

Saturday 2-5-44

Florence, dearest!

Love is just like the sun in the heavens, at times the sun is hot, on occasions it is hidden by clouds, and at some seasons of the year the sun's rays seem to have no warmth at all. Such is love, at times it burns; seems to have cooled off other times, and once in a great while I imagine no love at all seems to exist between two people (i.e. during a difference of opinion). But love and sun have one great and lasting quality, despite their momentary effect, we are sure that they both exist, and that without them the world and its people would surely die. Well, darling, we are most fortunate in not only having the sun, but also being in love. I know everyone can share in the sun, but only the most fortunate can participate in love and reap all the benefits. I am one of the fortunate ones, because I have and love you; and I know your feelings are mutual. It is true there are clouds obscuring the present and future, but this we know - our love exists and burns fiercely, and inevitably the clouds will pass by.

To add to the warmth of the sun your letters written Weds & Thurs. arrived to-day, depicting the transformation of our baby son into a baby boy, because to me he will probably be a baby for some time to come. He sure must look like a gremlin scampering around the place with that roguish, mischievous twinkle in his eyes. Boy, I'd give the sergeant's right eye to see you bath, but hold on cokie, all comes to him who waits, and I waited almost 30 years for you, and I found love, happiness, and sublime joy.

I am glad you phoned Brown and Tess, and I have another snapshot for them. I was waiting to

learn from you whether or not check had arrived, as I always like to include a "Thank you" to Brown, as soon as you think Jimmy can control his bladder, I think you ought to take him to the office, but please look happy and prosperous. If I have another copy of that Commendation letter I will forward it with the photo, see what I mean.

If the folks won't take the phone call costs don't argue the matter, we will adjust it somehow in the near future. The check they received is for (2) two months, and coming in at the rate of $\$37$ per month should be a big help to you. Hope you are buying some ready made dresses in addition to those home-made clothes. Pretty nice of Ben to take care of your shoe problems thusly. I hope you are not contemplating painting the whole apt. by yourself. I think that's too much work for you and Jimmy, (joke). By the way what kind of a lease did you sign? I wrote Bob and Seymour last night, and am glad you find time to write them too.

Your feeling so well makes me very happy, and I am proud of you, but then I prefer to tell you about that verbally. Hope Jim and the folks continue their good health, and that all your kinfolk are well. Weather is delightful these days, and I just got some news from the lieutenant which I will write about on Monday, if plans go thru without a hitch. It's all good news, so be calm and patient. I don't want you to be disappointed. Kiss Jim for me, and I have your kiss in mind. Give my best to everyone, and remember I love you always.

As ever,

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P.S. Box of old letters was mailed to-day - let me know when they arrive - Gt

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