

I am convinced that
this is the best place
in the world for work-
ing people — if they really
intend to work & make
a name for themselves.
Wages are high & jobs
aren't hard to find. It
is wholly a business
city. But for poor people
it is a hell.

I will be glad to get
to Los Angeles, tho I have
so far enjoyed my visit
very much. Perhaps
from there I shall be
glad to go home.

Saw all the boys,
and Mother dear, I do
hope you are well.

All my love to you!
Ethel

San Francisco
July 9, 1936

Dear Mom,

I'm so busy I
just know this letter
isn't going to make
sense.

San Francisco
is really a beautiful
place, and I'm crazy
about their climate.

Monday, on a
beautiful sunny afternoon
we drove down to
the port — Fisherman's
Wharf, and out to view
the mammoth bridge
construction crisscrossing
from Oakland to San
Francisco ^(I think about a distance of 8 1/2 miles) and ^(a trifle shorter distance) across
Golden Gate Bay. It
is the most magnifi-
cent thing I have ever
seen. I believe there are 8
car lanes side by side,
and about 4 train tracks
alongside underneath the
automobile highway. We
drove all through

the Presidio (Gov't training camps, etc.) and saw several of the cannons stationed & hid along the coastline for war protection.

It took us two days to go through Golden Gate Park. It is over 5 miles long and about that wide. He visited the Museum - saw Egyptian mummies, Napoleon's throne, Queen Josephine's (of France) elaborate bedstead, and several other things of interest. In the Park we also spent several hours in the aquarium seeing a million (it seems that many) fish - all sizes, shapes, colors, designs; including sea turtles (gaining a weight of 500 lbs) sea lions, huge elephant seals, sea horses, sharks and so on, etc.

The Park grounds are very beautiful - floral paths, flowers, trees, statues, and beautiful lakes and buildings abound.

We saw Alcatraz from a distance however they shoot when anyone reaches within 150 ft. of the Island.

Last evening was taken up with Mae and her husband. They were real nice to me. Today he is coming to take me to see Mr. Nolan (the man that Harvey asked me to see).

545 Tomorrow night we shall dine in Chinatown. Then Saturday we plan to drive to Burlingame & Palo Alto (where all the millionaires live ^{including Herbert Hoover}). I hope to leave early Sunday for Los Angeles.