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Friday -
June 22nd

Dearest beloved,

Just returned from the movies and saw "The Flame of the Berkeley Coast", a picture full of action, beach balls and a shooting -ootin' guy from Montana. Ann Sverach and John Wayne were the leads.

It's difficult to thoroughly enjoy a picture without you at my side but I'll be until my darling partner is with me forever and a day. It's still one year

Had a lovely day with grand weather from noon till evening. Jimmie is doing well and is still full of fun, pep and mischief. Whill out to day, the reveal stuck his head in the doorway of a meat shop and said "any meat to day, man?"

Funny thing is that the shade was
down and a "no meat" sign hung on the
door. But Jim has plenty of nerve and don't
worry darling, since 9 a.m. we had a duck
a ham steak and bacon on the ice. Mom and
I manage to get out early for meat 2 or
3 times a week.

After lunch, Jim napped while I wrote
more letters and to night I'm addressing
more envelopes for first day covers. More
Roosevelt stamps will be issued and also the
stamp of
flag raising seal at Iwo Jima. You'll love
the latter ones and so will Jim later on.

I write to Mr. Brown and another letter
to Mom and Pop. Your June 13th letter with
some of my snaps came to day and I'm
always happy to know that my sweetheart
is fine and still loves us.

Enclosed is a letter from the Herald so I'm
not the only wife writing about you A.K.'s.

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During the afternoon, we sat in the sun and really enjoyed the dry, clear air and the gardens all around us. Jim always has fun but is annoyed when we don't pay all our attention to him. Another stage he'll outgrow too. Tomorrow we're going to get some natural spring water from a place nearby and that'll be much better than the Monticello water which is chlorinated tap water from Kaminiska Lake. All the water that Jim drinks is boiled and his appetite is very good since we're here.

The evening is mild and calm and the sky is studded with stars

and a bright moon. These ^{nightly} walks
along Grand Avenue are so vivid
in my mind to-night and we're lucky
to have such pleasant memories. Now
I do miss thee, my love and have no
fear for my getting romantic with any-
one else but you. You're the only love
in my life and who can ever compete
with you ever.

Good-night, sweetheart and all
my love to you. Hugs and kisses from
Jim and best wishes from my mom.

Sincerely,
Florence

Older Service Men

Do Age and Family Problems Justify Priority in Discharge?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir*: I heartily agree with the letter of K. C. of Brooklyn. My husband is 39 also, but he has been overseas for nine months with Combat Engineers. Because of his age he hasn't many points, although he does have ten battle stars or points, which brings his total to 47. However, as he has been in the service for three years that is not anywhere near the number needed for discharge.

I think it is an outrage that before the invasion of France the Army had a ruling whereby a man upon reaching the age of 38 could apply for a discharge. And yet, now with one war successfully concluded, other men in that same age bracket cannot get out. My husband missed getting out under the old ruling by a few months; and yet now he is overseas, has been in active combat, and there's not a chance of his getting home.

Certainly if the Army could release almost 300,000 men when the 38 rule was in effect and two wars were being fought, the age could be reduced to 38 again without crippling the war effort. Why lower the draft age to under 30? My husband was drafted when he was 35, trained and sent overseas. Why should men younger than he at the time of his induction escape all military service? Why can't the older men be released—men over 38? These men are at an age where they should be back at work. It will not be easy for them to start out again at 40.

EILEEN CORNWALL

Bronxville.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir*: In regard to the suggestion made by A. B. to releasing veterans over 30, I would like to voice approval. If men over 30 aren't to be drafted in the future, it is only fair that the Army make some consideration for veterans of that age. To use an old saying, "It is a poor rule that doesn't work two ways."

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