

Avila Cal
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Dear Nannie -

The Lurida hair brush set is the most elegant toilet set I've ever seen. I keep them in their crystal case as an exhibition piece in my parlor tho I do use them, since it has been remarked that my hair has an unusual brilliance since it has been massaged with those Nylon bristles.

The only other real Xmas present that I got was a Janigan sweater from Aunt Emmy. I forwarded your letter to her at Victorville, Cal. where she has gone for a month. I am sure she will want to come to see you. I believe she will be near for a while since she is going to visit with friends near Washington.

As you see I am still in Avila. The weather has been so incredibly lovely. Bright warm sunshine every day - (quite the opposite from Jan '41) that I've thrown myself into an orgy of sketching and have done my best work since being here. However I am leaving in a few days for the Mitchell ranch which I expect will be a swell experience.

Right now Oscar Simpkins whom you will remember from Xmas '39, is visiting me for a few days before going into the Navy Medical Corps as pharmacist - in San Diego,

We now have some navy: mine sweepers a baby cruiser + flag ship, stationed at Avila as well as a few of the army. All is quiet. - a brief black out night before last - the only one in some time.

Folks hereabouts are not yet restricting themselves in the use of their cars, and I shall probably run mine until the tires are gone.

No extra special news for the present.

Adios.

Tom

Hello Folks! I may neglect to write you, but I can and will never forget you.

I have a few more days before I go back to L.A. for service duty, and I'm hoping for good weather so we may be able to make the most of them. Regards to all - Oscar.