

Thursday 6-1-44

Florence, sweetheart:

You have probably noticed that my recent letters have been jittery, full of indecision, and concern, all due to the dilatory tactics of my Company Commander with respect to my transfer request. However, I hope I haven't devoted too much of my thoughts on such a triviality in deference to my daily expressions of my love and adoration for you, my darling. Telling you of my emotional feeling for you has become a strong daily habit with me, akin to breathing or even living. This is something that must be expressed either verbally or in deed, and at present my only choice is the former, but I prefer the latter. This however, you must understand, dearest, that whatever my present actions are, they are concerned only with what I think is best for you and Jimmy. I will not hesitate to sacrifice myself if anything that will not be for the good of you two. Therefore, as much as I desire and long to have and hold you in my arms I have been stalling

write this, and admire my favorite
pen-up girl and our son in the picture
before me. I guess I'm the proudest
soldier this man's army. Stay well,
sweetheart, don't worry, be of good
cheer, and Kiss Jim for his daddy. I'm
sure by this time he is obliging enough
to reciprocate. Does he stand up to
do it yet?

My best to everyone, and to
you all my love and devotion,

as ever,

Gg.

At the same time, I have been
very busy with my work, and
have not had time to write to you.
I am sorry to hear that you are
not well, but I hope you will
soon be better. I am writing to you
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"Student Prince": and one can't travel very far in a cotton uniform in the rain, even with a raincoat. Last night we went to a ball game between 2 high-school teams, and I sure had fun with the kids all around us. I even lost a nickel to one, betting against his team.

Just a reminder, honey, that Father's day, my pop's birthday, and my father's anniversary all take place this month. Please fire pop up with one present for his two big days, and do something about the wedding anniversary - and let me know how you make out.

This morning at Newville I was looking across the Mississippi River, and was reminded of that hotel we spent a week at West Point. Why don't you and Jim take off, and go up there for a week, while we are waiting for news on the transfer. June is a lovely month, and I think you both could use the vacation. Let me know what you think of the idea, or better still do it.

I feel fine and dandy, and fairly hope little Jim isn't wearing the last few pounds off you, in your efforts to attend to him and his needs. As I

the decision to bring you here until we knew definitely that fate and this transfer request would not bring me closer to home. It is my hope and opinion that we are now going to get a definite answer one way or the other soon.

Early this morning the request, and the company commander's letter of approval were submitted to the colonel, who now has it on his desk for consideration. This will go a lot quicker from here on that it has up to now. I think I'll be able to advise you when he approves it, and I'll also advise Don by air-mail. Keep your fingers crossed, my adorable one; with you on my side I can't lose, and everything is temporary anyway.

No letter from you to-day, but I suppose this is due to the fact that I received two yesterday. I am quite concerned about Jee's operation, and I hope all goes well with the little fellow. Keep me advised. The weather has been pretty hot for the past week, but it is now 2 P.M. and we have been having a sweet thunderstorm for over an hour. I hope it lets up by 6 P.M. as I want to see and hear Everett Marshall tonight, in the

at dinner to day, you see and
a few friends that I had
in the evening, and I
then to bed. I hope you
will be as well as I am.
I am, my dear friend,
yours truly,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

I hope you are well and
that the company is all
of friends and friends.
I am, my dear friend,
yours truly,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

The letter from you to day, has
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