

Wednesday 12-22-43.

Florence, dearest:

Only too sadly do I realize that time is marching on and by, and that for the first time since our mutual happiness found its genesis we have separated for so long a period. Knowing that our life together has produced so much of unanimity, and that we had become one individual instead of two persons, I feel that my present prolonged absence must have some beneficial aspects. Even though I was well aware of our love for each other, I am certain that conditions as they are now will only intensify and increase our mutual devotion. Yes, darling, I miss you as much as you and Sunny Jim miss me, but we must be braver than usual and carry on to the inevitable day when life will re-commence. Keep that contagious smile of yours working overtime, and before you realize it, the smile will develop into happy laughter.

Am very busy to-night and will not be able to write as lengthily as usual; but all is well. Have received letters from Kerst & Ruth, and the usual office news continues about the same. They have been unable to get an authorization from the War Labor Board for a Xmas bonus. I received a letter from William Marks with a \$10. Xmas check enclosed, and most encouraging thoughts in the letter. I tell you more about him in the near future; and am enclosing the check in this letter. Your letter with cash enclosed has not yet arrived but I have no concern about it, as they always catch up with me.

Weather is gorgeous; warm, sunny and the evenings are most delightful. I knew But is en route; and I agree that this is a mess up Xmas. But don't worry, all will be perfect again soon. With a kiss in mind, and with every hope that you and Sunny Jim, and the folks are all well and happy, you find me more in love with you than ever. Give my best to everyone.

As ever,
Hq.

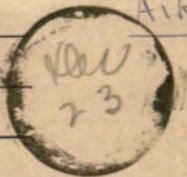
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