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Letter from Bernice Smith to Martha Smith; January 6, 1944

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Bernice to Martha

2219 Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, Florida
January 6, 1944

Dear Mollie,

Well as the string goes, you knew I was going to write
by my being so long about it, didn't you?

From a present angle Christmas was very satisfactory. I was
very pleased with everything I got. There must be such a thing as
mental telepathy, else how could you know that I didn't have a decent
slip to my name. If I live through enough birthdays and Christmases
I believe I'll finally accumulate some silver after all. Chris gave
me a book and a flower for my hair. The flower matches my new dress
that I bought for Christmas. Loretta gave us all a silver bracelet.
Liz gave me a lapel pin, a gold elephant.

I am going to take Saturday and Monday off. Saturday afternoon
I'm going to get a permanent wave. My hair has absolutely reached the
last stages of stringiness. I think that I will feel much more in
harmony with the world if get my hair fixed.

Last night Liz called and asked me to double date with her. She
had a couple of sergeants with her. I was expecting a call from a
Lt.(jg) in the Coast Guard as he had said something the night before
about seeing me. He hadn't called when Liz asked me to go with them
so I went ahead. We went to the picture show and saw a good murder
show called "Crime Doctor's Strangest Case". They were very nice
boys (not particularly interesting I must admit) and were different
from the officers in that they did not cuss all the time or drink all
the time. When I got home Cris said that Fred(the Lt) had come by
with another boy. I said, "I suppose you smoothed everything over
in your usual diplomatic manner." ~~Says~~ She said, "Call it diplomatic
if you want to, I told him he had no business waiting so late to come
by."

There are several reasons why this typing is so bad. The first
is that I am in very much of a hurry to get it done before somebody
calls me down for writing personal letters and tells me that I am
being paid to work for the Government. The next reason is that this
is a very bad machine. All of the typewriters in the office are.
I don't see how we do as good work as ~~xxx~~ we do.

Thanks again ever so much for the slip and fork.

We enjoyed your letter.

Love,

