

Luttraki,  
Greece

Jan. 1 - 1923  
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Trip from  
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Commander Atkins came <sup>(leaving in Dutch)</sup> Sunday Nov - 26 <sup>1922</sup> to our home to dinner  
 night before last. He is very nice - I was glad to talk  
 Dear Family - Mr. Colburn

This seems to be the best paper -  
 in fact the only paper - in this joint - before  
 I go out for some lunch - the day is gone. I  
 want to tell you a bit of my news to date -  
 My history of late is varied but not especially  
 thrilling - Again I have another job! It's going  
 to be a dandy, too - but at present is one awful  
 mess - due to many changes, both inside & outside.  
 Originally it was a very fine Armenian school for  
 girls & boys - & is located in best & most central part  
 of Constant. (Pera). The building is a huge three story  
 stone affair - with hundreds of rooms - & the  
 property has a model house for Kdys - laundry, T-baths  
 Gym. & Church - The school is practically closed  
 now - & we are filled with girls from everywhere - all  
 having been taken by the military - British - for  
 T-houses - lately most have been in the up -  
 & are being concentrated here - Tomorrow we  
 take in 25-30 more - I packed up & came here  
 to stay last night - as there is much to do & much  
 to regulate - also two T's from the Military  
 arrived with their retinue of searches & identifying  
 day before yesterday - I had to line up all



the boys - remaining here - & all my girls -  
& because I am an American & was here  
we got away with no one being taken -  
what the next proceeding will be - no one  
can say - The poor children & the help-  
men so scared their legs hardly will  
hold them - In an hour after the inspection  
I had to listen to an oration by one  
of the Ts - on the virtues of his nation &  
the misrepresentation of him - especially in  
America - 'Tis to smile (L)!

Well - the Sultan has partic'd - heaven  
alone knows what the next move will be  
anyway exchange has dropped & I have  
bought a fur coat & have been bargaining  
for a week in two rugs! All were fairly  
cheap when the exchange was up - now  
miserable! My coat is like Drums -  
the same fur collar - the lamb not so exp-  
ensive - When I bargained it - was \$80 - now - daily  
it gets more - such a country! - Sometimes  
exchange is different - a day - twice a day & in  
as many places -

Here the D. S. R. is run ragged getting off  
to Greece - all the thousands sent out of the  
Interior - 2200 arrived yesterday - for Samson



I shall only be here a few weeks, at most  
probably - If there to be any excitement I'd  
not mind being in land - & if the British  
pull out - it will be hell & worse! - if  
they don't - well - it may be also - who  
knows? Now - the terror & aspect is most de-  
moralizing - Now - we Americans are perfectly safe  
but if we have to leave hurriedly we are all pre-  
pared - Our trunks are in the warehouse packed  
& only our hand luggage with us - By the way  
I got my trunks out of customs last week - but  
have not opened them - Think they are intact  
as they came crated - ER -

As I re-read my letter it sounds as if an  
American had written it - one gets to talking  
& expressing oneself most crudely & peculiarly  
out here - the "nows", "ifs" etc - are so prominent  
here in the East.

This afternoon by way of a bit of air & exercise  
I walked down the Grand Rue Pera - most of  
the shops were closed - I stopped & bought some  
rather interesting & one very beautiful view  
of Constantinople - One has the feeling that each  
day may be the last in Constantinople - so it is  
best to buy without much delay -

So far - just the two home letters one  
from Mother & one from Tommy have come  
but now that you know I am a fixture in  
Constant - more letters will come I hope. Even  
if I should go to Athens or anywhere - my  
mail would be forwarded to me - I was  
anxiously disappointed not to go to Knia -  
but if I had, you'd all had to write me just  
one side of one page - that being the rule  
of the T. course. There? Each page has to go  
in separately in a separate envelope - isn't  
it simple?

How is Garry? Hope Gil, too is feeling better  
than when I was in Brookline. Did Mabel's  
rust do her good? - & how are the kiddies this  
winter - I wonder what I can pick up - for the  
boys - to bring back - I was so upset not to  
have anything for them this time, except stamps  
& kids do love to have something bought to them -  
Wish Mabel would tell me something to get -

This letter has been hours in the doing - Some  
of the girls got in here on one pretext or another &  
love to chat - Harms - little do our American know  
of such a life as they have lead - If I can stay  
with them long enough I shall get a history of each  
one - Glad Tommy's coat is at length - y'each  
How's all & Fred? See I wish I were going to be home with  
you all in Thos - to be



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Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - 1922

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to Arthur to Lutsk

Dear Family - including Edith + Dora -

Its absolutely out of the question - getting letters off - so please receive a "lump sum" - I was going to prop my feet up on the mongol + write a long letter but suddenly remembered I had not completed the accounts of the last orphanage I had - so it - has taken the whole evening to copy & balance my account. I hate & abhor the money part of these jobs - but it must be done - Its all figured in Turkish lira - piasters etc - Well - thats done & ready to turn in - One switches from one job to another at an hour's notice - out here - I've had three in 5 weeks! First a clinic treating 500 boys for trachoma, Scabies & faras - Then 2-300 babies in an orphanage - now 500 girls in an orphanage - These poor girls have come from everywhere - almost all have been in T-homes - many with the Tartars & Arabs & <sup>their</sup> faces are covered with tatar - some are awfully nice girls & others are rough as they come - It was Sunday today & we had quite a service in the empty gym room - I've got back "Grandma" of Ismid days - & she & I held forth from the top of a pile of broken benches & chairs! We are booked to clear out of here on Thurs -



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of this work - if we can get a boat. The British have  
commandeered all the boats - so don't know just what  
will happen - I hate to leave if there's to be any fun - we  
go somewhere on the Gulf of Corinth - safe enough spot -  
Am to take down about 900 children - As I have just  
come here two weeks ago - & the kids are in rags - my chief  
effort has been to get clothes & three meals a day - We're not  
done one lick towards moving! I seem to be the official  
opener & shutter of the N-E-L - They are moving Hdgts -  
to Athens - as duties & other things make Constant impossible.  
A cable came for me to go & help organize at Athens -  
but I expect to go with my girls - I've had a dozen  
different assignments - like Samos - Rhia etc -  
but guess Greece will be my final destination - It  
won't be any too thrilling - but if you fellows at home  
have been having any qualms about me - you can cease  
when I sit me down in the old canal - As to that - it's  
seemingly perfectly safe here - it was pretty wild for a  
time but seems very normal now - I went to dinner today  
at the home of a Mr & Mrs Heck - Mr. H. is at Lusanne



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just now - but will be home for the Xmas. recess - while  
the Ts. go to Angora to confer - then the conference will drag  
on more - Thousands are leaving here - & what the country  
will do commercially - no one can surmise - With the British,  
Armenian, Russian & Greek people gone - it will be a sorry  
country - financially - The Heck's apartment - is right next  
to the German embassy & overlooks the Bosphorus & Marmara -  
It's a glorious sight - the war craft of the world - assembled  
at night - when the boats are lighted it seems as if a water  
fete were going on -

Every spare minute - I try to go & shop - but Stambul  
is far - & to buy in this country takes days - if not weeks -  
I still have no rups - I found two but when one was  
washed to get a spot out - they died it - with acid - so I wouldn't  
pay the price - the other is lovely - but too high - If I can't  
do better I shall get it - Unhappily I haven't been making  
long enough <sup>since I returned</sup> to have much of a bank account - but if  
I can get time & find any rups - shall draw an advance  
No rups are allowed in - & none can go out - except with  
high duty - but I'll take mine in the orphan boat & out



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hope to get out duty free - So far have not even had  
time to open my trunks but they came crated - so  
trust are O.K.

A bunch of letters came today - from Tommy -  
all the family mes to her - in Oct + early Nov. It was  
powerfull good to hear all the doings - One from Edith  
+ me from Dna had come a few days previous - so I  
was happy to think the line of communication was established -  
I'll get in individual letters - if I ever can settle anywhere -  
While I happen to think of it - I wonder if Edith had time  
to park that check of mine - to my account in the Savings  
bank - + how do al + Fred make 7% - my penitance sits  
in the bank year in - year out collecting 3 + 4 - do tell  
me how to grow rich while I wait - 7 is sure better than 3 -

Jenny is in my mind continually - do sincerely hope all  
goes well + happily for her - I've wanted to write -

The Clubhouse Whist-Club sounds quite festive - + will  
break the monotony of life a bit - I've been playing bridge  
lately but shall never be an enthusiast -

Wonder when you'll all be for Xmas - Edie will go to  
Greenwich I suppose - but Dna + the rest of you are later



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To be most anywhere - Just can't register our little  
all-married & way off out west - keeping house etc - By  
the way - if they're not using their rugs - they'd have to  
be put away with camphor - or put on somebody's floor  
It seems that rugs are particularly apt to get moth-  
eaten - but here, none of our rugs are ruined in that way -  
Am glad Tom can wear his coat - sounds as if his boots  
will make to the point - If anyone else can get them - I trust  
Mother & Mabel & family can have them together -

Must go to bed - my family rise at 6 - & believe me  
there's no rest for the weary after that -

Wishes you to you all - & a Merry Christmas -  
Dorothy -

Thanks everybody for the cute Thanksgiving & Xmas cards -





# GRAND HÔTEL D'ANGLETERRE

C. TCHOMOS, Propriétaire

ATHÈNES, le Dec 22, 1922

*+ huthaki*

Dear Family -  
Here, I am -

This is as far as I got last night - so while waiting for a conference with the Pinos that be - here in the office - I'll try & tell you briefly where I am - & what the prospects seem to be, as to work - I hardly know what I wrote last - but had taken on a job of replacement in Persia. We were ordered out of Constantinople & left last Friday morning - It was a three days hectic job - packing up the personal belongings & equipment for 500 - getting clothing, shoes etc. - but

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Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

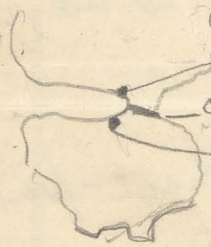
Merry Xmas to you all - letters  
both ways have been mighty scarce  
but we turn in our mutual  
thought of - Mother's Xmas envelope  
& one from Dna C - arrived yesterday  
a rather day before yesterday & hard  
as it was I managed to leave them  
unopened until this morning - The  
Xmas Cards are so attractive & mother's  
wash cloth to me - fell to immediate  
use -

yesterday I made rounds of all the  
25 or 26 buildings & by night was  
dread - & turned in pretty early - but  
the people, our group - had evidently  
decided to do their bit - for an Xmas  
& commencing about midnight - &  
about every hour or two after till  
daylight - - caroled under our windows



## Luttrake -

This letter has had many beginnings but gotten on - very poorly - We left Athens at 2:30 after a strenuous morning of business - The ride is one of the most glorious I have ever had - four hours by our auto - following the rugged coast - blue blue water + mountains rising to the sky + covered with glorious purple heather.



Luttraki - Here there are springs of warm water - & the baths are wonderful - Tho of the girls are going in to the sea to - swim - the 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec - as you can see it is a delightful climate - We hope in a day or two to get a house - as the hotel we live in is - built for summer - is cold & airy & an awful food - We are seven Americans but two of them are temporary - a young woman for athletics, two girls temporarily helping, two nurses - a man for trip notes & me -

we survived that part - only to get  
on a frightful scow - which eventually  
brought us to Lentrakia - the  
other side of Corinth Canal - a  
beautiful little town built right  
on the water's edge - glorious sun  
capped mountains all round - &  
baths & sea so warm we can  
go in - even now - in Dec - I have  
been handed the job - of directing  
them - we have 3000 children - put  
up in 26 buildings - The Greek Gov.  
has requisitioned all the town for  
us - but we can only remain there  
for about six months - meanwhile  
there'll be plenty of work - but a  
glorious spot to do it - in - I hate  
the job of directing - but it seems  
to be my fate always -



# NEAR EAST RELIEF

ORTA - KEUY, CONSTANTINOPLE

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After about the fourth or fifth sunrise  
& having to rise up & appear smiling  
on my balcony - it - began to fall  
as a festival of joy - but the  
spirit behind it all was well intentioned  
various little gifts - have been sent in  
& during the lunch - a group of  
girls arrived - one draped in  
the American flag & bearing a  
most glorious bouquet of wild  
flowers - gathered on the marble  
hills - They sang all the verses  
of America etc etc!! This  
morning we made our own coffee  
in our rooms & I went to work - until  
me - The Governor, his wife and  
the officials arrived for lunch  
& express their gratitude etc - the  
usual drip - & ask what they



could do to assist us - - thus after  
receiving a telegram from Athens -  
instructing them to fall to & help.  
We have eight cases of small  
pox - so are going through a series  
of vaccination - After lunch three  
of us went for an hours ride up  
the mountain road & gathered  
a huge log of beech & pine  
for two of the gals to take, who  
are leaving for Athens tomorrow -

I wonder where you all are  
today - we surely are a scattered  
lot - My thoughts are continually  
with Jerry & shall be so glad  
to hear news of her - Where are  
Al & Fred? Mr Fowler is in Athens  
& asked particulars about Mabel & family



I must go out with the  
 chief of police - to see some  
 problems of housing  
 arranged & find out

who stole four legs of goat  
 out of one of our nphangas -  
 I will try & discover the P.O.

The Greek Govt - have given us  
 all the buildings, telegraph  
 service, light etc free of charge -  
 were having burned a  
 whole town before - 25 hotels -  
 a gambling joint, bathes, garage  
 warehouse etc - I am still a  
 little mixed as to their location.

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To the Union to you all  
& Cease your worries as  
far as I'm concerned -  
this is a heavenly spot -  
far from the maddening whirl.  
Happy New Year to each & all  
Dorothy -

Constantinople,

Pera Ballook-Bazar, Armenian Church

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address N.E.R. -  
Athens Greece

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## NEAR EAST RELIEF

ORTAKEUY, CONSTANTINOPLE

New Year Day 1923

Many happy returns to you all - I'm dying for a letter telling me the family news. The only letters I've had for ages are Mother's funny squeezed up one - written Nov 19<sup>th</sup> when she thought I might be in Konia - & one from Tommy on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - The pretty Xmas cards came and Mother's washcloth arrived just a day or two before Xmas - so I celebrated with it - I wrote you all about my assignment - here - I took on - just a week ago yesterday - & it's a job! But I'm crazy about it - If you never owned a whole town - you can't know the sensation - My town is a heavenly spot - but 3000 of its inhabitants are young devils! Small pox has broken out & every day we have two or three cases more - it's the limit - I've had all 3000 vaccinated - but the pox goes on merrily - Water supply - plumbing - settlement of damages - bath schedules - food & clothing & keeping up generally with a family of this size - scattered for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile up & down the coast



keeps me on the hop - This week I started a laundry - you wouldn't  
think much of it as a laundry but its me - just the same -  
five iron presses - beside the road - clothes washed in the rear  
in the stoves, boiled in the pots & hung between the telegraph poles  
& on the side of the mountain! A new kitchen makes the same  
way - only its under the porch of the largest hotel & the dining  
room is what used to be the ball room - just now - theres every  
thing to do - the kids are covered with lice - those that have any  
clothes at all - so were having her time cleaning them up - We  
have hardly any mattresses or blankets - so today I went to Cornville  
in a funny two wheeled cart & bought hay to fill mattresses with.

I was so glad to hear of the party for Mrs Davis - poor soul - it must  
have meant a lot to her - am so glad anyway, entered into it so  
nicely. How's Gerry? Bless her heart I'll always & cherish of her  
loyalty - & shall be so glad when news comes about her - My visit



## NEAR EAST RELIEF

ORTAKEUY, CONSTANTINOPLE

there was so awfully short - I didn't half see & talk nor  
 anything - After I got started back here - I realized how very few  
 of the things I had planned to do - & get - I had done -

We have part Greek & part Armenian children here - so the A-  
 Xmas comes next Sunday & the Greek here have the same day - & something  
 like that - so we are going to celebrate for them - Will have an out-  
 door meet - & distribute stockings of fruit - I'm buying tons of figs & oranges  
 & nuts - The box that Mrs Davis gave me & the pencils that the boys put  
 into my trunk - with the Xmas bell & tinsel - are going to be taken to the  
 hospital & used for her sick babies - They'll be welcome with delight - I'll  
 write of it later & tell the boys just when all the things went -

I must go to bed - as tomorrow I meet my Waterlo - I have to send  
 in vouchers & accounts for my drachma spent here - to Athens - &



NEAR EAST RELIEF

ORTAKU, CONSTANTINOPLE

Close the yearly account!! - It would be hard if that were  
all I had to do - you'd die laughing if you could hear the things  
we have to pull off on here - i.e. - the baker stole 2 bags of flour - so  
I had to call in the gendarmerie - make my complaint - & shall have to  
go to the court in Constantinople - meanwhile keeping nothing of bread making  
but having to have 1500 loaves of bread every day - I took a baking girl  
in some of the houses & a man who pretends to know baking - & we start smelly  
Oh! I must forget - am enclosing a note - thought it would amuse you  
all - its from the cook in one of our two kitchens - Also the Card and  
envelope - it gives a very vague but poor idea of our lovely spot -  
With dear dear love to you all -

Donna

We hear a war is on - but have not seen a paper for a month -  
Please send my letters on to Edith & Dora - I just can't get letters out

I would expect to have some of these things







Dear miss Setten.

1/1/23.  
Leicester.

I wish you a happy

New year.

E. Trace



The following letter has been received from Mrs. Dorothy H. Sutton:

Near East Relief,

Lutraki, Greece,

Jan. 3, 1923.

It is midnight, but I can't let another day pass without a word off to you. Life is certainly hectic here. Left Constantinople in one mad last rush of packing up, clothing, my family of 500 girls, etc. Came down five days on a horrible scow, and landed here just two weeks ago. You never could imagine life as we lived it on that boat—four Americans with 900 children, baggage and cargo. We had to cook all our meals, and the only kitchen was half the size of my room at 1312 N St., and shared by the ship's crew. Food gave out twice, twelve stowaways were discovered, and smallpox developed! When we got here the town didn't want any more orphans. There were about 2,000 already here, so the port official ran away to Corinth and left us in the bay. We had to send a Near East Relief car and haul him back before we could land. Then, just as we were unloading into lighters, two of the crew got into a brawl, one was stabbed and dragged dying from the boat, and everybody quit and went on shore. In order not to be outdone, I went into the hold myself and loaded baggage, and the boys swung it overboard into rowboats. It was some two days!!

Lutraki is a beautiful little summer bathing place, right at the western end of the Corinth canal. You'd die to go on the funny flat boat that crosses between Lutraki and Corinth. It's pulled by three men fastened to a chain, and one gets aboard, two-wheeled wagon and all. We have the town practically to ourselves—about fifteen hotels, and believe me it is a job with this wild, untamed mob of 3,000. Food and clothing are my chief worry just now. The poor children are alive with vermin, not having had a change of clothes for weeks and weeks; and for two days it has poured, so washing will never dry. Our laundry is the ocean, with five iron kettles for boiling, and telegraph poles and stones for drying. We have two kitchens built outdoors—just huge cal-crons, from which all are fed.

It's thundering and lightening, and the roof is leaking so here, I'll have to go to bed to keep dry.

We are five—a Miss Halsey, Y.W.C.A.; a Miss Hall and Miss Eddy, nurses; a Mr. Betts, and myself. At present we live in one of the hotels, empty except for us, located right on the beach. I go to sleep and wake with the heavenly sound of the surf, and the most glorious view of snow-capped blue mountains across the bay. The hills are covered with heather.

Must go—the drip is getting too much, so good-night.



Copy of letter received by Dorothy from Mrs. DeWitt in Serbia, the Mother of the two girls Nada and Irene, who have been in the hands of the Bolsheviki in Russia ever since the Russian Revolution in 1919.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Madame DeWitt has asked me to help her to write this letter to you, after having received a letter yesterday from her sister in Berlin. In this letter Baroness Koskull says how a Russian lady, Mrs. Treymann a friend of hers, has just come from Russia (with whom Irene was living in Petrograd). She made Irene's acquaintance in the prison at Jekalerinodar in Caucasia. She relates how there were 68 women altogether in a little dark underground room full of vermin. The two girls were there for many weeks and suffered very many hardships. Irene was afterwards put into a separate cell alone and was condemned to death, but escaped by a miracle. After this she was sent to Archangel, where she went on the N. Zemlja expedition. She was considered a dangerous person and her name is written in many of the Bolshvik's books and Tcheka. Nada came out of prison with very few clothes and caught cold and inflammation of the lungs and pleuresy, and Mrs. Treymann took her home with her and saved her life. This lady also says that again recently the Bolsheviki authorities have been making enquiries and searching for Irene (and she has had to fly again and hide herself for fear of them) and now this lady says that no enquiries or parcels, letters or money must be sent officially because it may cost her (Irene) her life. All enquiries, parcels, etc., must be made personally by private person secretly and without the knowledge of the Bolshis. The Bolshis have now the idea that Irene is a spy for the Americans and are therefore persecuting her. This appears to be only too true for the poor Irene. We hope now that when she goes again to N. Zemlja that the Bolshis will forget her again by this time next year. Letters can be written to her but on plain paper and plain envelopes without any "Eastern Relief" etc., on them, nor any address or the mention of the name DeWitt. All this is very sad, but one must remember that one is dealing with Bolshis and not ordinary human beings.

Madame DeWitt's sister has written that the \$150 have arrived safely and Madame DeWitt thanks you ever so much for them. She had thought of dividing this among the two girls, but now finds that it is impossible and all must be spent for Nada, because the man who will get the permission for entry into Germany wants \$80 for this, so that he can get this permission in a week (otherwise it would take several months). She will send \$50 to Nada for journey and keep \$20 in Berlin for her when she comes there for clothes and travelling to Serbia. Madame DeWitt's sister is very anxious about Nada because she has received no answers to all the letters she has written to her.

Madame DeWitt is very sorry indeed that you have not been able to come here to Sarajevo, but she ~~doesn't~~ hasn't given up all hope of seeing you soon and that when you do come she hopes Nada will also be here and can thank you personally for all you have done.

Madame has told me what she wanted to say and I have turned it into better English. Perhaps we shall meet sometime in Sarajevo.

Sincerely, Olive C. Lorfje,





# THE CURTIS HOTEL

MINNEAPOLIS

*W. W. W. W. W.*  
*Green*  
*DH Smith*



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1229 *leaves. 100.*



Luttrake Preece <sup>6</sup>  
Jan 1922

Dear Family-

Its so noisy round here tonight I shall not get much further than thanking you all for the various letters Xmas cards etc - I adn the Canadian handknitting Towny sent - & the stockings for Al & Fred I got dressed up in immediatly - The pussy cat - is waving her tail gaily over my bureau - Xmas day - was a hectic one - all of it in the office taking up affairs here & receiving various delegations, governors, gendarmes etc - but tho a three of us took a short jog up the mountain side & gathered heather etc - We sure do work here - nothing was arranged so with 3000 dumped in - no laundries - no kitchen



no bedding - & little clothing - its been me scramble.  
We're getting there - yesterday I & usually saw 411 stripped.  
bathed & clothed in clean bugless garments! After we  
got our kitchens going - a flood came down in us & washed  
our kitchen away - flooded our warehouse & buried it in  
huge stones from the mountain - an avalanche of rocks  
five feet deep in places! Small pox is going the rounds -  
but if we can keep clear of typhus will be all set -  
Everybody & everything is alive with lice - so we're having  
a war on - now - Our native Dr. has a delouser - a  
contrivance used in the Turkish army - a simple wooden  
case - set in an iron coldiron of boiling water - We  
deloused the clothing & blankets of 300 yesterday - & did



the work splendidly! Why in my arms we had big  
 expensive delusions I don't see - nice building too, & rather  
 pretty two more boxes up in the Calabans in the beach  
 tomorrow -

We can't find anything better - so are taking over  
 some of the rooms of this hotel & shall get our breakfast  
 & supper ourselves - We shall have six rooms - overlooking  
 the beautiful bay - one for a living room - we have  
 no heat or light - except lamps & oil stoves - but can  
 keep clean & quite comfortable -  
 Am anxiously waiting for a letter about Janey - My love



I hope all goes well with her -

The Anniversary has gone & the Greek <sup>happys</sup> ~~happys~~ come  
the same day - next Sunday - so we are going to  
celebrate them for the nephews - Wee planning an out-  
door meet - games etc - & figs & tangerine extra for their  
dinner - The Xmas box & trimmings that the children in  
the Colbrook Church gave me - & that Jack & Eric put in  
my trunk - wee going to give to the poor little children -  
our 125 babies under six - May! but they'll be happy -  
they have no toys - pencils etc - I'll write again about  
it - Am most dead - & must turn in -  
It goes of love to all brother -



NEAR EAST BRANCH  
ΚΛΑΔΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΓΓΥΣ ΑΝΑΤΟΛΗΣ

AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITALS  
ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΑ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΑΝΙΑΩΝ ΚΥΠΙΩΝ

GREEK UNIT  
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΜΗΜΑ

Sunday -

Dear Family - <sup>Lutski</sup> Jan 21

Between visiting committees from Athens & the endless messengers & calls upon me - Sunday is hardly a day of rest - but today has been better than usual - Except for short rounds of my domain & the usual round of things to be seen to - I have kept at home - There is a medical group out - en tour - from Athens but am letting the doctors & nurses take them round -

Had a grand - mail today - the first - U.S. letters for a long long time - One from Gil - Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - two from Mother & one from Toumie - I am overjoyed to hear there is a baby in the family - but heavens!! - which is it - a boy or girl? I suppose as Dr Foster used to say "its hard to say what it will be but its bound to be one or the



other - a girl n boy" - Tommy says "I wish  
they'd hurry n name it - now I ask you after  
anxiously waiting news - to get told it - Mother  
isn't any better I & Gil in his letter of Dec 17 had  
no news !! Well - I'm so thankful somebody  
has arrived. & was such a big fine baby and  
more than all that Jerry was getting on so  
splendidly - It was a real Xmas for Jerry & Gil -  
wasn't it? - Sorry the Sandisfield farm wasn't  
satisfactory but probably something nearer Boston  
will be more advisable. A baby, a Ford & a farm  
seem like affluence beyond my comprehension -

Xmas was surely a scattered & varied  
holiday with our family this year - personally  
ours was spent making like dogs - trying to  
dig out of packing cases enough clothes & food to  
keep the souls & bodies of our 3000, together -  
In the afternoon - three of us attempted a ride  
up the mountain side in an apology for a car  
we couldn't get far - but had a glorious view of  
our the bay - our the little stretch of land  
cut by the canal - to the sea beyond -  
The Armenian Xmas was yesterday & then



New Year - last week - we had a big time.  
for two days - + I took the pencils, paints  
+ toys given me by Eric, Jackie, Markie + the  
boys by the church children - we to our display  
of tiny babies - we rigged up a sort of fish  
pond - a big wash tub with greens on the  
top - + let each of the 110 children draw. They  
were too cute for words - + oh! so happy. If my  
pictures come out well I'll send some to the  
children - The other children had concerts, plays  
and don mints for fun - + oranges + figs for treat.

Mother's Laurel + some wreath sounds beautiful -  
in the white door - The only trees we have here  
are scrub pines - with lots of cones - Please  
thank the Schells for remembering me with a Xmas  
card - it was sweet of them - I shall try acknowledge  
it - Sunday - Al + Ted - seem to be having a grand  
good time - as well as covering considerable country -

Am so glad about the money for the minister -  
but chiefly that the people are getting a different  
attitude towards their pastor + family - 24 -



was a wonderful amt to collect -

I wish Mother wouldn't worry about paying  
for that coat - now the money is spent with  
me - I never miss it - so if she were paid I'd  
be none the wiser off - I wish that I got - I should  
only want more - as we dress in our oldest here -  
The children are in such rags - we do not  
like to be too well clothed & also our work is  
in everything - we have a terrible war on here  
just now - trying to avoid the epidemic of  
typhus which is raging in other parts of Greece -  
Small pox & measles & 1 case of typhus are our  
most needs just now -

Did I ever thank Tommy for the sweet  
lavender handkerchief - if I didn't - actually  
mention it, I have mentally - Also a grateful  
thanks for the calendar which has come today  
from him - I had a Greek calendar - but  
there is 13 days difference between them & ours  
so I have been a little uncertain sometimes -  
as to just what date it really was - Tommy  
told me can't live the date of the country -  
but must think in terms of our own calendar -



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The clipping about the sailors & the <sup>refugee</sup> child<sup>in Milan of Circ</sup> was very interesting. Mrs. Whelan<sup>note</sup> wrote me about it - I said it was absolutely thrilling - as per usual our sailor boys brought everything in sight - & also stuffed the kiddies! A destroyer steamed by us this A.M. & disappeared in the Canal - we wonder why & where -

I sent off a package of pictures of Futaba to you all - this last week. I hope you eventually get them - Keep them for me - as I did not take most of them & have no duplicates. Its heavenly here - & we all so glad we're not in the city -

Am enclosing some odd stamps - for the boys - some may be new for them -  
With dear love to you all -

Don't

Tom - sounds like a dead game sport - duck hunting!! What chances did the ducks get?



Please send to Dora Call  
and return to me

M. A. Newell



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## NEAR EAST RELIEF

ORTAKEUY, CONSTANTINOPLE

Telephone: PERA 2637

Cable address "NEAREAST"

Luttraki

Jan 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday

1923

by Tammis  
Calendar!

Dear Family -

Again - just - a hurried scrawl -  
 just to send you a weekly md - Sundays  
 if anything being my busiest - day - ~~but~~  
 I try to keep out of the office - but always  
 we have hnds of visiting officials & people  
 from Athens - This afternoon we have  
 a big mt don meet - all 3000 taking  
 part - with the Committee Maym & his wife  
 the Committee & Luttraki Chufs of Police  
 as Greek Military Attache from Athens  
 4 Greek newspaper men from Athens  
 & hnds of others - Y.W.C.A., N.E.R. Soc -  
 etc etc - I tried to wash my hair this  
 morning - but the water is so hard. it - <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~



dry - so I'm now at 12:30 - with guests  
already here - sitting in a jammy wet  
mass of hair - This has been a most  
wonderful week in the rphanages - shoes -  
around - old ones - but shoes nevertheless - so  
most everybody has got an issue - such as  
they are - Emma got a new dress & a pair  
of trousers cut down somewhere near to fitting  
their peculiarities & all the girls had their  
hair bobbed - The latter operation was a terrific  
catastrophe & accompanied by blood curdling  
howls & cries - but the scissors were applied  
relentlessly to 1100 heads - In consequence we  
are all out & beautiful for company inspection.  
Typus got started here this week - so we  
fumigated, bathed & shaved all the boys <sup>2000</sup> and  
put the girls through the process & cut their  
hair - In my family of 3000 I only have 300



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hay mattresses & these had to be burned -  
the hay did - so I've got to start all over  
again with that - but I rec'd good blankets  
yesterday so the mattresses don't matter - This  
is a glimpse of how we live -

Am so happy about the new baby - Do for  
goodness sake, Congratulate "pa & ma" & tell  
this far off old aunt what it is & what  
"its" name is - I'll never get on ywie all  
leaving me stranded in such suspense -  
maybe its two - a boy & girl! 😊!

Guests are piling up - will write again -  
when I can - this business of having to be  
brisk & pleasant & diplomatic - is a  
 terrific strain on my natural disposition -  
Heaps of love to you all  
Dorothy -



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Lextrake March 12<sup>th</sup> 1923

Dear Family - Yesterday was Sunday - a day which has gotten to spell anything but rest - & yesterday was no exception - I fell into bed Sat night - thinking I'd lie in bed Sunday morning - but about 6 o'clock or earlier - the blast of a steamer outside my window - announced the beginning of a strenuous day - We had been expecting a boat for two weeks to bring us some boys & carry <sup>off</sup> some of ours - Plans were changed & 110 gals came - from John's saved ones - & we had to get the same number of boys ready to go - Our boys had to be fully equipped & because they always suspect trouble ahead & always hate to go - a lot ran away - a lot stole some stuff & we had to search the whole gang - & hand them their new shirts & underclothes so they were shooed off from shore - Some



rough crowd - & we're glad to get them  
off to an island where they are to be  
put to work - To day we are transferring  
15 more - it's change all the time - & keeps  
me hopping - with all the other things to be done.  
We're in the throes of dressmaking - at the  
rate of 3000 gingham dresses & blouses and  
nearly as many blouses for boys - and underwear  
by the mile - got in 200 000 yds yesterday!

It has been a long time since home  
mail - except one letter from Dna Call -  
the first - from her in weeks & weeks - but  
a wonderful lot of magazines have been  
coming through & are a life saver - They  
are real up to date magazines - not  
Literary Digests - 9-12 months old!

Dna C - has been instrumental in getting a



number of people - sending magazines &  
it has sure been a joy -

Yesterday - had wonderful thing happen -  
Do you remember my telling you about Mrs  
Dr Whit & her two lost daughters? They have  
not been heard of since they were carried off  
three years ago by the Bolo - I have just set  
my heart on finding them - but poor dear  
little Mrs Dr Whit - a refugee in Serbia has  
almost lost her mind - Well just before I  
went home or just after I got back to Constant -  
I heard a rumor that one daughter was up  
north of Archangel - with an Eng. Geological  
assn - so I went to the British Embassy in  
Constant - got the London address of a Geolog -  
Assn - & wrote inquiring of them - They referred  
me to Christiania. The latter people wrote they  
knew nothing of such a person - and any girl  
up in that region they would surely know of -



Later I heard again - that she was there -  
why a rumor - so oriental fashion I believed  
the rumor & wrote again - that was last Oct.  
Yesterday I got a letter in the file on  
hand! - written from Petrograd - where she  
had come & had got in communication - with the  
Christiania girl man!! She begs word of her  
mother & relatives - not having heard me and since  
1919!! Just imagine how thrilled I am - & what  
it will mean to her mother when she gets the  
letter - I enclosed it - in a double recommend  
letter to her mother in Serbia - The weird  
strange part of it - all is - that only four  
days ago I had word from the other sister -  
neither have known when their mother is -  
or could communicate with her - This second  
daughter is in Moscow - starving! - I've written  
my Am. consul in Paris & at Berne to  
let me know immediately - how I can get food  
& money to her. Mrs. D. Brent has got so



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ATHENS, GREECE

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work - I fear I shall not be able to hold  
out - till I get them together - but must  
it - be successful - if we can - Oh & oh  
I have written Mrs D W - that will find  
them before this Easter - & its - uncanny  
that just - at once - & before the three  
years are up - we have got word of them -  
Now I am counting every penny - & using  
every penny sent to me - to write them -  
either in Serbia or in Berlin - Mrs.  
Austin goes to Egypt - tomorrow & wanted  
me to go - but nothing could persuade me  
just now - Crazy as I am to go down there -  
Perhaps you remember my telling you of the  
lady I met by chance at the Russian Emb-  
assy a year ago - when I was trying to get any  
trace of Nata & Irene - & she said she had been



with them in three prisons & had nursed  
me through typhus. It was just - a chance  
meeting or fate or something - for she was  
in Constantinople only one day - returning to Russia  
in disguise to search for her husband - she  
wrote a note to Mrs Dr - then, which I sent  
to Subia - & evidently she kept the address in  
her mind - Well - she ran across - one of the  
girls in Moscow - & got word out - she is in  
Berlin now - Isn't it - uncanny? - this wireless  
communication! If we cannot get her out I shall  
have to go back to the Antarctic - I suppose  
for now - she simply wrote "do, I beg of you, write  
at once & give me some news of my mother - I  
shall be there only till June - when I must  
return to Archangel" - poor kid - not as old  
as Alice - & what she has lived! I have the  
addresses of an aunt a Baroness somebody in  
Berlin - Mrs Dr's sister - & a cousin a Countess  
Gabrowsky in Nice - so - the mails are so  
crowded - for it takes so long to get anything



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Done in this part of the world - when  
the tangle all straightens out - I'm going  
for my vacation to Serbia - to see them  
all - Meanwhile the mother - is cooking in a  
tiny folding alcohol lamp I gave her - the  
Miss Robinson gave me years ago - for herself  
husband & two ex generals of the R. army -  
She's working in the post office & giving French  
lessons!

Must go to work - this will run as - in office  
hours - Love to everybody  
D. mother -

While you all are snowed under - we live under  
the blast of skies - beautiful rose, lavender  
& white - poppy-like anemones covering the fields  
& ranges hanging heavy in the trees!



Kettrahi - Bruce  
Bay 7 Crimble

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Ulatel

~~Ulatel~~

~~Ulatel~~

Dna Call

Edith Johnson

STAMPED "NEWSPAPER"

ALHENS' GREECE

NEW EAST BETTER



Shall write to the girls & the Crawford some day soon - its great to  
hear from them

## NEAR EAST RELIEF

My address will still be → ATHENS, GREECE

Cable address "NEAREAST."

Lefkopi Greece

~~March~~ April 1<sup>st</sup> 1923

Dear Family-

Its again Sunday and another strenuous  
week flown by - but it has brought letters from home  
which were powerful welcome as for some reason  
U.S. mail had been scarce for a long time - Also  
it brought back - also from America - a msg which I wrote  
in Constantinople before I left there the middle of Dec. - It  
was put in an Athens mail bag - but was carried on to  
the U.S.A. - & had to be brought back - Wish it had been  
left there - but was mighty glad to get it - a Belmont  
why thats not the way to spell it - I've been so happy to hear  
from Gerry & from Sil direct; from Mabel through her letters  
to Daniel and a letter from Mother & me sent in by Tommy -  
A letter from Tommy & me from Sil - yesterday when I  
got back from a flying trip to an island in the Adriatic  
(my future home) I found Al's letter & a big envelope from  
Tommy with the most adorable teddy - I needed both in a  
different but real way - for I was dead weary & a bit homesick  
perhaps & Al's cheering nursery letter helped a lot - I got



a hot bath in my improvised wooden tub - and  
when I got all comfy & clean I got to bed and read  
all the letters over again & gloried my new beautiful  
silk possession - It must have been a stroke of mental  
telepathy that prompted both the letters & the under-  
wear - for I hardly knew which I needed next - all  
my underthings especially all that I got from this  
summer & that ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> any good - these stealing thieving  
Greeks have taken - in spite of the fact that I lock  
& padlock every bag, trunk & box - I have had to make  
some desperate cotton affairs in order to be able to appear  
at all - This hotel where we have been living - we  
had to share with the owner's keeper and so we  
were unpacked & really lived - Al's letter tells of  
Mrs Johnson's death - I only heard of it - a few days  
before - from a Miss Home - Florence J's assistant who  
is now in Athens now - I was browsing round the ancient  
ruins of Eleusis - & ran in her - Al was a dear to go  
out to the funeral - I'm so thankful she did - for  
it would mean everything in the world to Edith and I am  
so grateful - If only I could have been there - perhaps  
I could have done a bit for Edith, poor dear - it will



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ATHENS, GREECE

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all be such a break for her - I do sincerely hope  
she'll get out of that huge house - Am so happy  
with Al & Fred - they do seem to be doing & having the  
right sort of time. Al sounds like a cartoon "Xmas  
holiday" life - By the way in her rounds I made if  
she or any of you know or can find out - about an  
agicultural school for a dandy Armenian man to  
go to - He's set on getting to America & getting on a farm  
& if possible studying the thing scientifically at the  
same time - Unlike Armenian he doesn't seem so  
crazy about money, as the life of a farm - He's a perfect  
peach of a man 28 yrs old - very well educated - speaks  
many many languages - absolutely honest and  
indefatigable (started something I can't finish!) untiring in his work.  
I'm sure there's no chance for him or anybody else  
with any ambition - in here - Do any of you know of  
anybody who has a farm - where he could work  
& share the profits? - or is there any college where  
he could study & work - He has no money - which  
is a drawback (☹)! - but perhaps could be managed.  
Please think up something! - Sometimes I've thought perhaps



Pres. Marshall might help me - I've had such a  
hunch that if I can get there I shall write to him  
but meanwhile perhaps your combined forces can do  
something - At present he is my right-hand man  
taking care of our warehouse and me - By the  
letter I mean - I can't do anything that he can  
possibly save me from doing & there's nothing I want  
that he doesn't endeavor to produce -

Well this has been my work - Last Sunday  
night - at 10 P.M. - a knock came to my bedroom  
door & a man appeared with a letter from Arthur  
telling me to have 300 children - boys - equipped &  
ready to move out of here on Tuesday - I had been  
inspecting refugee camps & possible plans for our  
upheaval all afternoon & was a bit wary - besides I  
was leaving here myself early Tuesday morning for a  
flying trip to Kephelonia, an island off the western  
coast of Greece, at the mouth of the Corinthian  
bay - Well - I got the plans, clothes etc ready and  
packed - taking a train from Intraki to Patras -  
It was a fearful day & fun riding in a Greek train  
Channes, my warehouse man, went with me - to speak  
Greek & to figure in warehouse space - as Kephelonia  
is to be our future abiding place - I thought of Father



# NEAR EAST RELIEF

ATHENS, GREECE

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& how often he said he "combined business & pleasure" in his trips - It was a strenuous trip but I surely did get a heap of fun & pleasure out of it - The train followed the irregular northern coast of the Peloponnese - with the heavenly blue water on one side & suns capped mountains on the other - It was a fairyland - plum & almond trees in full bloom - great splashes of yellow wild thorn and roses - in full bloom! I just - couldn't stay still - thank heaven we had a compartment to ourselves - so I dashed back & forth - first to one side then the other - like a caged creature - We got to Patras about five - got some rooms in a funny hotel & then got a "victoria" & rode forth to see the town - mostly the country! The next day we rose at 6 - to catch the boat at 7 - but hung round till ten before starting - It's a twelve hour trip to Kephelonia - to the town of Argostoli - making one stop for two hours at another quaint island - Here we hopped off - & got a nag - & did up the town - Really had a beautiful ride up to the top of the cliff, overlooking the town - A nice old couple invited us into their garden - & gave me



an armful of flowers - mostly roses - We got back to the boat landing - to find that we must have to wait - so we shopped - which meant looking in all the windows & seeing nothing we desired to possess - We got to Argostoli at 11:30 P.M. - & the N.E.R. man was down to meet us - so met on ~~land~~ by means of a row boat - & left Call for 5:30 A.M. - in order to leave again at 7 A.M. The N.E.R. planned to send us down there this week - & I wanted to see for myself conditions & be able to plan - besides I had heard some too glowing accounts of the buildings we were to occupy - All was true & a little more - about the tumble down condition of the old British barracks we are to have - The town seemed very nice - then flying early morning over I had of it - But the buildings were in such disrepair - I came back & refused to budge until further mending & improvements were finished - Then instead of sending down all the 3000 - I determined 1000 or rather 1100 - was all it would accommodate - So after a hasty scetchy look at things - getting a warehouse and two personnel houses & a hospital arranged for - and certain changes & additions made to the buildings - I flew back in the boat - had breakfast & went to bed -



# NEAR EAST RELIEF


ATHENS, GREECE

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Cable address "NEAREAST."

True to form - not here - the bunk was so hard & so  
full of visitors - I had to give up the sleep proposition  
but another break in the journey was a second visit  
to the green little island of Zante. The captain said  
we had an hour - so got off to walk & while flocks &  
flocks away - heard the boat whistle blowing wildly -  
We had asked the capt. to signal - Thank him he  
did - & we should be there still! Chances flew to the  
water's edge - & I came luffing blowing up to the rear -  
jumped a row boat & managed to get aboard - We had  
been gone half an hour - but true to custom the  
boats start anytime hours late or hours early - just  
as they get ready! I had found so many things that  
were necessary for me to take up with H. Dots - I decided  
to go straight - though to Athens - so we were in the  
boat ~~but~~ <sup>2.4 hrs</sup> - till Friday morning - When I got to Athens  
I finished my affairs with the N.E.R. - went to the Club  
got a bathing suit - & went up in the Acropolis - and  
took a car for Lutski - reaching here about 10 PM  
In Athens I got news to more good boys the next day -  
yesterday - 'and it's done' - but I'm a dead woman.



I'm under not to take all my jump with me - the  
boys had to go for him at me - he got a boat - &  
piled them in - boys & baggage - closed the boys up  
here - & raised the bunch off in the moonlight  
at 9 P.M. - yesterday! The rest of us will go to Kephelinis  
within a week or ten days - just girls. I will leave about  
1000 - which will be small enough to be real fun - especially  
as we can have our place - instead of 15 hotels to  
guard & care for - To-day - "the family" wanted to go  
to Dene - about two hours or there the other side  
of Enimlith - to see the ancient - (1100 B.C.) tombs of the  
kings - the home of Agamemnon - of Troy fame etc etc.  
So we packed some lunch & found paths - a most  
glorious ride & interesting day - returned tonight at  
about seven - I wish you all could see this old spot  
and the flora! - very sat, variety - & color - Among them  
I got two varieties of orchids & a fern - which I hoped  
to send to mother - but the girl I wanted to carry  
them - leans toward for America & this in Athens  
(no camp, just blather - may be confused)  
But! I'm afraid I paid little attention to the  
guide as I did to the riot of flora - These orchids  
look like bees - one is yellow & the other orchid color with  
a round part which is bright-blue surrounded with brown  
velvet -  - I dug up some Splendia bulbs - & am going to dry them






# NEAR EAST RELIEF

ATHENS, GREECE

Cable address "NEAREAST."

47 5!! (I expect nobody will read this far!)

Anyway - I have already tucked in a tiny tin box  
of me variety - of these - in a package going by a  
Ruth Eddy - who was here with us & is going home  
till Sept. She was sweet & is carrying as much as  
I liked to ask her to take - but not nearly what I  
should like to send - There is just a tiny gift - for  
the direct - family - The embroidery strips I got here in  
Athens - they are the native work - & make rather  
stunning vests & blouses - if one can stand the noise -  
I'm making my  for my blue serge suit - The flower  
me is pretty  racky - but cheerfull - maybe  
the same unit  stand for it - how about it - Tommy?  
I was so happy to get a bit off - but Eddy went  
so suddenly & I met her on the road to Athens - so  
had to pick up what I could - my trunks were all  
packed as I found they'd move her unit - while I  
was away -

I mustn't write - any more - the mail man will  
bolt - but I've news I could say - My love to you  
all - When will you send me a picture of that adorable  
young man in Brookline? I'm crazy to see one of him. Don  
draw him to all - Don't -



TO THE HONORABLE SENATE

Dulcetti, Maria



Have been trying to learn  
to like bridge but find  
"May ~~disenchant~~ England"  
much more amusing.

Luttraki  
April 15 - 1923

Dear Family -

Well - are you all dead? or just-gone? -  
or shall we have the mails? Have it had  
a mail from America for what seems a life  
time but is probably not more than two wks.  
Have lived a life time in the last month.  
So have it much idea as to dates of anything -  
About three wks ago - I began getting telegrams  
& messages at midnight - ordering me to move  
from 1-8 or boys by noon the next day etc etc.  
It's been the continuous upset & scramble - for  
equipment, transportation & the details that  
go into making up a family of 3000 and having  
them go clothed and in their right minds (or  
in what they call their minds) - both <sup>being</sup> ~~and~~  
conspicuously lacking among the darlings - all  
the boys parted - except 48 who are here  
helping me close out the town & run the girls



NEAR EAST BRANCH  
ΚΛΑΔΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΓΓΥΣ ΑΝΑΤΟΛΗΣ

AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITALS  
ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΑ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΑΝΙΔΩΝ ΚΥΡΙΩΝ

GREEK UNIT  
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΜΗΜΑ

and except for about 350 girls & babies - and  
hospital patients - I have got them all moved -  
I wrote you of my mad dash to see the island  
home - after that - except for moving the  
boys - I have stalled in the going - so as to  
give me time to putting in roofs & floors  
minders etc. - Its a mess at present - but 200  
men are at it - & we hope soon to be able to turn  
around - A week ago last Thurs. the boat came  
to load supplies & children - but the fog got bad  
& the Capt. had to pull out - so three of us  
instead of moving - jumped on board & went off  
with the boat - landed at a tiny seaside town  
got a funny, true horse affair - & went up to  
Delphi! A glorious spot - most interesting - the  
scenery & flowers the best part - Got back here  
Monday morning early - found the four days holiday  
of Greek Easter still on - & an idea of work impossible  
but Thurs. - at 5 a.m. - we were at it - loaded cargo



an army delouser & 315 gals & pulled out of  
 here for Cephalonia at 7 P.M. - I went down - got  
 the gals & personal baggage, food brought - (meat & veg)  
 the cargo off - & started back again at 12:30 the  
 same night - I wish you could all see the beauty  
 the British Consul brought me - pink & red roses -  
 lilacs, & lemon blossoms etc etc - Though I've been  
 to Cephalonia twice - I've never stayed a half day -  
 so can't yet judge of it - being corralled in an  
 island in the middle of the Ionian sea - doesn't  
 sound particularly appealing - We got back Friday  
 but could not re-load till the next day - yesterday  
 but again we at it - at 5 A.M. - At 3 this morning  
 I woke up my last baby <sup>to go</sup> & trotted her on the gang  
 plank onto the lighter - & out to the boat - I  
 have an awfully nice seaming girl - Come to help  
 me - a Miss Hopper - She must come with me on  
 the first load - & I left her there in the mess  
 to hold the fort - till I can clean up, close up  
 this town, turn the 18 buildings here over to the



Gr - & list the damages - So far everything  
has gone quite well - & have turned over all the  
hotel etc except these, the hospital & the baths -  
Our boat has to re coal in Athens - so meantime  
I'm going to take life easy - if I can - as there  
are only 350 children, the hospital & the kitchen  
to run - "Dizzy" Hall & I are alone - for the first-  
time today - & it's been heavenly - the rest & quiet -  
It poured this morning - so that kept most of  
the usual hand away - & no visitors!! I got the  
mending - re packing firm - & when I had got  
all these trunks & suit case - strewn all over  
my room - I got side tracked into a pesky  
account - & there I stuck all day!! - tonight  
I darned a pair of stockings so I could appear  
tomorrow - but otherwise none of the huge pile  
of mending & letters got looked at -

Tomorrow I get off 100 gals - march them  
2 miles to the station - transport them by rail



& belongings - get boxes & tickets & start them  
on their way to Salmika & school -

Hope you get the box - I was ~~sent~~ by Miss  
Eddy - it was a funny mixture - but didn't  
know she was going till the day before - & was  
in Athens & my things in Futroki -

How the boy? Am so glad his got a name  
seemed so terrible to be saying he & it - I  
certainly went home at the wrong time &  
rather returned at the wrong time - There  
seems to be something doing - for me to miss -  
in the family - all the time -

My love to each & all - Send me snap shots  
every one in article - especially of the children -  
I was sorry to have almost nothing for them - to  
put in the bundle - but children don't <sup>cared</sup>  
to me here as in America & it's difficult to get  
anything of interest to them here -

Traps of love & best birthday  
wishes to "all the birthday children"  
Dorothy -



## NEAR EAST RELIEF

ATHENS, GREECE

Cable address "NEAREAST."

April 17 1920

Lutskaki Greece

Dear Tom -

At last I have a day when there's little to do & I can write a little perhaps - We in the midst of moving - sending our family of 3000 in all directions - so that we only have left about 900 files - Most of these have already gone to Cephalonia our future island home - ☹!! The boat returned this morning but has gone to Athens to recruit - will be back in a day or two to finish the job - Now I only have two exchanges - personal home & airport to care for - Am going to Athens tonight & tend to some last business affairs, to



NEAR EAST RELIEF  
ATHENS GREECE  
take a last look at gay city-life  
before being buried alive - where Byron  
passed out - in the midst of the  
Ionian sea - Mail will be addressed to  
Athens & forwarded - but you can search  
in future for my remains at Argostoli  
on the island of Cephalonia -

To feel a real sport - have dressed  
my adorable silk camisole you sent me -  
I was a nervous woman till I got it - a  
very thing gets stolen in the mails! These  
Gs. are the prince thieves - guess they got  
the habit from the Spartan days -

Tell Mr C. - am going to write him  
some day - He was such a proach to write -  
tell him he can do it - & never without  
harm to himself or me!



# NEAR EAST RELIEF

ATHENS, GREECE

Cable address "NEAREAST,"

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I am at C. our barracks - are bounded  
on the north by the Hopt - on the west by  
the Lusane Asylum, on the south by the  
sea - & the east by an arsenal - what  
chance have the poor refugees!

Hope you got the bundle I sent by Miss  
Eddy - I wanted you & Mabel to have the  
choice - if there is any - I marked the things  
more or less as I thought you'd like them -  
but had no time either to select or pack  
them - I'm crazy about these Greek sent - but  
suppose everything is Egyptian at home just  
now -

Will go & throw a night gown into a bag -  
wish you could see the emergency that "arises."  
The Mr. Bro's shawl isn't in it -! for this has a  
huge bell which is kept clanging all the way!



NEAR EAST RELIEF  
ATHENS, GREECE

Have not been able to mail letters out of here  
except those with the official stamp - for  
six days - no stamps in the P.O!! - "have  
to send for some" - now you know Lulinski!

A heap of love -

Dot -

to  
Lulinski

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