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Sat 7/3/43

My Darling -

I just finished speaking with you and I feel like crying. I know that you are, and it hurts. But you know that I love you more than anything & I don't want to do anything to hurt you. It wasn't easy for me to say what I did to-night nor was it easy to write that letter to your Dad. But I've got to be honest with you and honest with myself.

To begin with, I didn't expect you to go home and immediately broach the subject of marriage to your folks. If you recall, we tentively decided to wait until I had more definite info. to go on. Remember?

At any rate, when I came back to camp I found that furloughs had been postponed and cut down to 5 days and traveling time. Our program had been changed to 22 weeks. Every thing is confused, uncertain.

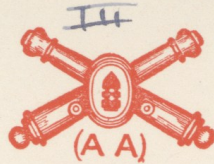
Even while I write this, Lou Anastasio is writing his wife-to-be

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who has a ring, trousseau etc that it seems their wedding will be postponed or even called off for the duration. - He's ~~at~~ sitting at the desk next to mine and looks mighty unhappy.

you see Bwoy that unless things change in the near future it's a pretty difficult time to contemplate marriage. All that business about marriage license, Wasserman, and ceremony can all be taken care of before the furlough but the big question is - how will it all affect you? I don't enter into the picture enough to speak of.

Our married life on my furlough may only consist of 4 or 5 days or perhaps a few more if the furloughs are raised to 10 days again. And then? Well suppose you do come down here to live. How long will I be stationed here? Are you willing to travel around, have difficulty in finding a room, food, friends, a job and see me



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on week-ends? And if I'm sent overseas will you be happier married or single? Don't you see dear that it all revolves around you and not me?

I've been in the Army 3 months but I haven't really been able to save much. How would we manage? Don't you see why I'd like to have a higher rating?

But, if I knew that you were so set on getting married now regardless of what we said I wouldn't have written that letter to you had when I did. However I don't think that the letter alters matters.

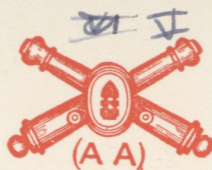
If you are willing to lead the life I've tried to picture ~~so~~ I'm more than willing to marry you when the furlough comes up. I don't mean this as something just to please you. Now, I want to marry you but I don't want us to regret

it. Really that is ^{the} why I thought it
best to wait until I could see what
was happening before we made
the decision.

Six weeks from now (when the
furloughs begin again) circumstances
may have altered considerably.
I hope that I'll be made a corporal
by then, our furloughs lengthened
and perhaps even sent closer to
N.Y. or ~~to~~ at least closer to a
city where you could live.

Another big factor is that we
are going to be in the field almost
every week. Suppose we're sent
out in the field for a month or
two?

~~Sweetheart~~ Sweetheart I know how punk
you must feel and I guess you're
disappointed in me. I know how
you feel because I went thru
the same thing. However ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ this
case I haven't said we should
not get married, on the contrary
I ~~feel~~ feel that you should look



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at this problem carefully and also that we wait a few weeks to see what happens down here.

Don't worry about the letter I wrote you Glad. If we decide to get married I'm sure I can convince him that we're right.

All I really did in the letter was to tell him that we discussed marriage but hadn't reached a definite decision. I assured him that we understood the problem and I felt that we were thinking it over carefully. I said tho that at the present time I thought it best to wait but that it didn't mean I wouldn't change my mind in the ^{near future}.

Oh how I wish we could really talk over the phone for a short time, long enough to really iron out some of these problems. I know that they can be ironed out.

~~Oh~~ Oh I know I've ~~hurt~~ hurt you by not being positively in the affirmative to-night but I do hope you realize why I've acted the way I have.

All furloughs start on Sat or ~~the~~ Mon so I doubt if I could get one starting in the middle of the week. Guess the Sw. wedding would have to become a week-day one. I also doubt if it could be a large one. If it meant being with you longer I really don't care what kind of ceremony it is.

Please, please forgive me for what I've said and done. I hope and pray that you'll feel better to-morrow. What a lonely way to spend 4th of July eve!

But I can't write any more. Just keep thinking of how miserable you must feel. I ^{know} I do. Darling I love you, oh how I love you.

your (will it be husband)
Hal

P.S. Please note change in address.
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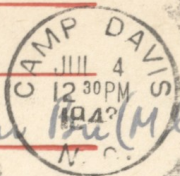
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