

SERVICE CLUB
CAMP PLAUCHE
NEW ORLEANS 12, LOUISIANA

Wednesday 3-15-44

Florence, dearest:

Another beautiful, sunny day, and I sure
figured to get a swell tan before this week's
vacation is over. I was lucky this morning and
pulled a "sweeping detail" for the morning only,
this lasted only two hours, and I have a
little time for myself so I am catching up
on my mail. I feel swell, and this outdoor
life is pretty good, but, honey I sure do
wish this was all over so that we could
all cast aside our nervousness and worries,
and get back to our usual way of life.

I am writing before the day's mail
arrives, so if I do receive your daily letter, I
will acknowledge it at the end of this. Hope
that you and Jim are in excellent health and
spirits, and that the race is beginning to
take a little more. Do you think he'll recognize
me when he sees me next? Or maybe I won't
be able to recognize him. He must be growing
so big since last I saw him.

Hope Goodberg came over to visit you
so that he can bring back a report to me as to
how both of you look; also how the folks are. I
know you write everything, sweetheart, but
verbal and visual communication always is that
much more reassuring. Heaven with just a

will bit of co-operation from the Gods, I expect to see you soon, so chin up, and be patient as usual. Write me and slip a card this morning, and also expect to write Mr. Pincus, otherwise the balance of my Correspondence will have to wait until we return to Camp the end of the week. I have not seen a newspaper since Saturday, but am was glad to hear that the war never continues good. One of these days we will have the perfect headline, P E A C E, and that's the one we want to see, and keep.

This upper portion of this letter was written during the morning, it is now almost 7 P M and darling, surprise after surprise followed in order to-day. It was really an enjoyable day, the first I have had since induction. Not so much because I enjoy being what I am, but that I am gaining a new kind of confidence. Truthfully, having had but very little practice before firing, I was skeptical about my ability to fire, but not only did I do well with the big rifle, but I did nicely with the semi-automatic Carbine, and to-day because of my good scores I was selected to shoot the 50 Caliber machine gun. This is the size machine gun used to stop tanks, so you see what I mean. However, I got a kick out of realizing that Darryl Staff was not afraid to handle all these guns, and believe you me, dearest, I was thrilled with the thought.

There was no mail delivery to-day, but I trust all is well with my precious bear ones. Kiss Jim for daddy, and I'll kiss you in mind with love in my heart. My best to my and your folks, and to all our very good friends.

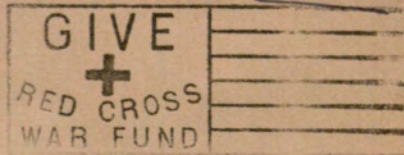
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