleven tonight,  
I reached New York at the 5<sup>th</sup>.  
I am not planning to go ashore,  
at Havana as Ellen Mary is  
too young to go, I wouldn't like to leave her  
well, our tour in the Canal  
Zone is over, I am right sorry  
in some ways, but think we  
all need a change, & it will be  
nice to smell some frosty air  
once more. I am planning to go  
to Atlantic City with the children  
for September, & will be either at  
the Chelsea Hotel, or at a place  
on Pacific ave. That Cousin Sue vice  
wrote me about <sup>in</sup> ~~near~~ Chelsea. Brad



thinks of going to Washington  
first, or possibly out to see his  
mother in Lexington first, if  
she is still there.

Where are you now, on the  
farm, or at 1111 Drusby ave. If you  
can't come east to see us, we  
will stop in Louisville in Decem-  
ber when we go to our new  
station. It would be fine if you  
could join us in the east for a while.  
Won't you come on <sup>with this two daughters & aide</sup>  
General & Mrs. Simonds, meet us  
at the Gatum Soles, as our ship  
sailed through, & we had a nice  
talk with them. She was Florence  
Page - She is full of energy. I thought  
it was quite a compliment for Gen. Simonds  
to come down. Gen. Sessiter said he was  
coming to Palbo to see us off &  
planned to be there at 10.45 - but



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ON BOARD S. S.

the ship pulled away at 10  
o'clock, which wasn't according  
to the original advertised time, so  
we missed General Sossiter. People  
met us at every lock to say  
good-bye to us. Edward had  
some flowers sent him from a  
little boy friend, Richard Hughes.  
The chef made him a beauti-  
ful cake for his birth day & he  
felt quite important over it.

Well, I must close - and  
here's hoping to see you soon.  
Love, Grace.

I have gotten so slow, that Howard  
Simonds said if I was seen



much about Washington, but  
they would very likely increase  
the length of the 3 yr. tour to  
a four year tour in the Canal  
Zone! I am going to join a  
Swimming class - a dancing  
class when I get back to re-  
duce!



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CAMP GAILLARD  
CANAL ZONE, R. P.

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dearest Mary & Eysa -  
Well, you have  
been gone nearly a month  
and I meant to write  
to you often while  
you were away & have  
just <sup>written</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>wife</sup> <sup>think</sup> we will  
leave here either Sept  
1<sup>st</sup> or Sept 21<sup>st</sup>  
It depends when we  
can get ready. Thus

is a boat on the first  
of Sept & one on  
the 21<sup>st</sup> of Sept. They  
may be crowded however  
& we may not be able  
to get on them, but  
will probably make one  
of the two.

Francis & Edward have  
been in the hospital  
to have their tonsils  
out, and have just  
come back - They both  
had adenoids out too.



Francis had a harder time  
I think, but throat seemed  
sore, but Edward was  
as cozy as could be all  
the time. I think that they  
are both going to be very  
much benefitted by it, I hope  
so any way.

I hope you are all having  
a wonderful trip. It must  
be lovely to be traveling about  
in Europe. We will look  
forward to seeing you soon,  
after you get back.

The baby is getting along  
very nicely - & seems to be  
a good little sleeper. She  
is a dear little thing. I always  
like them when they are  
little, they are easier to manage  
~~than~~ fewer complications in their  
arrangements. Francis & Edward will  
be going to school soon after we  
get to the States I guess. I have



with his office as  
one of the District of  
Columbia Commis-  
sioners - I don't know  
just what it is.

Give my love to Louise  
or with best to you  
both -

affectionately  
Grace.

I have been intending  
writing Gordon & Frances -  
but haven't so far.

CAMP GAILLARD  
CANAL ZONE, R. P.

been difficult here for  
them as they have  
had no playing places  
out of doors - Every  
thing is a hillside & road  
here & there are occasional  
snakes in the grass  
so that the little  
children don't go into  
it very much.

I hear that Mr Fleming  
has gotten into some  
misunderstanding in connection



at the hotel & go on his business trip  
in his Agent's car - for 8 or 10 days -  
returning if he finds them well pleased  
with the place - which has been highly  
recommended - they will stay as  
long as F. wants to. They leave here  
Aug 7<sup>th</sup> - Mat has resigned her  
place at the Army - she could not  
stand that cruel man any longer.  
His wife has left him & he seems  
perfectly unbearable - Mat said she  
could not with any self respect stay  
longer. Such a pity - Mr. Harrell had to  
die - all was so serene while he  
lived. I will do all I can to get  
G. satisfied - one week - several times  
a week - & if the worst comes to  
the worst I will go up. You know  
sometimes homesickness puts people  
to bed. I hope you are having a fine  
trip & Geo. you & Annie are well. With  
love to all - Devotedly "Mother"



Dunstable  
July 12<sup>th</sup>  
1926

My dear Child:-

I am enclosing you  
a letter just received from London.  
Cuba is exactly like all the  
schools of the present day it  
is money, money all the time.  
I told you I wrote G. an order  
for \$10 for necessary text books  
&c. & now comes this letter  
from which I infer they are  
not giving him the \$1 a week  
which I understood you to  
say had been sent for both



boys for the 8 mules. So I enclosed G.  
\$5- to pay his debts & asked him to  
be careful how he spent the balance as  
I felt responsible for his father's money  
& had put down every penny just as  
it had gone. I am so sorry for  
the little fellow's homesickness - I  
have it even now - an old woman &  
know what suffering it is. But as I  
wrote him our going up would only  
make it worse - we would write  
often & send him a paper & he must  
try & lose himself in his work, that  
two mules were gone by & before long  
now you would be up there & stay  
until you brought them home. Francis  
seems to be having a fine, busy time - he  
seldom writes & then everything is fine.  
He is just a different disposition  
from G. -- I told him <sup>G.</sup> one more ex-  
-pecting a letter from you every  
day now & I would send it up  
at once. Jim & his family spent  
the day here yesterday - they are all  
going to the mountains of N. C.  
They are going in the machine  
which Jim will leave with them