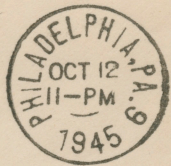


Miss Maymie Leager  
2013 D'Arcy St.  
Phila. 45, Pa.



Miss Margaret Applegate  
Rural Route 12  
Box 120  
Indianapolis 44,  
Indiana

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Received  
October 15, 1945



3013 D. Quice Dr  
Phila. 45, Pa.  
October 11, 1945

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Dear Margaret:

I received your letter some time ago and hope you will forgive me for not answering sooner. Things around here have been keeping me busy.

Then for awhile Mother was working day work and of course it was up to me to see that the children (4 of them) got up and out for school in time. I've also been doing the house work, altogether my day is kept busy. Things will be a little easier now because Mother starts back to mite work tomorrow. By this time I guess George told you - he was layed off down the yard - he hasn't as yet gotten another job - but I hope he does



soon as he gets on my nerves hang-  
ing around the house. He lones to  
Tanayles the kids to (my spelling  
is poor, so please excuse it).

For three weeks now I've  
been trying to get my self a new  
outfit together. I have a black  
dress-shoes-pochelook and hat,  
so now I decided to change to  
brown for a change, I have all  
but my hat- which I'm going  
to get next week. I haven't seen  
any hats I like in town so I've  
decided to try up on the Lane,  
that's where we were going to  
take you that day, but never  
got there. Your black dress  
sounds cute - I would love to  
see a picture of it on you.

Speaking of pictures- would  
you mind sending me the  
negatives of the pictures we took  
at Atlantic City. I would love



(3)

to have a set for my album. I think the picture of Junior and George taken down there is very good - we have one here in the living room and I have one on the dresser up stairs.

I guess you are very anxious to hear about Junior and I aint you and believe me its a long story. To begin with - I still think a lot of Junior, but it isn't love, I still say I had a wonderful time to - when he was here in Philadelphia, but I know things between he and I would never work out - because I dont love him and I really hated to break off with him. I never told him I loved him - but he seemed to take it for granted - I know he thought a lot of me.



(4)  
When I was in the Hospital (more  
of a convalescent home) I met a fellow  
that I really thought a lot of. After  
I came home I knew Mother wouldn't  
care for him - (at least I thought  
she wouldn't) because he was Italian.  
Before ever telling Mother about him  
I broke off with him - but not  
forgetting him I guess. His name is  
Armand and he is very nice. Two  
weeks after Junior and you all were  
here in Philadelphia - Armand came  
here to the house to see me and I  
guess that just started things all  
over again. When I went out with  
Junior those few times I must  
say I only thought of Armand once  
and I knew Junior could make me  
forget him altogether and Junior  
would have if Armand hadn't come  
around the house. I love Armand  
and have for quite sometime and  
it wouldn't be fair to Junior. Be-



(5)

side that, there was my health, that stood in the way. For a long while Junior thought I was in the hospital for my heart - maybe George told you that to - but that is not true. I was in the hospital for a year and three months for my lungs - (T. B. in other words.) and when it comes to marriage it has to be given a lot of thought. If George hasnt told you - please don't let on that you know it, he doesnt like anyone to know it - but to my way of thinking it is no disgrace - the best of people can get it. Im alright now - but of course have to be very careful in every way. I guess I was just the weakling in the family - always seemed to catch every thing



(4)  
that come along. Armand cured for  
the same thing, and I feel that we  
both understand what its all  
about and how we have to take  
care of ourselves. I feel that people  
who have never had it - ~~desent~~ don't  
understand what its all about and  
most people are afraid of it and  
shouldn't be. That is one thing  
that would always stand be-  
tween Junior and I also the  
difference in Religion which you  
know about. I guess I've covered  
about every thing of Junior and I.  
I've told you about my health and  
trust you won't hold it against  
George. I think thats why he dosent  
want anyone to know it.

Now to talk of a more cheerful  
subject. I saw "Christmas in Connet  
icut," and thought it was very  
good my self. Sunday nite I  
started out to see "Love Letters,"



(1)

with Jennifer Jones & Joseph Cotton on "Anchors Away," with Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson & Gene Kelly, but when getting in town there was standing room only at both places and I don't like to stand. So we went to see "Junior Miss," with "Peggy Ann Gardner," and I really enjoyed it, glad I saw it now. Tomorrow night I'm going again to see "Love Letters" - Hope we get in this time.

George and I are planning on going to my Aunt's in Wilmington next Sunday, so that's another letter I have to write.

Have you read any good books lately? My girl friend lent me a book of poems - its called "Poems That Touch the Heart," and they



are all very pretty. Well it looks like I've really made this a letter doesn't it, I guess I've covered about all for this time so will close and hope I hear from you soon again.

Bye for now and write me

I love to hear from you all about what's going on down there. We all send regards to all down there.

Love

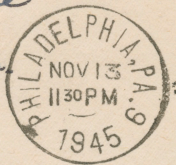
Marge

P.S. Excuse this awful paper but I run out of other.

Write me soon.



Miss Maymie Leager  
3013 D. Treice Drive  
Phila. 45, Penna.



Miss Margaret Applegate  
Rural Route 12  
Box 120  
Indianapolis 44  
Indiana



Received

November 15, 1945



care of your self and write me.  
Regards to all - from  
all up here.

Love  
Marge

P. S. Forgive the short letter!!  
Thanks again for the pictures.

3013 D'Arcy Dr.  
Philadelphia, 45  
November 14

Dear Margaret

Your ever so welcomed  
letter was received sometime  
ago - and forgive me for my  
delay in answering. Just seems  
like I've been letting my letter  
writing slip by.

So much for that - how have  
you and everyone been, fine I  
hope. Everyone here is fine. I guess  
George told you he has gotten him  
self another job and seems to like  
it a lot.

Received a letter from Jr.  
the other day which I intend to  
answer tonite. I certainly was <sup>glad</sup>



down again around the Christ-  
mas holidays.

The other nite I witnessed  
one of the best pictures I think  
I've seen in a long time, "Mildred  
Kierce.... Have you seen it.... if  
not, don't miss it.... I'm sure you  
will like it.

Mother isn't working tonite....  
so, is taking Betty to the Movies  
there going to see Junior Miss,  
I'm sure they'll like it as I  
did my self. Just now Byron  
is crying to go along, which  
means I should bring this to  
a close and get him ready for  
bed.

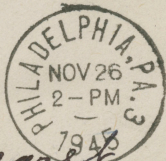
I'm looking forward to leaving  
from you soon. Until then take

to hear from him. <sup>2</sup>

I was beginning to think he was  
angry at me, and, was also going  
to give George up, altogether I  
was glad to hear from him. I  
really do want to be friends  
with him.

I guess I haven't been doing  
anything very exciting since I  
last wrote you. George and I took  
a trip to Wilmington to visit  
my Mother's people, we really  
~~enjoyed~~ <sup>made</sup> a full day of it, my Uncle  
took us by car out to Xembles-  
ville Del. and there we also  
paid my grandmother & grand-  
dad a visit.... first they've seen  
George since he was about  
eleven. Guess we will be going





Mrs Margaret Applegate

R-R-12

Box 44

Indianapolis

Indiana



3013 D Pierce Drive  
Philadelphia Pa.

Received  
Nov. 28, 1945



Well I guess I will close  
as I am getting tired and  
am thinking about going to bed  
so will close saying  
So long & hope to hear from  
you soon.

Is ever  
George

P.S. Tell Mom & Pop Gpplgat  
& Mom & Pop Mahr I was asking  
for them.

3013 D Pierce Dr.  
Phila 45 Pa.  
Nov. 25, 1945

My Dear Margaret:

Well I guess you will  
think I am awful because  
after so long a time since  
I have wrote but I want  
to thank you for your two  
cards one at Halloween & one  
at Thanksgiving. How is every  
one down there? The are  
all fine and I am in paper  
you all are the same



sure if he was here he  
would get in touch with me  
I would be very glad to see  
or hear from him soon  
again.

I have been working in  
a store + Heather Co and haven't  
had much time to myself.

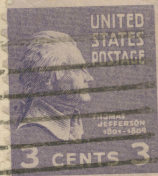
I sure was rooting for  
Indiana to win the football  
title and it looks like they  
at last got there first big  
ten Championship and I am  
glad it didn't go to Ohio

I wrote D. mom and I have  
not heard from them as  
yet. If you know Jr's address  
will you be so kind as to send  
it to me as he was in Phila  
once and said he would be  
back. and never showed up.  
He said he had sent a  
change of address but we  
never got it. The Princeton  
was commissioned and Jr was  
supposed to be stationed  
on it so I figure he should  
be in Phila and I am





GIVE  
+  
RED CROSS  
WAR FUND



Miss Margaret Applegate  
Rural Route 12  
Box 120  
Indianapolis, 44  
Indiana



Miss Mayjorie Leager  
3013 W. Pierce Street  
Philadelphia, 45'  
Penna.

Received  
March 18, 1946



plish a good <sup>4</sup> bit of work with it. Mother's brother is going to take me down for it on Saturday.

That's something valuable to start out with. Nobody knows how disappointed I was when hearing they meant discharging any more men for awhile, oh, well, I guess it requires a little more patience. I just finished making a suit for a little girl nine years old pleated skirt and jacket. If I keep up I'll have a business all my own. I have orders for house dresses and aprons. Guess that's enough of that, lets see what else I can drum up to talk about.

Tuesday Nite  
March 12, 1946

(1)

Dear Margaret:

Received your nice letter sometime back in February and am just getting around to answering it... hope I succeed this time. How has everyone been including your self.... fine I hope. Sure hope you missed getting the Pink eye or whooping cough... pardon me, I just re-read your letter and you've had whooping cough - so have I. Since I last wrote you, our baby Byron has had the measles.... in fact he has just gotten over them.... haven't gone



to wait for phone calls?? yes  
I am quite busy making things  
for my hope chest.... also, trying  
to make some extra money on  
the side here at home. For the  
past few weeks I've been using  
the lady next door's sewing  
machine, making things for people  
and of course getting paid for it.  
Something I've always wanted  
was my own sewing machine  
and just the other day I received  
a letter from my Aunt in Phil-  
mington saying, I can have her  
sewing machine.... she is too old  
to use it now, and a little cripple  
up so she is giving it to me.  
It's electric and I hope to accom-

back to school as yet.... we're  
leaning him out in the air for a  
week before sending him back  
to school, sort of build his re-  
sistance up some.

Haven't been to any movies  
lately.... last picture I saw was  
"Last Week-end".... did you see that  
if so how did you like it. I  
thought he did some very good  
acting in it.... but a drunk like  
that is disgusting to me.... still  
it goes on day after day.

I'm sitting next door writing  
this letter.... waiting for a phone  
call..... Red's was suppose to call  
me last nite... didn't call so I  
don't know whether to expect it  
tonite or not. Don't you hate



Margaret, I<sup>151</sup> think it would be  
very good if you went to Butler  
in May.... I only wish I had gone  
as far as I could. You'll find  
most people who give school up  
in later years regret it, so if you  
can - if I had the opportunity I  
would go myself.

I just heard Junior's engage-  
ment is broken again.... no doubt  
you have seen him by now.  
As for coming down this summer  
I hardly think it possible for me  
but I know George is coming. It  
seems I've got to save every  
penny and just now to take  
that trip it would cost too  
much, as much as I would



to do with him self.

Well, Margaret, this about  
does it for this time. Write me  
soon, my best to all and God  
Bless you. Love  
Marge

F. S. The kids and myself thank  
you for your Valentine.  
Write soon.

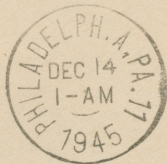
like to come. If you get the chance  
please come up here, this time  
we'll make sure you see all  
the places you wanted to see  
before, I still remember well  
those couple days

The weather up here was  
nice there for a couple days.  
Its a little chilly tonite.  
I got myself glasses the other  
nite - ~~later~~ rather the other week  
and here I sit with out them. I'll  
sure be glad when I get used  
to wearing them, I only have to  
wear them for close work, Monics  
etc.

George has gotten a temporary  
lay off - doesn't know what



Miss Marjorie Leager  
3013 D. Price Drive  
Phila. 45, Penna.



MAIL  
EARLY  
FOR  
CHRISTMAS



Margaret L. Applegate  
Rural Route 12  
Box 120  
Indianapolis 44.  
Indiana



Received  
December 17, 1945



other day, its mostly in out  
now.

Well, Margaret, I guess I've covered  
about all for now... wish there  
was a way you could get up  
to see us, but I realize it would  
be hard. For now I'll have to  
bring this to a quick end or it  
won't go out with the next  
mail. Write me soon and until  
be good & God Bless you.

Love  
Marge

3013 D. Leice Drive  
Philadelphia 46,  
December 12, 1945

Dear Margaret:

Received your letter  
some time ago - and please  
forgive me for not writing  
sooner. There is just no excuse,  
only trying to scarp up some  
news, and up until now I  
still don't have any.

Sure hope you are well  
and everyone else down there.  
There seems to be a lot of  
colds and grippe going around,  
just now in our family Betty  
and Byron are home from



if so - George<sup>(3)</sup> would like to get intouch with him. I feel awful - feel as though I come between the two of them, something I didn't want. George has written to Mr + Mrs Mohr and so far has gotten no answer. He knows he owes you a letter and told me to tell you he would write soon. He has been working till seven + eight o'clock and he is dead tired when he gets home. I wish he would change the job.... get something easier.

Went to the Monies the other night and saw "Fallen Angel," which I liked very much. He had a little snow fall the

school with terrible colds and Mother is in bed with one, she wasn't able to go to work today. So for George and I have not gotten them (I say that with fingers crossed.)

At long last Ned has come home (the fellow I told you about) and we feel the same towards each other - as we did before. He looks grand - but I must say his nerves are shot. He can't sit still five minutes.

Have you heard any word from Junior - George was told he is here in Philadelphia, do you know if that is true -





Miss Margaret Applegate

R-R-12

Box 120

Indianapolis

Indiana



3013 D. Pierce Drive  
Philas. 40 Penna.

Received  
Dec. 27, 1945



3013 D. Pierce Drive  
Phila. (45) Penna.  
December 24, 1945

Dearest Margaret:

Well here it is almost 3:00 in the morning and Christmas Eve at that. How are you + all of the rest of the family. All here a pretty good including my self.

To start off my letter I will let you know some news. The day after I received your most welcomed letter I went to the store with Marge + when I came home I went up stairs to see my Mom. who was in bed at the time with a case of the gripe and when I walked into the room I found a long lost friend sitting there talking to my mother and when I recognized who it was I found out it was Dr.



and did I give him the devil when  
I found out he was in Phila since  
the 18<sup>th</sup> of November and hadn't even  
let me know. That was how he  
treated me and than<sup>he</sup> said I was a  
good friend. It sure seemed that  
way didn't it.

Well I want to thank you  
for your lovely present, I sure  
did like it very much. I am very  
sorry if your's gets there late, but  
I had planned on mailing it Thur.  
and had to work till 9:00 P.M. and  
than had to work from 8: am Friday  
until 3:30<sup>am</sup> Sat so didn't get it off  
until late. Sure hope you don't  
mind.

Got a letter from Mam Mahr  
and she said Pop was kinda sick  
and she was not mad at me, but  
she had just got behind her writing



I still didn't get around <sup>(3)</sup> to writing to your mom did I? Tell her I am very sorry and as soon as I can get over this xmas season.

Jo is coming home on 10 days leave and I sure hope he has as good a time as he did when I was there with him. I only wish I was coming along so I could see you again and have as good a time as I did before. I still remember what you said about the next time I am ready to come down + I sure hope you aren't married so I can have some more fun such as I did before and go to Riverside and take you on the Flash again. After Jo gets his discharge I have plans for making another trip out there again and when the weather breaks I am coming out and am going to try to stay longer than 5 days.



Dr. is supposed to come and see me tonight and we are going to trim the tree and then set down + trim ourselves not I don't mean to get drunk or should I say intoxicated.

Tell sis I am going to close for now as Marge is yelling at me for using her writing paper. So until I hear from you again I will say  
So long dear.

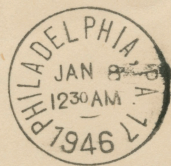
Love  
George (for P.M.)

P.S.

Tell Mom & all the rest I say Merry Xmas & Happy New Year.



Miss Maymie Leager  
3013 D. Police Avenue  
Phila. 45, Penna.



Miss Margaret Applegate  
R-R-12 Box 120  
Indianapolis #44  
Indiana



Received  
January 9, 1946



she is - I hope it isn't the one George was telling me about as I hear she is half Chinese - anyway I sure wish him all the luck and happiness in the world, I also hope he is sure of him self and not making a mistake. Who knows our Wedding Bell may be ringing around the same time.

Well - I guess I've covered about all for this time - believe me I have scads of letters to answer. Red is at the Philly Navy Yard and comes home every nite, suppose to leave for California on Tuesday, I sure will be lost with out him around, on the other hand I'll have time to write some letters of course I don't mean that I only wish he could stay here.

Will close for now with my very best wishes for your good health and happiness in this New Year. God Bless you always

Write me all the news.  
Love Marge  
P. S. Will someday  
soon write you  
best regards to all.

3013 D. Cecie Drene  
Philadelphia, 45  
January 5, 1946

Dear Margaret:

Guess you think me a fine friend - not writing in such a long time. The new year has just come in and my wish may be a little late - but here's wishing you loads of happiness and good health during the year of 1946.

I sure wish you could have been here for the Holidays. I was run ragged just before Christmas as Mother went down in bed with grippe - not a bit of shopping was done for the kids so I had to take over - plus get the place cleaned up etc. In the end it was all well worth all my work. Have misplaced your last



favorite, so please <sup>131</sup> accept my  
heartfelt gratitude. Altogether Santa  
Claus was very good to me - besides  
your lovely gift, I got a set of  
"Follow Me", toilet water etc. from  
Mother, a beautiful pair of sterling  
silver Rosary Beads from my sister,  
stockings from Mother's brother and  
his wife, a lovely pin and ear  
ring set from George, several boxes  
of stationery from friends and of  
course my ring from Reds - so all  
in all I thank God most heartily  
for the people who were so kind  
to me.

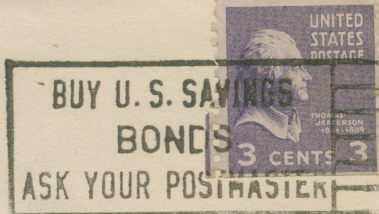
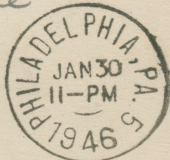
Guess Junior was over to see you  
while he was home, George just  
got a telegram from him, saying  
he would arrive here on Sunday  
(tomorrow) also mentioned he  
is engaged - curiosity is getting  
the best of me to find out who

letter and can't remember whether  
I told you Reds was home or not.  
Anyway he was home until the  
27<sup>th</sup> of December. My sister's husband  
came home Saturday before Christ-  
mas discharged - she sure was  
surprised. They were both down  
here with us for Christmas plus  
Reds and Junior whom we were more  
than happy to have. Now getting  
down to the news which I guess  
Junior has already told you -  
Reds and I are engaged - I received  
my ring for Christmas although  
we won't be married until  
after he is discharged.... and we  
are hoping that won't be long.

My thanks are a little late in  
coming but I did receive your  
ever so beautiful and lovely gift,  
I don't even know how to begin  
to thank you. Rose buds are my



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3013 D. Peice Drive  
Phila. 45, Penna.



Miss Margaret Applegate  
Rural Route 12  
Box 120  
Indianapolis, 44  
Indiana



Received  
Feb. 1, 1946



the first baby tooth he has lost.  
Has it under his pillow - Hoping his  
fairy Godmother will leave him a  
nickle or something. He's doing pretty  
good in school in fact they all are.

Have you seen "Leave Her to  
Heaven" yet, I saw it last week  
and liked it very much. I think  
Jeanne Grain is so cute.

Just now I have a million and one  
letters to write (or so it seems) so for-  
give me if I make this a shortie,  
will do better next time.

If you see Junior or the folks give  
them my best. George has a letter  
started to you - but, you know the  
fellows with writing.

For now I'll close and ask God  
to Bless you all. Love Marge  
White Snow!!

Tuesday Nite  
Philadelphia 45  
Pennsylvania  
January 29

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Dear Margaret:

Received your breezy  
letter the other week and was  
awfully glad to hear from you.  
Sure hope all is well down there,  
have you any more snow?? He had  
a little last week, but now there  
are no signs of it. Today was  
almost like spring.

Have you seen or heard from  
Junior - George got a letter from  
him yesterday - read it and put  
it away - seemed strange to me  
as he usually let's me see them



one about sounded good. I intend to be dressed as a bride and married in Church - with a quite time afterwards. I feel that the money that would be used for a large reception and a lot of brides maids could be used for something more useful. I'm just going to have my sister as matron of Honor and a quite family dinner afterwards, I feel the money can be used for things useful. Little by little I'm getting things together for my hope chest - its June I can hardly wait till he gets home. He is out in California now, stationed on the U. S. S. Pastores.

Mother and all the children are well and were asking for you. Byron pulled his tooth out tonight

Or mentions what he had to say, this time he didn't. I know George is planning on coming down this summer seems like he is getting a months vacation. How does Junior look with out his uniform?? He told me about the girl he was engaged to the last time I saw him..... wonder when he will get married?

Me I'm not getting married until he is out of the service, and gets a good job, I want to start off right with a place of my own. Red won't be out of the Navy until Fall or later and I guess it will be almost a year after that. I have never attended a wedding my self. The one you were telling



RR 12

PHILADELPHIA, PA. 1946  
MAR 9  
630PM



Miss Margaret Applegate

R-R-I Indianapolis (44)

Indiana

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NOT DELIVERED AT BOX 297 R. R. 1  
R. R. 1, NO RECORD OF ADDRESS



George Leager  
2015 D Pierre Dr.  
Phila 45 Pa.

Received  
March 15  
1946



and getting all my teeth  
fixed in a #1 shape

I am having 6 pulled and  
having them replaced and  
getting one in the front  
They all say I won't look  
the same when I do so I  
know I will sorta surprise  
you to.

Marge is doing quite a  
bit of sewing and my  
Aunt is giving her an  
Eletaus Electric machine and  
I am going down to Delaware  
to get it Sat. She got a

3018 D. Prince Dr.

Phila 45 - Pa

March 7, 46

My dear Margaret:

Tell you probly forgot  
that I even exist for  
I realize it has been quite  
some time since I last wrote  
to you - In fact any one out  
there. I have no excuse to  
offer except neglect to everon  
so if you take your time in  
answering this unexpected letter  
from "the drip" (That's me.)



months at a time. Are you  
still working? I am at the  
same place and doing O.K. The  
are pretty slack at the present  
and I haven't been working too  
hard and I sure won't if I  
can get out of it. I will get  
1 month vacation from here  
and I ain't just kidding, so  
when I get it I will free  
out to see my friends, I  
won't tell anyone when  
I will be there I will  
just surprise everyone (or will  
I.)

I am going to the dentist

(2)  
I sure know the reason  
why and sure deserve it  
How is everyone down there  
All up here is fine and ~~its~~  
sure hope the same for  
down there. The weather up  
here is lovely, the temp.  
runs around 50° + 60° for  
two weeks and I sure hope  
it stays this way for awhile.  
Have you seen Jr.? I have had  
one letter from him since  
he has been home, like me  
won't he never writing for



suit for Easter and so did I.  
The are going to take pictures  
and I will send them on  
to you if they come out good  
Marge is hoping Peck's will  
be home by then

I thank you very much for  
for your Valentine, I didn't  
even as much as send you  
one

Still Margaret I don't  
mean to run off in a hurry  
but I can't seem to think  
of much more gab



so I guess I will close saying  
I promise to be more prompt  
in answering the next time  
(that's what I said in my last  
letter wasn't it).

Well so long and don't  
forget to answer (sometime)

Love  
George

P.S.

Wells Mom + Pap  
Applegate.



