



Sunday 2-21-44

Florence, sweetheart:

The sound of your voice, the touch of your hand, and your kisses are the features I admire most about you. These days I have to be content with the sound of your voice as the other two are not practical. But believe me, dearest, just talking to you for those few minutes does ever so much in making it possible for me to carry on. I hope the effect is the same on you, because during this trying period we must be satisfied with so little. I love you more dearly each day if that were possible, and I am always most happy when you reassure me over the phone that you and Jim are well. Nothing else matters to me at present, and I hope it will continue this way forever. Stay well, beloved, keep yourself and Jim

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happy, and before long I will be
home once again to draw you in
personal devotion and love.

after I phoned you, and
because there was such a beautiful
sunrise I decided to go to town,
have my pants pressed, my jacket
adjusted (it felt too big) and have
dinner (and breakfast) in town.
arrived in town about 10, and it
has been raining ever since, so I am
sitting in my favorite USO club room
writing letters. My jacket was fixed
and feels much better now, it was
just too roomy, and you know what
a crab I am. When the rain lets
up we are going to an Italian place
to eat dinner; but my heart will
be with you sitting in La Palina.

Darling, I realize how difficult
it is to be separated, and I have dwelt
much on the subject of solving this
problem, but coming to New Orleans
with Jim would certainly be a rough
deal. I know you would find it most
uncomfortable under present conditions.
I am hopeful that the next camp, at which
we will get technical training will be
closer to home, and then we will
see what we can do about being
together again. It is just as hard for



me to advise you to be patient as it is for me to take my own advice, but it is the only thing we can do, to let us lay awfully hard to take these hard knocks, and carry on cheerfully.

I wrote Don, Billy Rebel and Ernie DeWilder to-day, also the folks. I expect to write a few more replies, have dinner, and get back to camp to do some studying. There is little of note to relate to-day. Did I tell you that a large stockade was built at one end of the camp, and that about 500 Italian prisoners of War were interned there? I saw some of them to-day, and most of them were young and healthy looking. They are treated fine, and get just about the same chow we do. Of course, none of the luxury items, but surely a great deal better than they were accustomed to in Italy.

Hope you, Jim and the folks are

in good health and spirits. Please try
to keep them in good spirits, and I also
write Sam and Kay to be in close
contact with them. I know the longer
Bob and I are away the more they
worry and concern themselves. Glad
your mother, sisters and Jill are O.K.,
and I think it is much better that
you are on good terms with them
than otherwise. If for no other
reason than it helps to break up
the monotony of things. Under
separate cover I will forward you
a copy (duplicate) of my 1943 tax
return which you please file in the
tax file box. You will notice I am
claiming an \$83. refund on taxes paid.
Hope we get away with it.

Stay well, dearest, keep after Jim's
talking left, and don't worry, all will
be well soon. Keep me advised about
Mr. Piccus. With love in my mind
forgoan always, please kiss Jim for me,
and give my best to everyone

as ever,

Gg.

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