Mother Darling,

It was wonderful to talk to you yesterday - I'm afraid I wasn't too cheery. There has just been so much war talk around here. So many are in the national guard & active reserve & some have already been called. The others are just waiting & many are juniors & hrs. ratio. It's hard to believe that so soon again we are going thru another war. It's unthinkable & the feeling I get in the pit of my stomache is indescribable. Nap is so desperately needed here. yet I feel sure the Detroit unit will form again. What then will be the answer I don't know. All I can do is pray & pray & pray some more.

I'm so glad that Pater is doing so much better. It's a long road back when you've been shot but he has. Thank goodness there's been no real damage to his eyes. What a miracle that is.

I'm glad you're not considering going abroad. I really dreaded to see you go.

Thank our trip north. I can't see ahead to

it now. The medical situation here is very inadequate. Then there is the financial end. If Mayo showed 70 in the pennies we're surely not here on present income. We've had a lot of expenses this summer plowing wells and Michigan trip & loading the house. If the war situation showed straighten out we might be able to try but I don't see how we could spend $1,000 otherwise & that's a lot it costs us to leave here. Of Holly but we will miss going. It won't seem like a summer without seeing the Isbell Home. We shall dream about it tho & pretend that we're all together. This being separated really is no fun. Honestly Mother we do love you so. There are not enough words to tell you what a constant emptiness there is inside because we can't all be together. You are such a wonderful person & such a wonderful mother. I hope as I am a mother to our children that I'll be even in a slight degree like the person you are.

Robbie's foot is almost well at long last. He has really been a good sport about it. Only one small bandage is left.

Mayo has been busy night and day. The hospital is over flowing. I don't know where they all come from. Mayo has just been made a member of a very

excellent Assn. He really didn't expect to be
taken in but wanted the membership very much.
The Amer. Assn. for the Surgery of Trauma.
200 membership. & its a group of men from
all over the Country. It will be an excellent
opportunity for Mary to keep in touch. The programs
will be excellent & the contacts with the
doctors wonderful.

I have been working in the yard
today 'til 2 oclock. I think I shall say goodnite
now & slip into bed —

We love you very very dearly.

Daddy.