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My Darling Laurie:

Your wonderful letter from Wichita! Proud is a weak word ~~for~~ what I feel ~~as~~ I read it. You're just about the bravest & spunkiest human being I know of. The work must be grilling, but if anyone can do it you can, and I'm so glad it's your photography that is finally being recognized & given its rightful place in this gigantic effort.

At the same time, I'm glad that your in-town studio in Colo Springs was such a success, for it will be a fine thing to have that to go back to (if you want) after the war is won.

Dad is here now, and when I read him your letter, he was almost as proud & pleased & excited as I. I've told Mrs Hervey, & she sends her love & pride in you.

No, Dear, fascinating as that work in the "mash" room sounds, I can't come out to Kansas. For one thing, this cemetery group I'm doing for Dr. Morton will be being carved during the winter, & I've guaranteed in my contract that I'll supervise every step as it progresses.

Plenty of jobs for me right here, and in a few weeks I'll probably be settled in one.

Have finished my course in mechanical Drawing at the Trade School - but now want to do some

special work on my own, in order to qualify for something a bit more than just the tracing & lettering that voices are put to for the first few months.

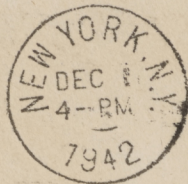
I've now got a fine big drawing-board & T-square & all the instruments here in my studio, and am grinding away at gears, assembly-drawings, scale-drawings & other more advanced work. It is all fascinating, & I have a book which is a perfect encyclopaedia of drafting problems - even helps me through the agonies of mathematical calculations!

Some firms here have drafting that goes on 24 hours per day. One shift is from 4 P.M. to 1 A.M., & if possible I shall try for that one. I always was a night owl, & do my best thinking at night. Moreover, these hours would give me some air & sunlight in the middle of the day. And I wouldn't have to get up at the crack o' dawn - which would be awful hard on yours truly! Especially with War time, which makes even 6 or 7 A.M. still nighttime.

I'll let you know when & where I do buckle down to contribute my bit - & meantime just know that I think you're the grandest ever, & do hope your health not only stands, but improves, under the pressure of such a big job.

Thanks for taking time out for writing. It was the most thrilling letter I've had in many a day.

God bless my Laurie - & a heartfelt
of love to her from Brendie



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