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Letter #11 (Christmas card, first written with black ink then with pencil)

Printed text on card:

The Season's Greetings

The Season's
Greetings
With every wish
For your Happiness

Actual Letter

Carolyn, Dodge,
Jack, Bill & Bob.

I'm on duty – its nearing morning and the next bell that rings will start my morning rounds. I have eleven patients — and four babies. I came on at eleven & seven will see me ready & willing to go home & get some sleep. I haven't been so sleepy. Coffee has helped & the fact that I had something to do much of the time has helped speed the night for me. I'll go home, get breakfast, feed my chickens then roll into bed until near noon. Got most of my Saturday's work done. Have had a quiet week at home. Caught up on book work, even – Isn't that quite a thing? That is – account look. Of course – Guernsey stuff goes on & on.

Its Saturday night at change of ink. I finished my night, went home & slept 'til noon then to town. At 6:30 P.M. I got a call to special again. Not expecting to work I really wasn't prepared as far as sleep is concerned. Besides we had a special dinner on. But after some that I decided Dodge & the boys should be in bed by eleven anyway. So we went to our dinner and then came home at 10:30 & to work by eleven. Our dinner was fun. I fixed the meat, she furnished the rest. We had had some banties that were a nuisance in the barn. We killed ten, dressed them & tonight

I stuffed them with dressing, roasted them & we served one to each person. One was plenty of meat & we were surprised how good they were. 'Twas a messy job eating them but we were all in the same boat so it was OK. Even the boys managed to eat a whole one. But gosh they were good. Now our banties are gone, we've just found how good they can be. I'm going to try it again even if I have to buy banties to serve. Of course all were this year's crop so nice & tender & the electric roaster just right for keeping them moist & juicy. Anyway 'twas good.

Well I'm not doing so well at writing tonight either. I have a very sick patient that requires constant care. She asleep at intervals so I write as I can. Don't know how long this job will last but it's a honey as it is. I don't like to be on too many nights in a row.

A card from Mother today — Dec. 5 says they will start home next Tuesday. I had hoped they would go on & visit all they wanted to see before coming back here. Dad going to see Bert & Carl as you'll probably know by the time you get this. Wish they could see Harris's & Uncle Arthur too. Nice they could have this trip tho.

Now must quit. Best wishes for a very joyful Christmas.

Carolyn & Dodge