



Tuesday, Dec. 7th, 1943.

Florence, Sweetheart:

The most welcome time of any day in the army is the mail-call, and when my name is called and your letter is handed to me I have the unusual sensation of feeling your presence; and believe me, dear, those letters are just like a part of you. Just as I love and adore you, I cherish and treasure mentally every word of your letters. It's the grandest feeling to know that someone loves and is waiting for me back home; and I can hardly wait until I get back there with you, and Sunny Jim.

Today I received the letter you wrote Saturday night, and before I overlook it I am going to answer the questions on that enclosed note.

1. They are dependent on me for about 45% of their income, (this is what I reported on the form at Cpton)
2. My earnings are \$300 per month.
3. I reported pop's income as \$60 per month
4. Average living expenses for both \$120 per month.

If you need any further information write as one want no hold-ups on that allotment; and don't forget to buy a \$25 War Bond for us for Dec. Keep them at home and they can be placed in the vault at some future time.

It was most enjoyable reading about Jimmy's working, and eating lamb chops. I need hardly add that I

most impatient to fondle the little fellow again, so I hope he doesn't forget about me before I get home. As for Xmas, really I don't know what to say, as I need so very little. If you and Jimmy are so resistant send me some candy or cookies, not too expensive as the rule is to pass the contents of packages around, and the recipient of a package just gets a taste usually. I suggest you send Bob a carton of Camels, as I can think of nothing he might need, that he hasn't got. I also need a nail clipper to cut my toe-nails, and would like it soon. If you can't find one ask my father or Pinus, but they may be able to get one, or probably may have one on hand, they could loan me for the duration.

Going to the opera sounds like a grand idea, and I hope you get good seats and hear an opera that will cheer you up. I think you should get out more often, and do you get around to the movies? Also glad that you re-arranged the living room a bit. It seems to me that if you get any good buys you should do all you can to make the place more comfortable, and a show-place. Has a new lease been submitted to you yet? I gather you thought that photo did not flatter me, well, if I get a chance to spend some time in New Orleans I will endeavor to get "mugged" again.

We had quite an easy day of it to-day. Calisthenics, a little close order drill, gun aiming and handling and then chess. After lunch we marched to the hospital to give a sample of blood for typing, and spent 2½ hours doing that. It being too late to do anything else we had the balance of the day off. The weather has turned warm, but the evenings are grand. Sure wish you could see the sky at sunset but maybe some day we will visit this locality under more desirable circumstances.

Give my best to everyone, and always I am loving always; with a kiss in mind for you and that little rascal as ever.

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