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"LET CARLTON MEAN HOME TO YOU"

## The Carlton

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

Sun night.

Mother dear,

I wonder how you are this evening? Well this is our 3rd Sun on the road. I did think I hope <sup>that</sup> we would stay in Binghamton over Sun but we didn't. Had a pretty hard trip to day.

We came to a little town called Farwanda. Didn't get in until after 3 P.M. Penney & I were fortunate & found a private house. Some of the fellows are paying 15<sup>0</sup> each per night in a good hotel & others are paying a dollar a night in a cheap place. I went in one this afternoon & really I wouldn't sleep in the place for \$3<sup>00</sup>. Penney & I are pretty particular where we sleep

& where we eat. It pays.

We got a fine place to stay in Wilkesbarre. A hotel prop. had his hotel filled up & rather than disappoint he sent us down to his home.

He had a wonderful home & they were very nice to us. They had a boy about Carleton's age and he played sax. We had a great time playing duets.

Grant played the piano & I gave them two or three sax solos

I got a new solo for sax & piano. Valse Hilda. It is a corner I paid \$1.00 for it; why shouldn't it be a good one?

We are only paying 75¢ a night here. Not so bad is it? Grant & I went to sleep to bed yesterday.

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afternoon after we got in  
I slept about 2 hrs. We  
got up & went down town  
to supper. The rest did  
us a lot of good.

After supper Grant &  
I went to church.  
Last Sun Grant was so  
tired he didn't want to go  
to church so I told him  
to go home & I'd go alone.  
You see I'm trying to  
do the right thing.

I suppose you were look-  
ing for the M.O. in that  
last letter. I forgot & put  
it in but will do so &  
day. I figured up my  
income last night &

found that I have saved  
over \$40 or these first  
three weeks. That is pretty  
good I think don't you?

Sat we played two  
shows in Binghampton.  
The Mgr of the theater  
was smoke & has pleased.  
he wants us to come  
back & repeat it as  
soon as we can.

We got a good scar the  
other day. The soldiers  
chorus didn't go so well  
one day & they said they  
were going to call an  
individual rehearsal to  
see how many knew the  
words. The words in this  
particular chorus are  
very difficult to sing  
with the music & many  
of us were making up  
words.

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I made up my mind I  
wasn't going to get fired  
so learned the words after  
several hrs of studying.

Shortly after that another  
part of the chorus went  
badly on one performance.  
Evidently someone was  
singing their part in  
correctly, & they were  
going to find out who it  
was. The next day on the  
train the director took  
all of us (one at a time)  
& made us sing over  
part of the chorus. I was  
a little shaky as every-  
body was listening to see

who the guilty one was.  
Fortunately I got thru  
O.K. but it gave me a  
scare at first.

Now I know the  
Italian words for  
all our acts except  
one page where it doesn't  
count for much.

I can give them two  
weeks notice if I want  
to leave. The bartone  
is an Italian & the mgr  
had some words with  
him a week ago & gave  
him his notice. He has  
one more week with us.  
I suppose the mgr wired  
to Boston for another;  
he will probably be here  
about the middle of the  
week.