

Aunt dear. -

I received the clipping yesterday.  
 @ I seem to have had a heart breaking  
 these days. Thank goodness tho' there  
 is the chance that Aunt J is a  
 prisoner in German hands & while  
 even that may be dreadful - it may,  
 in the other hand, keep her from  
 greater harm & when this awful  
 war is ended, give her back to you.  
 So many of John's friends, so many sons  
 of my friends had not come back - & it  
 seems to me that I just can't keep up  
 any feeling of courage when the  
 messages keep coming in - yet, we  
 must keep hoping - @ praying - that



that our boys may be among the  
lucky ones. I sometimes wonder  
how they - the sons of our generation  
can ever forgive us our old blind  
selfishness.

I am going down to spend Easter  
with John at Newport R. I. He may  
get leave to come home before his  
next assignment - but he writes  
that is very indefinite. so I am taking  
no chances. Will be there for Sat -  
Sunday & Monday & there may be  
come on Sat to New York & wait  
there hoping he can have a day  
or ~~2~~ three with me - some show  
would do us last year. I think

How wonderful that you had  
that visit with Aaron Jr. in England



I know you wouldn't take any thing  
for it - Every minute with them is  
so precious.

Tell your Secretary to change my  
address on her record - When I  
went into the Navy, she run very  
hard but was too much for me - so  
we sold it - - - We've tried this place  
for 2 years - often for 2 more - By  
that time surely she was well  
to me.

I wish there was something I  
could say to give you help <sup>(um)</sup> <sup>(um)</sup>  
these days - But I am a bit stiff my  
self these days - I can only say "Hang  
on to Hope" - with all your might - <sup>(um)</sup>



As Mother wrote me the other day -  
"He who asks of Me - Believing -  
Leave since I Leave -"

Please let me Leave when  
any further word comes there.

Yours truly

W. L. G.

P.P. I have had a British Convalescent Sailor  
for 4 weeks - was at Sweetick - was torpedoed.  
His last in hospital for repairs. He was in  
Hospital there 6 weeks - 27 years old - eyes  
that fairly hurt with what they've seen -  
He left Thursday - & another comes next week.  
And little we can do.