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Letter #2 (blue ink, green clip, letter is on card, extra letter from Edna on small rose stationary)

Envelope

Thom
Big Creek Calif.
Box 68

Mrs. E H. Robinson
Sidney Route 1. Box 22.
Montana

Letter

Big Creek Calif. March 16th

Dear Carol

We were so pleased to receive your letter as we had heard that you were hospitalized again and suffering from several complications.

The fact that you were able to write was quite a relief to us. I truly hope you did not over do! Grace wrote after being in to see you and said you were under oxygen tent so decided you were having special treatments. Now hoping you will soon have recovered sufficiently so you can go home! What a comfort it must be, tho, that your men can so capably care you themselves and surely could care for you too when dismissed from hospital.

I just now read Sidney Herald and noted that the hospital has a new accredited Dietitian, so your food should be palatable at least!

Every thing I ate while in hospital tasted like "more of the same," but I wasn't ill – just recovering from an operation that didn't even cause me any discomfort – only had to like quietly for a few days. So, I could have had food that was at least palatable – but that was what most patients complain about "such food!"

Carolyn had a letter from Vera saying they'd be coming by way of Ellensburg and stop to see them on way to Portland. I wish they could come here too. Vera would enjoy seeing Edna's organ and we would enjoy having them here – but probably would not want to drive so much further. I get lonesome for Sidney folks and am always hoping someone comes our way.

However, I may be going to Ellensburg late as Jack – Carolyn's oldest boy is planning to be married July 18 I believe is the date. The wedding to be in Tacoma where the girls family live – She works in a bank in Seattle. Wonder if Carolyn has already written this to you! As she said in her last letter she was writing you soon – after Vera wrote you are ill.

I am quite normal again as far as seeing sufficiently is concerned – tho there is some uncertainty about up and down distances and only one eye vision necessitates care in seeing correctly. Dr stressed careful action in all I do – and I do need to be cautious – but one soon adjusts to all these things.

I have hemmed 12 flour sacks – made some crochet holders and began work on a quilt I started more than a year ago – the pattern you mentioned I believe that Joyce had given you "around the world" pattern – small square blocks in shades to harmonize – beginning with yellow center.

Could not thread needle for months but now not difficult at all. I make the bread here now – and always do the dishes – hang up washings iron most things, not Harold's white shirts tho. So can keep fairly busy and so much more contented.

Harold + Edna plan to get to Fresno Thursday P.M. for a concert that evening – stay in Fresno all nite then Friday to drive to their desert “homestead” where they are having a summer house built this trip to complete plans for building etc.

I'll be on my own during the three days and “Monarch of all I survey” – so would be glad to entertain guests during that time.

Edna fears I've not eat properly but I won't lack for provisions, surely as there is always plenty here – and I like to cook too – when alone. Made fruit cakes recently and I like all kinds of baked things. So do my friends who call on me

Its really “springtime” here, every bush and shrub beginning to put out leaf growth and daffodils have already been in bloom then we drive to Fresno, so much color in every place, that gives me a real thrill to see and a desire to dig in the soil to produce some of all the lovely plants + flowers too – We have some good growing potted plants and they are a comfort.

I do hope I haven't distressed you with this chatter - was so pleased to hear directly from you and just toss this into waste basket if it too tiring. God Bless you dear – and do take good care of yourself. Greetings to all and your family.

Get well soon
Aunt Lotta

Circular letter left here over wk ago.

Extra Letter From Edna

Dear Carol:

You really have had yourself a time this winter haven't you? I do hope that now as you recover you will take it easy and do as your doctor says. You should appreciate the chance to let someone do the work (though I know you well enough to realize you aren't built that way).

However it really is important to obey in this case.

We are having spring but expect more winter if we can trust past experience. Mother hurt her ribs a bit yesterday and is rather uncomfortable but we can be glad it was no worse. She didn't fall but had a plant in her hand + bumped it into her ribs.

Give my love to the folks there.

Edna