



Sunday 1-23-44

Flanence, dearest:

Being happy and in love, the writers say is a state of mind, but sweetheart with me it seems to be my whole life. Until I met and kissed you the first time, I thought I understood many things, and then suddenly a new world unfolded itself before me. Love and happiness always go together, and despite efforts of the fates to keep us separated at this time, it is a wonderful feeling to know that you and I love and cherish each other more than ever. The moment I hear your thrilling voice over the telephone I become charged up like a bottle of "Good-Health" Seltzer, and I am once again the George of days gone by, only homesick for a glance of you. These 5 minute conversations revitalize me completely, and enable me to carry on. I know the effect is the same on you,

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and when that is the result of a short but inspiring conversation with 1500 miles separating us, we can reasonably sure that we love and adore each other. This assures much happiness for us in the future; and that day is sure to commence soon. Keep smiling, honey, *tempus fugit*.

After I finished talking with you I witnessed a most beautiful sunrise. I now understand the genesis of "O what a beautiful morning!" The author or composer must have seen the same kind of a sunrise. Well, your cheery voice and this sunrise started the day, with something to look forward to. The weather was ideal: plenty of bright, warm sunshine, and I took full advantage of it. Goodberg, 2 other fellows and I borrowed a camera at the U.S.O., and then ransacked the town to find 2 rolls of film, which we finally did. Loaded with this we visited Haystack and Tulane Universities, and Audubon Park which contains a Zoo. We snapped all the pictures, and are now having them developed. This will take a week, but if they come out well I think you will enjoy seeing them. Be patient they will be along in due time.



after spending the day walking in the park we came back to town and had a delicious dinner at a French restaurant, but I did a very naughty thing. I took a Cerk tail fork as a souvenir, and now I notice it has no name on it. I will forward it when I send some more letters home in the near future. We then walked back to my favorite U.S.O., and now I am catching up with my correspondence. Under separate cover you will receive a pamphlet on the French Quarter, add that to the collection. As you suggested I am sending El a birthday card. Also wrote the phewins a card, and will send one to the Nelsons. Later in the evening we will visit the American Legion where they have a show and a dance for service men. Will stay there until about 9.30 P.M. and thence back to Camp. It takes about an hour to ride to my parent home (phew.) You can readily gather all this is a poor substitute for

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being with you and Jimmy, but what
can I do.

I feel fine as I told you to-day,
and it was good to learn that you and
Sunny Jim are keeping up the home front
so bravely. Stay that way, darling, and
when this is all over we will spend the
rest of our days laughing about it. If
I remember all the funny little incidents
that take place daily, I will have enough
anecdotes to keep your panties wet for
many, many years. For example, did
you enjoy that glossary of words I sent
you, well wait until you hear some of
the ones I could not put down in
writing. And another thing, when I get
back I'm going to take you to a jitter-bug
dance, you'll enjoy that more than a
show. That's all you see here at a
dance, and I roar every time the
exhibition starts. So be patient, this is
all piling up; and I know you have some
surprises for me too. A handsome son,
my pretty understanding wife, and a
happy home and lane. What a future to
look forward to, and believe you me
I am as impatient as you are.

My friend, Capt. Ritter was over
to see me yesterday, and told me that
the 9th Traffic Reg. Co wanted Goldberg
and me but that the Colonel of our present
outfit had refused an assent to our



transfer. This came about in this manner. When Goodberg and I started working at Battalion Headquarters last Monday, the sergeant who knew us liked our work and diligence, and requested the major to ask the colonel to assign us permanently to the 5th BN. and work in the office. The major did as requested as he too is anxious to have a competent office staff. I knew this to be a fact as I filed a duplicate of this letter with the colonel. He did as the major requested; now that the other outfit wants us I guess the colonel felt that was secondary to his own unit. However, after Capt. Reiter's visit I spoke to the Personnel Lieutenant, and he told us that there was always the chance for us to remain in the 5th BN. for months before we would be moved out. This can be a good deal, because it would delay training me for overseas action, and that can't be overlooked. I don't know whether this matter is completely

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settled, but we are going to do nothing
to force the colonel's hand. Naturally, I
will keep you posted, so don't worry
everything happens for the best.

Bob wrote me yesterday that he
is very, very busy, and has little time
to write, perhaps that is why you have
received no mail from him. Does
he write mom and pops? I wrote
Bob a long letter, and even if he
doesn't write, send him a short note,
or long one if you are so inclined, as
often as you can. Soldiers must get mail.
He has a very complicated program, with
plenty of complex subjects to worry about.

If at all possible buy a bond
every month, even if you have to use
bank funds occasionally, but you be the
judge of your finances. Little else to report
at present, so with every hope that you
had a pleasant trip and visit to Betty,
and with a kiss in mind, you find
me loving you and Sunny Jim

as ever,

Gg.



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