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Florence, darling:

It makes me just a bit sad to realize that on this Mother's Day I should have to be so far away from you. Being a mother must be a thrill even greater than that of being a father, especially when one have such a fine boy. You should be proud of him, and me too; and I know that he and I think our morning is just about tops in this world of some pretty fine mothers. But even as one thinks of mothers on their special day, I don't overlook that sweethearts make every day special. You and I are sweethearts first, last and forever, and heaven, believe me, I miss you every moment of every day. If only Jim and any other offspring we may have will only love you as much as I do, you will live in a world of Mother's Days always.

Even though I am now the official mail man I did not receive any letters to-day. So I just re-read your letters of yesterday and attempted to derive solace from that. All is well with me, and I hope that you and Jim continue in your excellent health and spirits. As I write this I am gazing at your photo of yourself and Jim at the gate, and immediately I re-live every joyous second I spent at home with you two recently.

We went to the night ball game last night,

this making two nights in a row I have seen a game.
after the game we had a few beers, visited the U.S.O.
which had a formal dance, and then to the Masonic Service
Center, where we met 2 Jesuit girls, one with a limp.
Well, the two Catholics with me had sore stomachs
from laughter, and I sure did some high-class kidding,
but I guess I didn't hurt her feelings as she let us
walk her home. Small a harmless, enjoyable evening,
full of empty laughter, and always the inexorable desire
to be with you.

The weather to-day is beautiful, warm,
strong sun, so I think I'll the Phi-Ett Society
(Jesuit girls) entertain us at the picnic. The same two
fellows I was out with last night want to tag
along, despite the religious differences. I think they
like to laugh. In any event we three always have
a good time so I presume to-day will be no
exception. If the outing proves dull we can always
go to the double-header for fun.

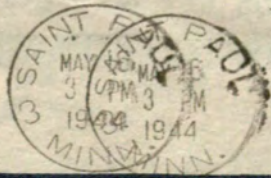
We had chicken for lunch, and now
we are going to town to the U.S.O. to get a slab of
chocolate cake or pie for dessert. See what I mean?
No further news about my transfer or new rating,
but something should happen in the next few days.
I will keep you posted. Please let me know at what
hour of what day you wish me to telephone you.

Hope you and Jim, mom and pop, Janet, Jan,
Thelma, Beas and El and all our good friends and
neighbors are well, and give them all my best. Kiss
Jim for daddy, and love him kiss you for me. With all
my love and devotion, you find me dreaming of you

As ever,

J.G.

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