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29 April 1945  
5:00 PM

Dear Folks,

Another busy week has passed.

I have worked several evenings and have stayed home the others so that there is little to write about. Mary + I had yesterday afternoon off and had good luck enough to get a room at the Georgian. We didn't even go the show last night but slept instead. I got up about 2 o'clock + we had dinner at the S+S cafeteria and have been riding the buses since then. It looks somewhat like a shower so we have dropped

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into the Center here till it blows  
over. This is a busy place this  
after noon. There are two games  
of ping pong going on and both pool  
tables are in use. There are about 20  
of us using writing desks and more  
than 20 others sitting reading. May  
+ I ~~drop~~ drop in here often  
as the folks who run it are friendly,  
it is on the street floor so there are  
no stairs to climb and it is not as  
noisy as some of the other service  
Centers.

We found a real pretty ride out to  
Inglewade that we had never taken before.  
I think it will become one of our favorites.

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The other ride was very different, we took a bus that said Ford Hill, and it turned out to be a ride practically entirely through the Negro section.

Honestly, I don't understand why there are not horrible epidemics here the South. The conditions as far as sanitation is concerned is appalling in the poor + the negro sections. The houses we saw today for the most part had no screens at all either in the doors or the windows. The yards are cluttered and many had cows + chickens in out buildings near the house. The toilet facilities are obviously the outhouse variety and this in a city that has.

running water.

and in even the best sections of towns there are alleyways of Negro homes that are nothing but shacks.

The poorer class of whites live in homes almost as bad. Many of the presumably nice homes are little better than our summer cottages!

The wealthier homes however are lovely, and those out at lakeside this afternoon certainly took my eye.

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have just been playing ping pong with one of the girls from camp —

Must close now in order to mail this before we leave for camp —

Love to all  
Kay