

Thursday eve -
Aug. 2nd 1900

Dearest sweetheart,

Eleanor came in to night just after Jim finished his supper and we were both so glad to see her. She came back alone and Mom stayed in the city to finish up some of her affairs. It looks as though your folks and Marian will be here this week-end - weather permitting. We're all very well and hope you're that way too. Hope our mail is coming through.

Jim and I awoke bright and early this morning, fed the kittens and had our breakfast. No sun out yet but we did go out shopping for a few things. I ordered a beef tongue for the week-end and expect to make it with raisin sauce. The postman came about noon time and brought an odd assortment of mail but no late news from you. Received a letter from Mr. Pincus, a card from Toby Terry, a "free" letter from you with "Bad Luck" and an article about 5 year olds and a letter from you for my mother. I had a very "queer" feeling about that letter and dishonestly opened it at night. And sure enough my fears were confirmed. So you mind if I don't let my mom see that letter? There is no sense in touching off what I shall call a rather severe summer with all these little sparks your letter contains. Naughty, Skagel, after all these years you should know how touchy me and my gang are to sharp needles. I'm to blame again, I started all this.

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So, if you're so inclined, write me a nice, simple letter and if it'll involve too much please don't bother. And I'm ~~not~~ ^{so} sore, darling. (Just filled the pen)

Mr. Pinus's letter was a very cheerful one and he gives the pups another 2 or 3 months. He saved some stocks for my mother and hasn't done anything with one - based on, he says. Toby is away for the summer and complains of the dullness away from the city. Her best regards to you.

Last night I wrote quite a few letters and mailed them this morning, also sent a check for rent to the superintendent. Also mailed those two rolls of film to you and hope you get them soon. How about a package for you? I really miss sending them, but with so much uncertainty of your future I don't know if you'll be there to receive it. No packages from you since the last ones I received and acknowledged 2 weeks ago.

This afternoon, after Jim is up, we went berry picking again with our neighbor, Lucille, and had lots of fun in the woods again. We picked the most delicious looking blue berries while bugs and mosquitoes bit us up. Also paid Rosa a visit and she looks a bit exhausted after this week with Jan indoors.

I miss you terribly this summer and every day since you've gone but have high hope of seeing you soon. I love you with all my heart, dearest, and never stop thinking of you for a moment.

Good night, my love and stay well. We'll do the same. Hugs and kisses from Patricia and best wishes from Eleanor.

Sincerely,
Lucille

Friday night
Aug. 3rd

Dearest sweetheart,

We awake early and found the sun peering into our bedroom. The air felt crisp and cool and the day turned out to be one of those delightful summer days. Eleanor, Jim and I had our breakfast by 8.30, then Alf's uncle came in to say us a visit and leave us complain again about the steam heat. This uncle is the owner of the house and is a typical Bast. Then we got busy and cleared up the hall for the week-end, did our shopping and by noon we had finished. The postman was very good to me today. With ^{from} ~~from~~ two elegant, type written letters of July 16th and July 23rd (1981) I also received two allotment checks, one for \$80.00 and one for \$12.50, another letter from Max Pincus, who still sounds cheerful, a letter from Betty (Cohen) Holman, a check from Leo and that set of pictures I had developed for you (from overseas).

Your letters always make me happy and it's good to know you're well. To think I've been complaining to you so much these many months about our old mattresses and all this while you were sleeping on everything but the mattress. I feel ashamed and guess I am a spoiled brat. These mattress and other items will be attended to today and don't forget to ask for anything else you need. That trip to Berchanga is about the most interesting I've read about since you went "abroad" and that trip home will top all of them.

Betty's letter was a happy one due to the fact that Bernice was just flown in for 45 days furlough, after 27 months overseas. She mentioned some glandular condition she has due to brain nerves and I believe she really is acting for a baby - perhaps they'll have luck this time. Those pictures of you, Frank and other S. I's are quite naughty but nice. You look good in your birthday suit (not too fat) and those socks are really funny - I had to laugh at that dirty soul with the wash cloth.

Jimmy and the kiddies are an interesting sight and most of the afternoon we were out in the back with our neighbors and Eleanor chatting and taking some snapshots. Weather is grand and I hope the flocks come up early to-morrow so they'll have a longer week-end here - if only they'd rest for a week, it would do them so much good. Mrs. Wieroff's daughter, Lucille, used to work at Samuels so she mentioned that Friday night is last night there and suggested that we may be able to get in. So after supper we got dressed in pretty slack outfits and Jim fell asleep quite early. This neighbor was glad to watch Jim and answer our phone so we all started out at 9 o'clock for the Samuels. First, we stopped in to see Bess, who's O. K. and as we reached the Samuels' casino the game started. It was a basket ball game and we had some fun cheering and passing wisecracks. Bob Wieroff and five of us women went in our car and I did the driving. After the game we chatted a bit and left at 11.45 p.m. When we got home all was fine and dandy. I sure felt good to get out for a change.

I miss you as always and love you with all my heart. Hope those dreams of mine come true soon and then we'll live that happy life again. Stay well, dearest, and don't be too lonesome. Jim and I send you loads of hugs and kisses. Best from Eleanor.
Eleanor

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