

Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 1944.

Hello Everyone:

I don't know very much this morning, but I'm so disappointed because I have only heard from Louise this week. I'm enclosing a letter from Ben which he sent Ginny, in fact, I should say letters, because there are two of them. I made five copies so I could send you each one. I know you will all enjoy them.

Walter is in North Africa. Roslyn is in town today, and she told me that since it got past the censors she felt it was all right to tell us where he was. She is also going to let me have some letters of his and I will make copies so you can all read them. I may not get to see Ros because she is leaving today. Edith spent last weekend with her, but is back in town, and having so many luncheon and dinner dates before she goes to the hospital that she's hardly had time to even phone me. She is coming to my house for dinner Monday, tho.

Louise, what are you doing with all your spare time, now that you're finished with David's book? And are you really planning to take the two babies to New York? You're certainly a glutton for punishment. Remember how hard it was with just Julie and how much you had to take with you? Tomorrow is Julie's birthday, isn't it? She's all of two years old. How time does fly.

I went to ~~guy~~ gym at the Jewish Center last Wednesday night with Ginny. It was wonderful. After gym, we took a steam bath and then a shower and some of the women got massages. The masseur charges \$15.00 for 10 massages, and she beats the hell out of them. But they love it and come back for more. I can't make up my mind whether I want to take the course or not.

Evidently, from what Ros says, Walter and Ben sailed about the same time but from different ports of embarkation, and Walter never was in England. He went directly to North Africa altho I wonder how Ros and Ginny could have received cables the same day. Surely it takes longer to go to North Africa than to England, doesn't it?

Ginny and Stevie were over Sunday, and had lunch with me. That Stevie is really so grown up, and very well-behaved. You don't have to worry, Ben, about your mother-in-law spoiling him. Ginny is trying to get him in nursery school after his operation, and I think that will be very good for him. He's really too serious a child for 27 months and being with other children will help him a lot. Stevie will be operated on Saturday by Dr. Zininger and will be at Children's Hospital for 9 days, after which he'll be fine, the doctor says. Ginny plans to stay with him during the entire time, and her mother will take care of Nancy.

Did you know that one of the papers made a mistake on Dave Grallier's promotion? They had him a lieutenant-colonel, and when Bert read it, she got so excited, but she had the Red Cross check it in Washington and found out it was only a mistake, and that he was promoted to major.