

Friday 3-10-44

Florence, dearest:

Life in the army is not only a series of one's own emotions, but also, because of the closeness of the men about you, the troubles and joys of others affect you. Fortunately I have been favored by the fates to have little trouble in the world I left behind to disturb me here, but that is not true of all men. I have so much to be grateful for; I have you and Jim, my devoted parents, steadfast and true friends, all of which helps to keep my mental burden lighter than I had expected. To all of which I can add the most devoted love a wife could shower on a man; and believe you me, sweetheart, hardly a day goes by that I do not thank my lucky stars for you and the hope, love and courage you inspire me with. This, I am learning in no uncertain terms are the most important things to a human being.

However, not all men are so blessed. My friend, Irving Buehler, who has been married about 14 years, has no such wife. As a matter of fact she

has written him recently in the hope that he would consent to divorce proceedings, to which he replied in the negative, due to his absence, and also because of his 2 boys (ages 13 and 9). I am informing you of all this because he will be in Brooklyn by Monday. It all came about in the following manner. Upon our return to barracks last night at about 11 P.M. he received a telegram advising him that his father-in-law had passed away. Although he has no desire to see his wife at present, he feels that because of his father and mother in law's fine treatment in years gone by, he should endeavor to go home. This trip will probably mess his army career up, and no doubt separate us in the new future, as he is definitely missing the opportunity of completing his basic training officially by not being able to go to the range with us this Sunday. He spent the whole day debating this problem with himself, and decided to go on the emergency furlough (10 days). I have no doubt he will contact you during the week, and I do wish you manage to see him, either by inviting him over, or by visiting his home. It is my



opinion that you insist he visit you  
as I want him to see Jim awake so  
he can report to me. He's a pretty  
swell guy, even though he has been a  
bank clerk for 20 years, and afraid  
of women. Naturally, do not mention  
this historical data I have supplied  
to you, but tell him I did write you  
he was coming in.

Received your Tuesday letter to-day,  
and suggest you advise me the postal  
number to add on to the address, as  
this may be the cause for the delay in  
the delivery of your mail. Of course  
the letter I mailed you on Friday in  
Camp was picked up Saturday, and  
Godness knows when it was delivered  
to Post office in New Orleans, whereas the  
letter I mailed the folks on Sunday was  
mailed in N.O. that day. But I also  
mailed you a letter from N.O. on Sunday,  
so I presume it is just the poor P.O.  
service in Brooklyn, but forward the  
postal number, and maybe that will  
help matters.

Under separate cover I sent you  
a package, and also a copy of "Yentz"  
magazine, which contains an article about  
Veterans Admin., which you will please  
read out preserve for the future.

Hope you and Jim have avoided all  
the colds and various winter and children  
ailments, and that all is well with you.  
It would not surprise me if you did not  
advise me of all those little troubles you  
have to undergo alone these days, but  
dearest, when you see Deeshberg ask him how  
well I have been. He has been with me  
since about Dec 15th. Please convey my  
best to Pincus, and if I did not have to  
work to - night I would have written him.  
Whenever if all goes well I will endeavor  
to write him before I go, and while I  
am on the range.

I feel fine and dandy, looking forward  
to next week, and the opportunity to feel  
like a soldier by using the various rifles  
we have to study and fire. Do not fear,  
darling, no harm will come to me, and  
please don't alarm the folks with discussion  
of this coming week. When this is over we  
will have completed basic training officially  
and then we prepare for technical, and  
with any kind of a break we will be  
seeing each other in the very near future.

My best to your folks, my mother and  
father, and to our very good friends,  
Kirk Jim for his daddy, and I'll kiss you in  
mind, with all my love, as ever,  
George



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