

Saturday 3-25-44

Florence, sweetheart:

To-morrow will be your first birthday we will not be able to celebrate together in the last eight years. But even though I will not be present in person to wish you all the good things in life, you may rest assured that spiritually I'll be with you, just as I have been ever since the moment I left home to serve our country.

Be of good cheer, my darling, on this your natal day, as life has been good to you up to the present, and I have every hope that the gods will take care of you as well in the years to come.

I hope the little gift I forwarded you last Monday,

arrived in time, and also the  
brown I sent to Jimmy. It is  
difficult to shop in New Orleans in  
the manner to which we are  
accustomed, but some day I'll  
adjust all these present-day  
oversights. It is even more difficult  
to obtain tags for the rascal, but  
I manage to find something  
occasionally.

Little of importance going  
on at present, and I feel fine  
and dandy. Weather is warm,  
no rain, and I certainly hope it  
continues. I hope you have begun  
to attend to those necessary matters  
prior to your leaving for that  
contemplated visit. Did you  
get all your painting finished, or  
did Jimmy mess the place up  
during the process?

Received a letter from Mr.  
Brown to-day, and all seems to  
be under control at the office. He  
mentioned having spoken to you  
recently, also advised that Leonard



Case was home on furlough, but expected to leave for destination unknown soon. It sure is a tough deal for Leonard as he is well past 38, and not in the best of health; but I suppose he can fill a job, and so he goes.

Saw "Lady in the Dark" the other night, and certainly enjoyed Ginger Rogers in that famous role. You should see the picture, and when you do pay particular attention to the furnishings of her home. I am sure you will be professionally jealous of the decorator's ability and taste. Of course the picture misses Victor Mature and by all means Danny Kaye, both of whom did so much to make the play the success it was, but perhaps having seen the play prejudices me.

Your Wednesday letter contained plenty of good news, and I'm awfully glad you are going to see Margaret Sullivan in that swell show. I hope you enjoyed

yourself, and I do wish you'd make  
a more determined effort to get out  
more often. I am a bit disappointed that  
Jim is not gaining more weight, but if  
Dr. Casner is satisfied with his growth,  
I guess there is little to complain about.  
Hope Ben was lucky in his latest  
enterprise.

Little to add to the above news,  
but I do hope you have a very  
happy birthday. Kiss Jim for me,  
and I'll give you a birthday kiss  
in mind as usual. My best to  
the folks, and to all the folks at  
home. Please tell the folks that  
all is well with me, and that I  
write as often as possible. Until  
to-morrow, then. Dearest, be of  
good spirit and cheer up.

as ever,

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