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Letter, Virginia Brainard to Nellie Brainard [November 1, 1942]

Virginia Brainard

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Sunday, Nov 1, 1942

Dear Grandma,

Thank you so very much for the birthday dollar you sent me. I spent it immediately for something I've wanted for quite awhile and didn't feel I could treat myself to it — a gold chain to wear with my sweaters. I think of you every time I see it and thank you.

I hope you and Mother had a nice trip to Michigan and I hope Mother gets a good rest. I'm learning the meaning of the words "There's no rest for the weary."! Right now I'm busy writing and trying to sell articles to magazines like "Better Homes and Gardens" and "Country Gentleman" for a course in journalism. I've decided to write under my own name because I don't think I can improve upon

it so Virginia Brainard will be
my pen name for the rest of my
life whether I change my name
or not. And I'm leaving out the
middle initial, too!

I had ~~my~~ pictures for applications
for jobs taken last week and they
weren't very good of me. I looked
so tired and haggard! However, I
may not have to use them because
nearly all the journalists get jobs in
Chicago and they go into Chicago to
make personal applications. It is
so exciting to be in my last year of
college and to be looking ahead
to getting a job in journalism.

Fred is liking his work at Camp
Dodge very much and comes up to Ames
about every two weeks. He's been promoted
to corporal already and has been in
service only two months. He thinks
he'll be in Camp Dodge for the duration.
I hope so —
Love,
Virginia