

144 Hancock St.
Auburndale, Mass.
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Dearest Mummie,

It doesn't seem possible that tomorrow is the date which we set for my going to Everett. How time has flown by! However, all is planned and I have to catch a bus tomorrow morning at five minutes before seven to be sure that I catch Everett by 9:30.

I have been to Attleboro today to talk with Arthur Rinden, the man who held some few years ago the post which Alec Ferguson now holds. John Reuling asked if I would have time to talk with Arthur, and I answered that I had. What happened is that we got to talking about visual-aid, the course at B.U., my tendency to gadgetry, and I can't even spell the word correctly, and it all led to my going down today to see Arthur and to his giving me some advice.

Arthur Rinden thinks that the time has not yet come for movies in Africa, but that it's a good time to use slide sets and film strips and to make some on the field, also recordings. With this in mind then, he thinks that I should get projection equipment for the purpose of projecting such material and should get also equipment for making records and is willing to help me get them. He may not be able to do much except by way of suggestions and advice, but already he has been very helpful. Among other things he suggests: (1) a Home Lite generator of 1500 watts; (2) an American Optical projector; (3) a Radian screen 70" x 70"; (4) and a Webster playback recorder, portable, with power speaker. He thinks, too, that I ought to swap in the Tourist for a Leica so that I can do copies in Africa of ~~film~~ pictures for film strips. I don't know just what to think about this, but he says that if I intend to do the work and it seems likely from what I told him about the set-up that it would prove valuable for the whole work, I really need an outfit with which to work.

Well, I'll tell you more on Monday. I'll send this off early tomorrow morning so that you will get word that I'm coming on the noon train out of Boston, the Flying Yankee. I think that we can make Farmington all right, even if I have to come to Boothbay Harbor by bus. The class begins at 8:40 p.m.

You have doubtless advised Mother and Olive that we will stay with them overnight.

I love you, sweet, and look forward so much to our being together for a little while. God be with you and ours,

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