

Mt. Pleasant, Mich.,

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1941

My Dear Merl: -

I can't find words to tell you how sorry I am that you have had to through with this trouble with all its suffering. At the same time I am glad that you had courage to submit to an operation at the earliest possible moment and am so thankful that you came through it in good shape, and can [lasts?] forward to a steady and safe recovery. But don't try to be too smart and do too much. I feel sure your faith in your Heavenly Father and his care for you has sustained you this far and you know you have the love and sympathy of your husband and your whole family and many, many friends and this will help to keep up your courage, I hope. We cannot be too thankful that you have a skillful surgeon and are in such good hands so that now you can be content to (?) still and just get well again with the thing that was a (?) gone and not there to worry about it. Dudley wrote that all things were so arranged for things at home that you have no need to worry on that (?), so now I hope you are resting easily and that you not have to suffer much pain and discomfort. I wish I could help you in some way. God bless you now and always.

Very much love,

From your Mother Brainard