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Dear Mom,

Don't laugh, it isn't easy. I finally decided that I had better start if I ever was going to learn. To type that is.

I sort of like this typewriting, but it takes a lot of time. I decided that I had better get to moving if I was going to get any use out of this nice new machine.

This afternoon I went over and saw a soccer (football) game between Quetta and Multan. I enjoy watching them play. Multan won by a score of 11 to 0.

I am feeling much better, but I could use some Vitamin Pills. I didn't realize that Malaria affected a person's stomach so much. For two days before I got a fever my stomach bothered me. I couldn't figure out what it was. My stomach became very sore and tender and I had no appetite. Then for two days after the fever left my stomach still bothered me. In fact it bothered me for more than two days afterwards; it still bothers me some.

My worst trouble is that I don't like coffee since I've been sick. And when I don't like coffee then I can't learn Urdu!

There was a chart that came with this typewriter, and it showed me where to place my fingers. So I am using the correct fingers on the correct keys anyway. After a time it will come faster, I hope.

It is very cold in my room, and I do not have a fireplace, so, I light my large kerosene lantern. It gives off a lot of heat, and burns very little fuel. In Murree we used the lanterns to dry our clothes during the rainy season.

We do all our cooking on a three-burner kerosene stove. Kerosene is about 25¢ a gallon here. That makes cooking a little expensive.

We have nice pressure kerosene lanterns that burn very bright. Also we have kerosene irons; I have not used my iron yet, but I think it works all right.

Don't worry about sending too much chocolates; it can't be done. I am still eating Christmas candy, but I was sick some too.

I wrote Margerite and Irvin Vogt a letter about 2½ months ago and I got a nice Christmas card from them. They are the couple that live in Meade Ks. They wanted me to write again.

I can see right now that I will spend all my evenings typing letters so that I can learn to type. It's going to take a lot of practice. But I can make carbon copies of some letters so that will help.

I hope that hat fits that you bought; I will really be disgusted if it doesn't. I told you size 7 and 1-8.

I am glad to hear that you are going to get your teeth fixed. So far I haven't had a bit of trouble with my teeth. It has been 1 year now since I had my teeth checked by Dr. Hartman. There is a Pakistani Dentist here who does fair work. In Lahore there is a Scotch Dentist that some of the missionaries go to. He isn't too good as far as I have heard.

Doris must be going through a painful time now. Although she doesn't seem to mind losing her teeth. I did not know of the fact that she needed an operation. Are you sure?

Here is where my money goes. I had a chest of drawers made that cost me 72 Rupees. A bed cost me 70 Rupees. A bookshelf cost me 92 Rs. An ironing board cost me 20 Rs. Plus many other things. Our monthly allowance is about 180 Rupees. I pay over 100 Rs. a month for food each month. If it wasn't for extra money I wouldn't get by so good.

I am finishing this letter on Saturday morning. I generally type at night and I can't do as well at night because I am tired. I have been trying to go a little faster so I have been making more mistakes.

Must close now and study a little Urdu.

I received the check okay. This is sure a nice typewriter. Thank you a lot for it. It is a Smith Corona Silent Portable. Love Claude

Marshall Avenue Spring man. He says look
 To full strength yet, but he is not aware.



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