



UNITED STATES ARMY

Friday, Dec. 10th, 1943.

Florence, Sweetheart:

The sunrise was absolutely sublime this week, what with the sun having the appearance of a gorgeous orange ball, nestled way down in the west in a most unusual background of beautifully-shaped clouds; and darling as I admired this bit of nature's handiwork, I prided myself in being able to feel that I too had a person, a wife, a mate, a Companion, a Confidante, and a sweetheart whose glow and warmth for me was as inspiring as this sun. Little do you realize, my beloved, how much it means to me to be able to love and adore you; and with Jimmy as a man revolving about my sun, I feel as I have my own little world. Keep the flame glowing dear, all will be well soon, and then we will be a creative world once again. I am doing my part, and I know I can depend upon you to shoulder your share of this business trip.

Your letters of Tuesday and Wednesday both arrived to-day, together with about 5 or 6 others. Florence, you can hardly appreciate how jealous (?) some of the boys are, who get maybe 1 or 2 letters a week, when I get handed a first-full. You, the folks, and all our friends and business associates are attentive to this little chore, and I am ever so grateful for it. Received a letter from Sam to-day, which I will answer on Sunday, also a letter from Jules, H. Abrams, Prince, G. Brown, and mom and pop. Jules mentions Arthur's "Bob-Migrot", is it Dec. 25th? and I guess you better buy a gift for the lad, as for my Xmas problem, I think I arranged some for you. Anything you send that I can't use, only means adding weight to my duffle-bags, and they weigh about 50 lbs. now; and when you move around they have to be carried, n'est pas? I didn't receive the package yet, but the package mail is slow to this place. I am tickled that you enjoyed the "Camp Sequences" letter; please keep these letters aside, and as I add chapters they will make humorous reading, but not

near so funny as when I tell you about them after the war is over. Sunday I will endeavor to add another chapter. Honey to hear the news about Hg, but I wrote Bers to have him do all he can to be declared 4-F; having papers and affidavits to Grand Central, and build up every advantageous detail concerning his health, if he has a case at all. However, if he is taken I will endeavor to acquaint him with the Army method of placing men, and then maybe he'll know how to present his civilian experience to the best advantage.

Do whatever you think best about Xmas gifts for Jil and Anita; this is a tough Xmas for you, and I know how you feel. However, I am delighted that you are making adjustments in the apartment, and I don't care what the cost; but did you discuss a lease yet? How is the car acting up these days, and did you get the freezing fluid o.k.? As for looking for antiques, well, dearest, I read that line to the boys in the barracks, and they laughed themselves into wet pants. So day for instance we awake at 5:10 A.M. and completed the day with mail-call at 6:55 P.M. Not that we are overworked physically, but time is certainly occupied. We spent 4 hours from 7:20 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., learning how to use the gas mask, and then were introduced to "tear gas" and "chlorine gas," getting a whiff of each. Nothing to be concerned about it, but not assured the days are well filled with activity. Expect to visit N.O. Saturday night, if I get a pass, but if I don't, tell Eleanor I am going to spend the night washing socks, handkerchiefs, shirts, and washers under-shirt. There is no laundry here so every man has the same problem, but it's not so bad, as I never fall behind; but that diaper washing experience sure is helpful, even though I used the washing machine at home.

Your descriptions of Jimmy Jim sure warmed the cozzles of my heart, and tell him to tell his mother that the Santlemen Mammys have no charm or allure for his daddy. I feel pretty good, and looking forward to the week-end with nothing to do, but eat, sleep and maybe a movie, but, believe you me, honey-child I'll be dreaming about you every moment, with a kiss in mind

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