

I write a letter yesterday but didn't get it mailed so may as well say in this letter what I wrote in that one.

I felt real bad about missing Mildred's O pal. Edith wanted me to go to a program at the music hall. It was 7:45 when we left, so I thought they were probably weren't coming.

I am planning on coming home this week-end. I want to hear Bro. Neppel & I think this will be about the best time. I did my house duty last week. I have scrub & wash the hall & stairs every 2 weeks.

Well I am going to have to stop this letter because it so will go. I have a class at 9.
Love, Helma

Feb 24/1947
11:00 PM

dear Mommy
I am so nervous I can't write but I am also so nervous that I can't sleep or sit still otherwise.

I went to the ball game this evening like I always do here & yelled like I always do to all the way through the first half. The half had just settled and people had just settled down from the excitement of the first half.

All at once I heard some screams. I jumped up and saw the bleachers on the other side of the floor collapse. It looks like a lot of trees falling over at once. It was very quiet. There was no panic or shouting any sort. There was sort of creaking sound of the boards breaking. The Public

Canceled. Several girls (boys)
from our house were on the
beach when that broke but
they just received slight
bruises or scratches. They
said when they started to
fall they expected to hit hard
but they just seemed to float
down. A couple of the boys
from here (at least they're here
most of the time) had gone down
under the beach but just
barely got out in time. One
of the boys who was killed
did the same thing only I
guess he didn't make it.

Sunday, 7:30
I finally got to sleep last night
and don't feel quite so nervous
this morning. I hope you don't
worry about me. I think I will
try to call you on Friday if I can
get through. We're all home
and are still very busy
I don't know whether I'll be
able to get through or not

John was again starting telling
people to be quiet and for
the people who were sitting
on the beach I was sitting
on to get still. We all
were so startled, terrified,
afraid and what have you
that we couldn't hardly move
anyway. So when they began clear
away the debris & help people
out,

lots of noise (11:30 P.M.) There
was some more fatalities
which is amazingly small
considering 3,500 people went
down with those beaches.
The injury list stands at
about 800 some of which
were slight.
After about half an hr,
which went amazingly fast
they let the people on our side
leave. They didn't want anyone
to leave their side. They could get
the ones on the other beach