



Sundays

Dec 30

Dear Sonny & V.V.:

It's so seldom, if ever,  
that I write you. But when  
Christmas envelopes arrive  
bearing money from what you  
considered "kid" sisters —  
you begin to wonder if  
things haven't changed a  
little — if those "kids" aren't

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growing up a bit into the  
"young-lady" stage that you  
were held close in the Shieldses.  
You remember how wonderful, &  
what fun it was to watch  
Frank & Joe grow up &  
that you're going to miss a  
lot of it not being around  
the Iquitos at this time. But  
it always leaves you glad  
to know that soon there  
will be two, & then three,  
more adults to be the

companions & Mom & the  
 Phef that the boy & I  
 have had the privilege of  
 being. Believe me, that <sup>is</sup>  
 a privilege, that many friends  
 envy us. Take advantage  
 of it, don't abuse it as I  
 know I have thoughtlessly  
 done so often.

You know a soldier  
 can always use money -  
 and knowing that you can,

too, I appreciate your gifts  
that much more. As I've  
told Betty, I've had only  
one opportunity to shop in  
the past week - and didn't  
like the junk I saw. So  
please be patient, and  
Santa will make a late  
visit one of these weeks.  
Again, many thanks.

Love & prayers,

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