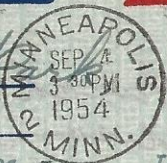


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AIR LETTER

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Dear Wesley,
I'm ashamed I haven't answered your March and August letters, especially the Aug. one which shared some very precious and wonderful experiences. Congratulations being far too trite, I'll say, "I rejoice with you and am glad for you" because of the new and thrilling insights into our faith which you have acquired. Re-discovering Christianity or discovering new depths, new angles, can be a rewarding and dynamic experience, as I have found out more than once.

I'm glad, too, that your music means so much to you. I wish my boys loved it half as much. Robert is holding his own (almost) during vacation with his French horn work. Warren's piano work lapsed when Wilford took sick right after our vacation. I spent so much time with the patient at home or hospital that I couldn't supervise his practice. James has never started music seriously.

Wilford got back from the hospital Aug. 31, is still completely in bed with even his ^{basic} privileges limited, but at least for his first 2 wk. at home.

Murray Medson, working for Dominion Court at Frederickton and Green River, N.B. this summer. Daughter Linda looks very like him, and is a beautiful healthy child. Betty enjoyed their summer apartment very much but has to find a different one for this fall.

Douglas and his wife Ruth live in Pueblo, Colorado, in part of the still unfinished bungalow he has been helping her family to build. We and three other G.I.'s committed to Camp Carson which is near Pueblo (40 miles or so) but nearer to Colorado Springs. They'll be spending a few days in Denver, the mile-high city, about now - a three-day leave.

Robert had a hernia operation this summer which was very like yours! He has made a good recovery but had to miss scout camp. James has been struggling with a newspaper route this summer has done a pretty good job. Warren is fine, but keeping bad hours during vacation. He's had only a touch of joint pain since he was "cleared" of rheumatic fever last spring. He's a stamp collector now. What a year of illnesses! Father and Mother are to be spared the knowledge that my sore arm of last winter came from a cancer removal oper. - radical removal of right breast.

~~But~~ but you should know when cancer has occurred in your immediate family. I have made a splendid recovery from both the operation and the following deep X-ray treatment which made me very sick at my stomach at the time (January '54). Early surgery has proved completely successful in my case. I had peace of mind through all my hard days, thanks to the efforts of my many praying friends, especially our pastor, Dr. Lowe.

Wilford and I are studying a little Spanish while he's

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laid up. He still
supervises the Industrial
Health job which tech-
nically is his no
longer (until he's
well again). Meanwhile
we're living on
insuranced money.

About the wedding.
It was very interesting
from the ^{afternoon} rehearsal with
Wilford as "stand-in"
for Douglas who was
on guard duty at that
hour, to the happy
reception at a nearby
"Christian" Church after
the ceremony. Robert
and James acted as
candle-lighters, the
bride wore white satin
and lace and sequins
and a short veil. Her
attendants wore
pink, blue and yellow
with matching daisy
bouquets. Best man
(in Army uniform)
& 2 ushers flanked
Douglas. Two little
relatives acted as

SECOND FOLD

FIRST FOLD

flower bearers, also. Warren took it very hard when he realized that Doug would not be at home with us any more on the old footing, having now a separate permanent home arrangement of his own!

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all the best!
J. O. S. - C.

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