

— Friday afternoon July 18. 41 — 20/7/41

My dear my own dear —

As you knew, Max had a possible job of surgery ahead of him — & now it is over — He was most unwilling to have a fess^r made of it, so we left Pelf Point on Monday, & he went into the Massachusetts General on Tuesday, & on Wednesday morning the operation was done. It turned out to be a larger prostate operation than we had expected, but the surgeon, the head of the staff here, said it was a good thing he had it done, as he could not have cured himself, as M. thought he was doing. The bladder was found perfectly all right & healthy, & there was no sign or evidence of any growth or tumour or anything malignant.

So surgeon, nurses & your Trix are
greatly relieved that it is over, & the
condition good. The technical
terms of what has been done mean
nothing to me, any more than Latin
botany names would to the surgeon,
so I can't tell you scientifically
but only that it was a large
operation that we thought likely.

I am writing from Max's room,
he is sitting up in his bed, his
temperature normal & apparently
not too uncomfortable, distinctly
better than yesterday & it is
morning. To-morrow or Sunday
the surgeon expects to be able to
tell me when it will be likely
that the can travel home ward, we
hope by the last days of this
month or the first of the next.
You & I are rather trained to be
Stoics, but we neither of us can

quite like "Stoicizing," & the 3
last days have not been the
easiest of the year for New
Year's Eve - But now it is behind
us, & the relief from the forward
looking uncertainty is
over. If all goes well, it is likely
that I'll go home in the middle
of next week, & leave Max to be
cared by his nurses instead of me!
He may be allowed to get out of
bed tomorrow or the next day, if
he continues to behave well. He
thinks he may stay on at the
Hospital, even though it be not
necessary, as it will be easier
than to move, & he is comfortable &
has a quiet cool room -

There is one news - I could
not tell you ahead of the
performance as it only came

tell the good Clemmy, as he
 thought we might be home again
 after a few days. - W. A. N. L. it
 lucky that he was able to
 finish his Hampton work, get
 a two week holiday fishing a
 the Restigouche (which did
 him no end of good) have ten
 days rest at home, before he had
 this done.

During these days I am staying
 at the City, in a room overlooking
 the river - nice & cool, & quite
 valued & all right.

You have been with me so
 much, as I have known your
 tender & enfolding affection was
 there, a shelter & a comfort to

Yours devoted
Trix