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Dear Mammie -

The grape fruit kind has been much appreciated, mostly by me, as that is one item I am very stingy with. And the money belt is a beauty. and the envy of all, as it is the nicest one about. The only problem now is to keep it full. I am being overcome and overcome by this train of packages from you - still even the nearly misdirected Mary Reed package would have been acceptable, as we can always use cleaning rags. But don't send any. It is possible to get enough from Supplies if persuasion is used. <sup>like mine</sup> My friends who expected lovely sweaters, from you, were either indignant or inconsolably depressed, when I read your letter to them - you - washing your hands of the whole business - and suggesting that they enter a request to the Red Cross! They insist that no Red Cross sweater is comparable to yours. They also feel scabbed in the matter of the travelling iron, after having arrived at the belief that all blessings might flow from 604 Lindsey Rd. As for me I'll not ask for the iron yet. So far I don't feel that I could ever do my own ironing well enough to pass inspection. I've just written to Child Life to send me

another copy direct, so will you please keep on file the copy which you have. I'm pleased that you think the illustrations look well in print.

I did not remember that you had informed me of the receipt of my property deed from Mrs. Ditmas. I've kept most of your letters and do not find mention of it except in one in Nov. that you had not received it. Anyway, I began to worry about it and wrote again to Mrs. Ditmas also to her daughter and to the Trust Deed Title Co. in S. L. O. Mrs. D. has replied that she sent you the deed long ago and received acknowledgement from you.

Just when Winter really sets in - it was somewhere between 0° and 5° this morning - I get turned out of the hospital and into a tent and back to work. And I'd just come to believe that they might let me hibernate until Spring. As yet no time to go the rounds to try to wrangle a limited service classification. How quickly one takes the fatalistic attitude in the army, and accepts the incomprehensible and incomprehensible equally without comment.

I'd like to hear Dr Bowdler on North Africa but usually it's hard than pulling teeth to get anything out of these campaigners.

Please give my felicitation congratulations etc to Irma & Mr. if it is not already inappropriately late. And again lots of thanks for the money belt.

Your

Tom