Feb 21 -

Dearest Mummy,

Cathie sat your Valentine today & was very pleased. He showed it even to Lady & we were all duly impressed. He feels so important when he has a present of his very own. Really Paish you could see him now. He seems to grow up a little more each day. He speaks quite plainly & fluently. He loves over the phone like a chatterbox and that's what he likes to do best. He says Dad Granny up & things & his eyes & ears don't miss a trick. Of course he still never manages to sit quietly for 30 seconds but he's perfectly healthy & normal.

I got two letters from Mary yesterday - they didn't really tell any news - except that Bo's chicks & Bran he never gets any rest. The men at the Grange are rested

at regular intervals but not like
doctors. He's been gone 18 months
& two days & had a 5 day leave
& went to rest camp at Capri.
It doesn't seem quite real but
then there's nothing exactly real
about war. All & Ruan have is
that things do look awfully
good. As if before many weeks
perhaps Germany will be out
of the war. Pa believes sincerely
that by the 1st of April it
will all be over. if not before.
well & certainly want to believe
it but am putting no more faith
in my mind. I've had that
awful let down enough already.
Thanksgiving & now 18 months
are passed & next year we
will be separated.

Feel so sorry for Win just
about to start out. His lucky
in that the war against
Japan may not last much
longer & after Billie is trained
he'd not have to be gone
long. She really has had plenty

of upheavals in her marriage but they seem real love 'Cause nothing seems to have changed them. I'm sorry Abigail had that accident and sorry Cathy - Poor Rida.

Mine really had a mild winter so far & we have been very near cold spells - I even took my plants out of storage. The trees are beginning to bud & the bulbs are up - & blooming. I'm afraid we may still have a siege - & ruin everything. Weather seems to be good at that point of thing. I was pleased when I heard of the awful storm & blizzard that swept New England. No details seem to come in the papers - only our faithful Gabriel Heater told me that. I do hope all is well in Conn. & N. Hampshire.

Of course I never hear from Bet - She wrote a very perfect note after Christmas after 9 years of

the Lord that our prayers now
will trouble. That's the only word
I've had. I can't keep mine until
she'd write now & then but she
want. At least I'm glad she's so
down happy, that makes me happy.
I have learned to that the little
things you do for others can bring
them more happiness.

Mrs Reed Pa is hunting around
on the farm. He's fixing the fruit
flow. He's as enthusiastic as a
child since he feels certain
may will come soon. I wish
he'd fix the pasture up right but
he has no tools & wouldn't lend.
Someone he finds there, it's his
money & he'd have it. And
that's what counts.

It's late now & time for me to go
to bed. Before starting another
page (which I would easily do) I'll
stop for now. & say good night &
love you &

Darling.

Read if you see anything for Rabbit
to wear this spring or summer. Coat & Mufflers
size 3 [illegible] send it. I'll send you
Check. There is nothing here & can't get to Dallas.