

From-
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Dear Family: -

I am very, very much ashamed of myself for not having written before this. Every day I say the same old thing and when night comes I say I will write tomorrow - until six months have passed. Well - I determined to write this letter tonight if I never get to bed.

So much has happened in the past six months I hardly know where to begin. First of all thanks, all of you for your lovely birthday gifts. I don't feel 23 years old.

Guess what! We have permission to have white belts just like our black one. Today (2 or 3 months ago I should say) we started making them. I don't think I'll ever get ours finished, the rate is going. I've been on the fourth one for the past month. They

take so long to make and I have
such a short time in which to
sew. I'll certainly be glad when
they're finished. You wouldn't know
your darling sister in one of them.
I think we all look very nice.

The only thing I have against them
is that they get dirty so quickly and
I don't like dirty habits.

I am still in the Sanatorium
and haven't a minute to sit down
and rest my weary bones. We have
been so busy and I have added
about ten more to my list of
deaths. It seems we have had so
many deaths lately and very sad ones too.
In spite of every thing I still like
the son as much as ever. Miss
Remickler under my supervision, Miss Keasey
phoned you? well, she said you didn't
seem to bite cross to her. Miss
Keasey is so kind and nice to me.
The dear old, good old

① should days have started again much
to my sorrow. When it comes to
studies I have an awful time. I
go to sleep with the book in my
hand and wake up 2 o'clock in the
morning still holding the book.
Such is life. Exams - I passed
but that's not saying much. I never
had such awful marks before.

We went on our yearly
~~picnick~~ picnic (sp.?) and had a
grand time. Went to Sabina
Cayson (honestly I'm so tired I
can't even think let alone spell)
remember the grand time I had
with all of you there?

Wal, Cecilia I think I
have some good news for you.
Last September, mother started
paying all the nurses \$5.00 a month.
I thought this might interest
you. The new students come

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to come please send your application
etc. Don't forget a snap shot of yourself.

⑦ Helen and Johnny congratulations!!
Mother says you will make a very
nice couple. We are all missing
very impatiently to see you. When
you is yet set the date? Let me
know soon won't you.

Went on a trip a couple
a months ago to the capital (I
can't spell the name like before.)
and had a grand time.

Every letter I receive Mother
wants to know if the date has been
set yet.

4 - Had a grand Comm- club
you? I was wishing you all you
were here at midnight mass. Oh my
but the singing & everything was grand.
I helped decorate the altar and had a
grand accident. Knocked the tall candle
down & flowers - everything off the
altar and down the altar steps. Oh my
what a mess. Got everything cleaned
up finally and then got cleaned myself.
Needless to say I didn't get to bed.

until 2³⁰ that morning. I looked at
our my lovely gifts I missed again & again.
Helen - the gloves are way too small
for my dainty little hands. I'm afraid
I will have to send them back.

Arnold me you the one who sent
me the three tooth brushes - and
in your excitement I guess you forgot
the handle or what was you want
to call it. Everything you all sent
me was just what I wanted. Well
I sent me all enjoyed her candy but
it only lasted about ten minutes.
Sister Rebecca stole the candy & etc
you sent me Alice and I never saw
them again. Mother & Sister Rebecca
were laughing at me because you
sent them a card but didn't send
me one. We had our Xmas
the party again this year and
had so much fun. I received so
many lovely gifts.

We have a little boy here in
the hospital that had never heard of

Was your feet well swell considerably

We had lecture tonight from one of the doctors and I slept through the whole thing in terrible - that's all I do is sleep - sleep - sleep.

Received your nice stamps and was glad to get them. One I say of - interest lines in the Hawaiian Island and she sent me a first day for cover from the islands - wasn't that nice of her?

One of the sister bought me some stamps for Xmas. Clark how is your stamp album coming along?

You never say anything about it in dying to work with mine but I have such little time I hardly ever see it any more. Some day I will - maybe.

We had a few masses said for Mama & Papa lately.

Received some money for Xmas and mother said to have some mass said. So I did.

Santa Claus before or ever had a
Xmas. He is eleven year old. Well
to make a long story short - one of the
nurses dressed as Santa and we gave
him everything he wanted. Honestly
you would not believe it - but the kid
was so happy and so surprised he
just sat there and grinned. We had
to tell him to open the package and
ended up by helping him. It just
made me so happy to see that
poor kid. Wish you could have been
here. His parents are very poor and
there are about 13 children in the
family. He believes in Santa Claus!

Xmas had passed and here
it is New Years. I made a New Year
resolution to wait home and then
broke it the very first thing.
Went down town the other
day and got a nice new pair of
shoes. Perhaps if you should come
get your shoes a little bit larger

(4) I almost forgot to tell you
that the circus come out and
brought two darling baby lions
with them. I had a grand time
playing with them. They were about
18 days old. See they were dooing.

This writing and spelling is
terrible but you'll never get
this letter if I attempt to rewrite
it.

How is Grandma Seibel?

How are Grandma & Grandpa coming
along? Have you seen or heard from
Sister M. Pauleter? If you should see
her tell her I often think of her and
wish I could see her again.

Well good night every one
and God bless you all

Love

P.S. Remember me to Sister Mary Clarine
every one. Did Alice Long have her baby yet?