

Duluth Minn

Dec 19, 1918.

Dear cousin Sophia and all:-

Received your letter  
yesterday afternoon.

And Sophia dear, I was  
so sorry to hear that  
your sister Mildred had died.  
Except my sympathy with  
you all in your great sorrow.

How I wish there was  
some little deed of kindness  
I could do for you folks.  
I have thought of you so  
often Sophia, and thought  
I ought to write you. As I  
have wondered how your  
brothers where. And I am  
wondering so much now if  
aney of them are across.

But I hope not as that  
well make it still harder  
if so. I will be thinking  
of you folks all day today  
As I know this will be  
a hard day for you all.  
I wish I could be with  
you. Was it the flu she  
had first and then turned  
to pneumonia. I hope the  
rest of you will keep well  
Do write me a few lines  
as soon as you feel able. I  
hope your dear Mother and  
Father keeps well in there  
sorrow. Well Sophia I have  
a little present I have  
made for you Its not much  
but just a remembrance  
And then last night I

made two fruitcakes. One I'm going to send to your mother. But it didn't turn out as good as I expected it to. But hope it will taste better than it looks. I think if it lays for a week it will be better than its ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup>. At least I hope so. I thought like this. You folks will all be feeling so bad. And being so near Christmas makes it all the harder for you I think. You won't feel as if you can bake or any thing I mean it will be such a sad Christmas for you. (So that's why I am sending the cake). Wish I was there to do something for you, and then Sophia

whatever you do. don't  
send me any thing.  
You have enough to  
think about as it is  
But I want a letter  
as soon as possible  
from you. I will  
now close with lots  
of love to you all.

With lots of sympathy  
Your cousin,

Anna.