



UNITED STATES ARMY



Tues day Dec. 28, 1943.

Florence, Sweetheart:

The sun finally came out to-day, and not only did it drive the black clouds away, but it also helped to warm up our bodies, and once again rekindle a spirit of hope for the future. The future, the very near future I hope, when once again I can be at home with my one and only sweetheart and whisper my love into her ears and heart. Darling, the day is coming and I hope soon when this enforced separation will come to an end, and then you and Jimmy and I will be happier than ever. So keep hoping and wishing, planning and dreaming, because we will make a reality of every idea and ideal.

After 16 days away from my Co, and camp, and during which time the name of my base camp was changed to Camp PLASCHE (not address on envelope) I returned here, to find most of the boys I came down with getting ready to move on or out. There has been a wholesale shuffling and re-shuffling of personnel, and it would not surprise me if I'm not affected somehow in the next few days. I will try to keep you advised, but continually writing daily to whatever you find on envelope or I advise you about. Mail follows the soldier around until it catches up with him, and although I did not receive the letter with the 70. in it, I am sure

it will catch up with me. The letter you wrote Sunday evening arrived to-day, and in it I found the \$1.00. Please continue sending me \$1 or \$2 bills this way, until you have sent about ten dollars, as I may need the money. I did not receive any packages from M. Liddle or yourself. I did receive a box of candy from Jerry about 2 weeks ago, and a box of candy from Billy, and a box of Cookies from the Lodge, nuts from Gladys but nothing else. All these packages are probably traveling around looking for me, and they will probably find me soon.

I don't know whether or not I missed one of your letters, but in this one I received to-day, and the first you have written me since I phoned Max day, you neglected to tell me about the bonus check you received. In a letter I got from Ken by den he mentioned that a check was forwarded. I'm rather anxious to learn about this, so I want to embody a few words of thanks when I write G. J. B. Received several letters from Bob when I arrived here, and he seems to be in a veritable wonderland. He raves about the place, and talks about bringing Fern out there. I think you told me she was on her way. Well, dearest, strange as it may sound, now that he is married and with no children via I think it's the best thing to do. Putting up with all the balance in the army is made a great deal easier to take when a soldier has his wife or sweetheart close by. Maybe when I get assigned to technical school, we will endeavor to arrange for you and Jimmy to visit me. Just thinking about it is enough to keep my morale bubbling.



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Please let me know whether or not you found the vault key, also how you and Jimmy made out & was. It was just like Danny to take you to the higher party, and I betcha you were the sweetest kid there, I betcha. The arrangement sound like Jules took a tip from the chairman of the entertainment comm, and did a nice job of it. Drinks and turkey in this day and age, sounds almost too good to be true, but he's the kid that can do it. How was Arthur as a speechmaker? What kind of gifts did the kid get?

Hope you receive the cloth insignias, and the pin I sent you under separate covers. Remember to advise when you receive same. One of these days I am going to forward a batch of letters I have received up to date, when, as and if you do receive them, please put them aside for me. Are you managing financially, and don't let the office overcloud forwarding the monthly check. Did the folks receive any allotment checks yet? Let me know when those arrive too? In short darling, remember to keep me advised on every thing, otherwise I have nothing to think and worry about. Patiently awaiting those snapshots of you and Jimmy. Would like for you to take a

photograph, a size to fit the folder I have
opposite Jim's picture. I have had no chance
to get mugged, but if I do I certainly will.

How are you and Jimmy feeling these
days? I hope you are taking every precaution
to prevent the flu and other respiratory
diseases from catching up with you. Is mom
and pop taking it a little easier now that the
times such is over, and is Sunny Jim keeping
to bolster their spirits these days? I'd sure
give a nickel to see you both for a little while,
but 1600 miles is no drop in the bucket.

Mr. Lewis sure is a swell friend, and
when you speak to him tell him I said so. I
hope his wife and the rest of his kinfolk have
recovered from their recent illnesses. Please
give my best to everyone as usual. To
you and Jim I send my usual quota of
love and kisses in mind

as ever.

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