

Clearwater Beach Hotel and Cottages

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Sunday A.M.

Dearest Tom,

The air was a little too cool for real comfort on the beach so I ran in to see Eleanor ^{yesterday}. Now that she has completed a big job she has over tired herself and the Dr didn't sound very encouraging. So she is anxious to get home and rest.

She walked into the R.R Station (her Inn being near there) and picked up a reservation ^{a week ago} for April 11th which had just been turned in by a woman suddenly called home by sick husband.

Everything has been sold out until April 15th for weeks. I put in ^{on arrival} my order for a tower as soon after that date as possible.

If someone is called home suddenly from here, they just get on the next train + count on tipping the porter from \$5 to \$10 - (\$10. on floor) and getting an usher. Sometimes there isn't any and they sit up - or lay on floor.

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Since there is no ~~get~~ ^{great} hurry for me I will see what turns up between 15th & 20th unless I get too homesick

Did I tell you there is a three piece orchestra every eve. at dinner? Nothing spared for our comfort. Strawberries

+ orange juice every morning -

Have become quite friendly with the hostess

"Miss Susie" - not young, but a good sport. The choice friend - the quaker from Phil - Mrs Sangre - (mother of eight daughters

3 by 1st husband; 4 by marriage to 2nd husband (step daughters I mean; and the final one with 2nd husband).

leaves Jus. but a Mrs Ferris from Birmingham

Michigan will be here for several wks

Several extra men ^{floating} around. all so tanned I can't tell them apart. mostly from Pittsburgh.

Just called Clearwater, she is coming out here for the day. soon after lunch and I am out to the beach ~~with~~ ^{for} a dip

before lunch. usually go in twice a day - and every one calls to everyone

else. . . "Gent this water perfect"

It is warm again today - just like Nassau weather.

I do want Eleanor to put at least one foot in the gulf before she returns. Will see what I can do this afternoon.

A large number of Army Majors are with us today - coming from the Flying Field + camp near Tampa.

This hotel is a marvel of cleanliness + good service. Don't see how they manage it. Girls in dining room are nice like those at Buck Hall. Only better trained.

You might put Earnie's check on my checking acct. not that I will need it all but it will be safe to have a surplus.

Helen gets \$62.00 April 15th. and you can give Jean (out of the remaining house money) what is necessary.

It is \$8.50 per day here, including meal, which seems reasonable considering all it offers.

Must close now.

Much love to all.

affectionately yours always
Dee

P.S. No doubt Tom is with you today