

16 February 1945.

Dear Geoffrey:

I had meant to answer your letter of 27 December much ere this, but I think you will understand why I have to put things off. There is so much to do! It gets me down.

I hope that you have gotten settled in your new job and are finding things turning out entirely to your satisfaction.

Last week or maybe it was two weeks ago, we had the pleasure of a visit from StJohn. She came to dinner with us and brought the young lady. I imagine that StJohn has written you of her visit and how famously I got along with the daughter--or was it the other way 'round?? She seems to be a very nice child and we enjoyed having both her and StJohn. We hope to see more of them both as the weather improves.

Both Barbara and John are away, the latter being now in the Army, so things are very quiet. One of the disadvantages of being in our line of work is the necessity for being so fragmentary and circumlocutionary in letters. We shall have to save up notes for personal discussion.

Please give my very cordial greetings to Marr-Johnson and to any of my other friends in your vicinity. I have heard very faint rumors of the possibility of a conference but think this will have to wait until after V-E day. It would certainly be nice to have a gathering of the clan then. I continue to miss your friendly visits and hope that some day you will be back here.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Major Geoffrey G. Stevens,
W.E.C.

Dear Billy,

Thank you so much for your very nice letter which I got at B.P. I didn't answer it then because there was no news and I was in a bit of a flap trying to get my movements settled and get my teeth, shots and vaccination in as short a time as possible consistent with not killing myself.

In the end, of course, I left with practically no notice. Had a very easy journey with no delays except one extra day at Podé. Arrived on 23rd Dec. + have not yet had time to do much settling in.

It seems that my doubtful and not very rosy news of what I should be doing here - even then were a bit optimistic. However I am in no position to judge of the future, and am no longer "competent" to talk shop outside the office. If I do let slip some shop, it must never be

quoted.

Sometimes I think that the British opinion of my abilities and achievements must be incredibly low, and that the only reason they don't say so and sack me is that I have been ~~here~~ in the job so long. Certainly not the faintest sign of appreciation. However that must be quite between us, and, in any case, is probably due to my present unsettled conditions making me unduly pessimistic.

I was much cheered by familiar faces at C.B.I. when I visited yesterday afternoon. Of course, I know no one here except Pat M-J + his family & I am still a bit lost here.

Not a word from S.J. recently but I understand that the mails are lousy and I think we have remedial action in train.

I must go and buy some amenities for my quarters. Please give my love to Elizabeth & the children (?).

Yours ever,
 Fred Hey

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*I think Geoffrey still has his
 heart & mind in Washington
 WRC*

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20 November 1944.

Dear Geoffrey:

I was very glad to get your letter a few days ago and to learn that you arrived safely. It is too bad that you have already begun to suffer from the climate, but by the time this reaches you it is possible that you will be on your way to a different climate having aggravations all of its own.

We had a nice letter from StJohn. It was a nice rambling note telling about her manifold activities. Apparently she is quite happy, and the offspring as well as the Flicker are flourishing.

Thank you very much for your kind words of appreciation regarding your stay with us. I shall miss you a lot. It was very easy to get cooperation in all directions so far as you were concerned. I don't see as much of Cheadle as I did of you, but maybe he is a bit diffident. I drop in occasionally to see how he is getting along, and we have had him out to the house.

Things are moving along in a very nice shape. I hear no further remarks about a conference in Washington. I thought the conference was going to be in Delhi, but maybe that idea was overruled in favor of Washington again.

I stopped in the other day to chat with Lt. Colonel Lewis. He tells me that he is very much pleased with the way things are working out and also that the people here, especially in G-2, are happy with the results of the area specialization. Some good stuff has recently come from the T/A group.

Colonel Corderman has just left for a trip toward the west and will be gone about 45 days. I wish I could have gone along, but it was not in the cards.

We are going to miss you a lot, but shall try to make up for it a bit in a personal way by generally keeping an eye on StJohn and insisting that she stop in to keep up our friendship.

With very best greetings to you and to all my friends at B.P., or at the other place if you are already there, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Maidenhead

Dear Billy,

I have managed to get home safely and have been sent off on leave to have a look at my family. 'thAnn is more than flourishing but the sudden change from the tag end of a Washington summer to the beginnings of an English winter has given me a streaming cold ever since the day I arrived.

I went down to BP and saw John and a few other people and was immediately given leave, so I am still in the dark as to what exactly is in store for me in the East.

However, I did n't start this letter to talk about myself but to say how much I have appreciated during the last three years (more or less) the kindness and cooperation that both you and Elizabeth have shown to me and to StJohn. I hope, of course, to see you all again at a conference in Washington before very long !

Sorry you were n't there when I looked in to make a final adieu but it does n't matter much as I am very bad at saying goodbye and I had been so happy at AH (and in the Munitions) that saying goodbye was not the most pleasant thing anyway.

I am sure that Cheadle and his successors will make even a better job of liaising if you and everybody give them the same cooperation and encouragement that you gave to me.

Give my love to Mark; I may get around to writing to him later but right now there is so much to do.

Love and best wishes to Elizabeth and to Barbara when you write to her.

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