

Doctor Mustapha - died in Marash

Questions about his death:

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all their furniture and did very well in getting rid of most every thing. They are boarding with the Kitchens this winter.

A large number go on furlough next summer - Close's, Smith's, Harris's, Hudson's, Avery's and the Fox's go home to stay. There is some possibility of Stanley's going to England for the second semester next year. I will probably not go with him as Marion will be in school. Then too we would not be able to swing so expensive a plan for so long a time. Marion & I may be able to join him for the summer. If he does go, I'll take in a boarder for company as well as to make ends meet.

We have had very nice



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Dearest Marion, I am full of apologies for my long silence - I won't take up room explaining here - but I'll try not to let it happen again. This is Armistice Day. Mother has just come in and has had the time of her life. She went out at 9.15 this morning and just got back. She was so excited about all she saw - Review of French troops, conferring of medals, Spahi's, Foreign Legion, army tanks etc, etc as well as the services at the French and British cemeteries - that she says America will seem tame after all this! She'll write you all about

it so I want to go into detail.
I have been looking down. They produce
some good orange sherbets.

M.D. I have a long time this
morning before going out so I will
write a little more. Mrs Adams leave
for America when she will remain
permanently. I want you of Dr Adams
last summer. Did I not?

Then certainly no similar
changes in the programme of the University.
I wonder if Mother has written you
that the Librarian is leaving at the
end of this year. The superintendent
of the hospital has always been a trying
job for each person who has held it.
I've been thankful over the Dr. Chon in
Stoney wanted to see the hospital get as they
start of taking the hospital to the admin-
at first wanted him to. He admin-
tration have now decided to get on
M.D. with experience in hospitals

Administration.
Stoney confidently. He has been
of getting the hospital in
at the head of a large hospital in
Calif. We are all very sorry about
the Librarian's leaving, and hope
no a very good report for the year. He
that they had a doctor for the year. He
to get the university did not really
that first summer.



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until April 8th. Easter vacation is the only time Stanley is really free and if Dad is only going to be here a short time we hope it can be then. I hope this mistake in date is not going to disrupt again any plans that Dad has made. I think it would be easier to travel through parts of Europe too in cooler weather. We came home in May and did not find it unbearably cold anywhere. Of course there is the possibility of a stormy crossing in March but with sea sick medicine to bolster him up, Dad will probably find his sea-legs pretty good.

Roy certainly must be kept busy with his courses at Drexel in addition to his regular

weather this fall and compensating little illness though there has been some intestinal bug going round & just now we are having colds. Stanley is just getting over his and I started one yesterday. Hope Mother & Marion don't catch ours.

It certainly is great to be back home again. Did Mother tell you about our new curtains? It's been lots of fun getting the house fixed up though it took quite a while.

I'm glad to go out again too, though usually I wish I could refuse some of the invitations particularly those that keep us out late. Some folks never think of breaking up a bridge party until 12 or 1 o'clock and it takes me a week to get over that kind. But then we don't go too often. Rongall

gave his first concert of the season last
 Sat. He received the degree of Doctor of
 Music in Paris and was also elected
 to membership the same year of the
 composers. We are also attending a Women
 Bible class which meets near a hotel. Women
 from all the missions in Beirut and some
 from the University attend. We are only
 going once but it was very fine.
 I am teaching in the community
 8.8. this year and am also chairman
 of the religious education committee at
 the Y.M. & hope we can do something worth
 while, though much of what we do this
 year will be more of our experiments.
 Next Saturday and Sunday
 we are going up to Beirut, remaining the
 Sunday morning then back to Beirut
 for lunch and on to Tripoli. Mother
 is to visit Dr. Boyce and see their
 work in Tripoli. We also will probably
 spend Sun. Eve. and Monday there.
 Some time later we are going to Aleppo
 with Mrs. Knicker. Later saying the
 last letter was great news
 that Mother passed very strongly - enough
 to the case - that is about the time
 when Father vacationed at the A. U. B. region
 as he is going out with others in going
 to Palestine. And by the way we had
 that vacation began March 23 and
 not the 26th as I thought. At last

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work. But it is certainly the thing to do. My brother took all his high school as well as business training including some law work at night school and is now trust manager in his bank. I surely do wish there was something here for Roy. It may turn up in time but since he is so well on his way towards a degree now, he will of course want to complete his courses for that first. Isn't it great that he could skip some courses? Does that mean he can finish sooner?

^{overstuffed} We took the covers off our ^(upholstering) furniture today. Mother says you are always anxious to get them off at home too! We have a cute little kitty that may ruin the household before the end of the year for she is a lovely little

piece. Marion loves her and she is really awfully cute so my antipathy to cats has broken down considerably.

Marion loves K. D. She was thrilled today to see the eclipse of the Sun. She has developed a great deal ^{since} since she started a month ago. I don't see how she ever exists on the very little she eats but she is still 2 lb overweight so I guess we need not worry. She loves milk and that seems to keep her going. I am also giving her C.L.O. Mrs. Parr told me yesterday that plenty of lemonade is supposed to stimulate appetite so I am giving Marion three glasses a day.

It is after 6 P. M. and time to read to Marion before she goes to bed so I must close. Much love from each of us to each of you.

James Roy
Come to Sand Beach and I will meet you

Eliza
We will play
18 KISSES
16 HUGS
MARION KERR

GRANDPA
LOVE TO BEIRUT
MARION KERR



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This is Kitty's Footprint.