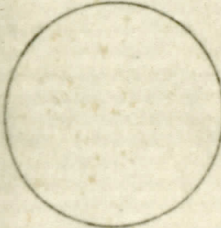


Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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Mrs. J. Shields
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Dec 21 - 1944
(Date)

Dear Jan: Your letter written Dec 8 - was rec'd Dec 19th. Your description of St. Nicholas day was wonderful, but I'm only your Mom - Now if I were Peggy I'd be jealous - I'm awfully glad some one is being nice to you! Maybe it's a return for all the transients we've harbored in our times. I still can't understand why she won't get through. Mary Malone called up to see if I'd heard anything from you re - Frank. He's gone since the day after Thanksgiving and she still hasn't heard from him - Jan do you still want those cut in circuit clips that Frank Berry promised you - We still have them. If you want them let me know. Was talking to Pete Kuran tonight in Chicago - He was asking for you. Called him up to see if Joe was still at Chamblee Field but Pete says Joe shipped out a week ago to St Petersburg. Pete feels Joe really needs to get back to civilian life to get himself straightened out - He says Harriet is a swell girl, but in way of talking of Harriet - Pete informed me Lee is not a Catholic which was a surprise to me. It's not permissible to say if you're in the path of this new advance by Germany since Dec 15th. We're keeping our fingers crossed and hoping you're not too wondrously hor' Donald Joyce is fam'g. He's in Luxembourg. Well Jan it's only 4 days to Xmas and I don't feel a bit Christmasy. But Oh Boy, wait till we have the 3 Shields home again - Then it will be Xmas every day - It will be long after Xmas when this reaches you, but I do hope you enjoyed it. My one wish for Xmas is "God keep you safe and bring you back soon Love & prayers from Mom

V - MAIL