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Florence, Darling:

Another Saturday, another week-end, and another week away from you, and what matters most, a week closer to the end of the war. Looking backwards it seems so long ago since I left home to report for active duty, and yet it seems but a short time that I first kissed you, which kiss resulted in the happiest years of my life. Alas, we are surely pained as far back at each other, and I'm certain the score is still in our favor. Our future life will soon be as we want it, and I'm hopeful that it will not be too far off before this separation comes to an end.

Your Wednesday letter arrived to-day, as did letters from Bob, M. Hunt, J. Kieha and Abby Schram, also Danny. It was a banner day for me and now I'll have to spend some time to-morrow answering letters, which isn't the worst deal I could have. Has had the weather

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has been raising necessitating your staying at home, but I suppose even that has its redeeming feature - playing with Jim. I'm glad you liked "Standing Room Only", as I saw it too some time, and also got some laughs out of it. I saw "The Story of Dr. Wassel" last night, and enjoyed it, but it's a gruesome war picture so avoid it, if possible.

Ken is just as impatient about learning how I'm making out with the transfer request, but unfortunately I have no way of forcing the issue. The C.O. has promised me 3 times he will speak to the Colonel about it, and as yet nothing done. But I'll haunt him until I know one way or the another - John had nothing to say as usual, and Abby wants you to be sure to drop in for steamed clams any night.

I cannot understand the extra local calls, but I suppose checking with the phone co. will disclose something. Be sure to pay the auto insurance, insurance bills, etc., about the 1st of the month.

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Yes, dearer That certain inspection is known as a "short-arm" inspection, and always the subject for much hilarity. To-day the whole battalion was introduced to the new Colonel, and in addition we had a talk by a doctor. The M. D. insisted the men would be healthier and better off having "wet dreams" instead of warms, and the chaplain merely added an "amen" to the set argy. Then we were solicited for the War Bond Drive, and all in all spent a pleasant afternoon, listening to R.R. engineers (our officers) trying to make hay scouts out of men — sure be glad when I can live my own life with only you and Jim on my mind instead of all this chicken —

Thanks for the snap, which I'm sending to Bot. Would like several more, any time you get them ready — Hope you and Jim are in love with each other, so please kiss him for me. I'm glad the folks are well, and that Joel's spirits and health seems better. I guess none of us will relax however until the dreaded operation

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is a thing of the past. Stay well,
sweetheart, everything happens for the
best, dont worry. My best to
everyone, and all my love and
devotion to you

as ever,

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