



UNITED STATES ARMY



Thursday 12-30-43

Beautiful baby, sweetheart;

There can hardly be any question in any one's mind but that you are beautiful, and to me that adjective just begins to describe your charms. Only those people who can see souls in addition to the material concerning knew that you are pretty. That's why I adore and love you so much; and it pleases my ego to no end to learn that some one else also is able to visualize your beauty, your stature, your character and your personality. Not only do I see it, but many other knowing people know and appreciate you for all those fine virtues you possess; and now we have Sunny Jim inheriting much of those qualities. Gosh, how I love you both, and can hardly await the end of this holocaust to be with you again as in the fore.

I am glad of your reassurance that you are heading up bravely, and not letting this prolonged separation get you down. Everything is temporary, and I knew even this will come to an end. That list of gifts you and Jim received sounds good, and if some of those packages in the mail to me ever arrive I am certain I too will have fared well. To-day I received a box of candy Max Liddle sent, and I thanked him for it in a letter; also wrote Max Pinus a letter, and told him I received the bonus tax; he was inquisitive and hopeful that we should receive some.

I do not want the statement from Aunt J.J.
but do want to know how you made out with
the vanet key - Lewinty Magin's address is
919 EAST 222 ST., WILLIAMS BRIDGE 67, N.Y.

Thanks for M. Whitman's address, and I expect
to write him a card to-mite. Please continue to
send letters via air-mail, until I leave this camp,
which it is rumored may happen in the next
10 days. Now that I work as a clerk, I hear
many things, and the rumors are that this
Camp will house only colored troops shortly.
In the meantime I expect to be sent to a
technical school for training. This could be
anywhere in the U. S. but rumor has Texas
as the next stop; but in the army you never
can depend on any thing. In any event ascertain
from the folks if we do not have some cousins
in San Antonio, and forward their address.
If I get there I'll be sure to look them up.
also continue mailing those 1 or 2 dollar
bills until you have sent about 10 dollars
more. I don't want to be caught short, and
I have no idea when I'll be paid.

That accident you write about happened
about 50 miles from my camp, and the boys
who were drowned came from my camp. but
I did not know any of them. It was one
of those unavoidable accidents, caused by
waves submerging a boat as it crossed a
large lake, carrying fully equipped soldiers.
Now that the damage has been done the
trip is made by rail.

I feel fine and dandy; food is fair,
and sure wish I could have dinner with
you at La Palina one of these nights. Have you



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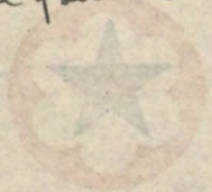
heard from the Drabneers yet? The Lodge published a list of men in the service and I guess the Greenbergs now know I am helping to make the world safe for Roosevelt's family, and the Democrats. I wrote Bob several times, but have received no mail from him in reply. Last letter he sent me was on Dec. 23rd, I received it on Dec. 27th.

Pleasant to hear that Jimmy now has 8 teeth, and now perhaps you can fatten him up a bit. Hope you and he are both well, and certainly wish you would use some of that Xmas money to buy some things for yourself and the Crown Prince. There is nothing I need at the moment but a few dollars; and I am anxiously awaiting all those packages. Surprised at the long delay in my censored mail but I'm glad they arrived anyway. Please note if you received one for each day I was away, Dec. 15 to Dec. 24th. The balance of the time I was in New Orleans.

Don't forget to continue purchase of beads, and during the drive this month buy Jimmy a band. Also let me know when the folks receive the allotment check, which should be coming there shortly. Weather has been fairly nice for the past few days, slightly warmer and no rain. Hope Betsy is mild, and you are being careful to avoid the flu and colds.

Little else to relate to-night, dearest, so

with all my love, and with a kiss in mind
for you and sunny Jim, you find me

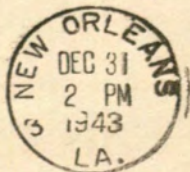


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