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Flanence, darling:

It is as I have always insisted, everything is temporary. Time, patience, and hope are our mainstays now, until such time as I get out of this and back home to tell you verbally how much I love you, and that I missed you and Sunny Jim all the time. But as I said, temporarily, you will have to put up with these written expressions of my feelings, hopes, desires and dreams; and believe you me, darling, all I do in my spare moments is think of you, Sunny Jim, and our future together. So, please, precious one, be of good cheer, be as patient and brave as possible, and I know Tempus will fugit, and then we will take up from the point we left off, only with variations, mostly mental.

I hope the first surprise of my new camp and the telegram has worn off, and that now we can devote ourselves to a continuation of our correspondence. Naturally, I have had no mail from you or anyone else since Sunday. However I do expect to have the mail forwarded from Upton by to-morrow or Saturday, enabling me to catch up with all the news from home. It seems so strange to be so long without a word about you and Sunny Jim, but I guess that's part of this present set-up. I am hoping that all is well with you both, and with my folks. Please tell them when you receive mail from me that all is well. I have written them, too, but verbal assurance from you may help. I have also written Bob re my whereabouts but no letter from him yet.

In addition to my previous request for \$10, I want you to send me the following items as soon as possible:

- 4 pairs khaki socks (in my drawer)
- 4 handkerchiefs (incl. white ones)
- 2 quarter-shirts (in my drawer)

1 pants hanger

5 clothes hangers (metal or wooden)

we need these - but can't obtain them, also send me about 6 large rubber bands - hanging on closet doors.

2 pairs. Shorts (in good condition)

Please try to pack all this in a corrugated box, and do not include any edibles, as there is plenty to eat, and I do not miss anything. I have not and do not intend to start smoking so I have no need for tobacco products. Please impress this on my folks, and also tell Bess I need no cookies!! You might send this package special handling and maybe I'll get it sooner. Thanks very much, you little darling, and I'll give you an extra kiss and a squeeze for co-operating so quickly.

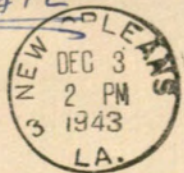
Now let me tell you about my outfit. We are in the Army Service Force, Transportation Corps, and wear the same emblem on our uniform as does Danny. This is strictly non-combat service, and seems to be the place in which all the old men and suffered 4F's are being placed. The basic training lasts about 4 to 6 weeks - not strenuous at all, and then, if you are lucky they train you in a special school for whatever branch of this service you are best fitted for. So there is always the chance I will wind up with a good job in a unit much closer to home. It is almost impossible to get a furlough before completing basic training but that won't be long. Incidentally, it takes from 2 to 6 hours to put a phone call than to N.Y. but I will try it some day next week, and will let you know in advance the day I expect to phone. Whenever talking time is limited to 5 minutes, and that seems too short a time for me to tell you I love you truly.

I hope you and the little fellow are acting like brave soldiers and soon I will be telling you all about it, and also that I love you both more than ever. Stay well, dearest, give my love to everyone, and until to-morrow, with a kiss in mind, you find me, undaunted

as ever.

Gg.

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