



UNITED STATES ARMY

Friday 11-26-43.

Florence, dearest:

Believe me, darling, when I say that were it not for you and Sunny Jim waiting back home for me to finish this stretch, this army life would be more difficult to take than it is. Not because I am being overworked here, but on account of missing those who are closest to my heart. And if, as you say I have taken part of your heart with me, it is only because I have left all of mine with you. Being away from you and Sunny Jim is like not being alive, and most of the time my actions are those of a somnambulist, but come what may I will do my best to make you two proud of your daddy. And when this mess is ever next assured we will make up in every way for this enforced separation. Until then keep the courage high and don't falter; all will soon be well, and then, we will continue the execution of our own ideas and ideals, and we will do them together.

Received your letter and was happy to learn that you had a turkey dinner; of course, you did not have much choice between your mother's and Kay's cooking, but I guess under the circumstances it did not make much difference. I trust the food was palatable seeing you have not much time been waiting; and did you grow on a bone. Joe had Thelma missed you as I am certain she must be anxious to glast a bit. Incidentally, this place is well populated with Messiahs. If he is interested in something like that I can probably come home with any number of addresses, otherwise I will continue to look for quality for her.

The weather has been ideal for the past two days, and I have been doing very little but bask in the sun, and dream about you and Sunny Jim. Had two pictures taken last night, and under separate covers I am forwarding one to you and one to the folks. My uniform fits me quite well, so if you think it's a little messy it's only the face and the photography - show some to Danny when you see him. Incidentally ask Danny if he can get some cellophane suit covers at 35¢ a piece; get some as they are sweet. If he can't I can and somehow will manage to mail them to you - but get on the ball as I may not be here long.

The inoculations which I received the second day here did not bother me at all, if I remain here until Sunday I will receive another "shot" on Monday - they don't hurt and are not a bit troublesome. Received a long newsy letter from Max Piccus, and he sure is a swell egg. So eager to do anything, and really sincere about it. Please speak to him about the rubber stamp. Thank him profusely, and reiterate my inquiry concerning the cart and payment of same - also ask about his son, Richard and Mrs. Piccus. He also told me M. Whitman received \$487. from C. L. Co. Have you heard from the Whitmans since I left? Thanks for Bob's address, I am writing him when I finish this letter. How is Fran, and is she more curly now that she is Mrs. Robert Stoff? Advise when allotment check for the folks arrives, also the form to be filled in. I have arranged for this and I don't want any slip-ups, next pas? No word from Jackowitz, but I will write him again to-night.

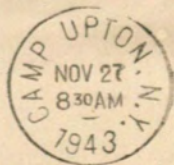
Hope that you and Sunny Jim are in excellent health and spirits, and that you remain that way always. Please, darling, do not deprive yourself of anything, and don't forget to do your X mas shopping as soon as possible. I don't need anything yet, but I think you better forward that silver dog chain, as I can't obtain a plastic chain out here - you might ask Dan if can get one - if you send the silver one - but not between 2 pieces of cardboard and stick it down with tape paper and mail it uninsured. I'll be sure to get it.

Until tomorrow, precious, and with every hope that every tomorrow brings us closer together you find me loving you  
as ever.

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