



Thursday 1-20-44

Florence, dearest:

Adjacent to our camp is a naval training station, and daily we watch hundreds of training planes overhead. Every time I see one of those planes I dream of being on one of those heading for New York, so that I can tell you vocally how much I love you. It is true that despite our petty differences and bickering the past six years, it really has been a happy period in our lives. But having they will seem picayune compared to our future life together.

Your letter of Monday and Tuesday both arrived to-day, and they sure made my lunch taste better. The boys endeavor to kid me and my romantic efforts, only because they see me waiting during every free moment. But, sweetheart, mail is so important to me that I keep the replies flowing in order to insure my getting the dividends. Incidentally, you should receive a div. check from allied Stars to-day.

I realize only too well, and I knew you too, that babies run into difficulty with anything that upsets them, so I am not surprised at Jimmy's vomiting. Watch him closely, and don't worry, he'll be O.K. Waiting for the pictures, and I hope they do him justice. Hope you are buying clothes for yourself and Jim, as I want you two to be well dressed people.

Suggest to Bers that he determine whether he wants to be a cook or a welder - also to review

those I.Q. exams. The results of this exam is part of your permanent army record, and they classify you after induction at Upton, by your best qualifications, that is, if you present more cook or steward experience you are classified as a "Cook"; if you persist in being a welder, you get that rating. A rating as a welder can get you assigned in many parts of the army, some good, some bad. I offer this information, only if he is interested. Letters of recommendation from some officer, or official, referring to his vocational ability might help. As yet I have received no letter from Bess. I did get a letter from Ann, Rutie, and Gladys. The latter has little to relate, but is desirous of sending me a package or something. She also wants a picture of you and Jim, she didn't ask for one of me, and I'm disappointed like anything.

I'm happy you enjoy my letters, and I'll continue writing you daily no matter what; but your letters are most important, so even if you have nothing to say, write anyway, because I love you, only you. I cannot understand why you do not attend the movies more often, but I can guess. Now that you have been twice in 2 days, perhaps you will go more often. I saw "Thousands Cheer" at also enjoyed it.

Weather is lovely to-day. I'm my usual self, just homesick, but brave. I spoke to my Captain friend at lunch, and he told me he had already put in a good word for me. Maybe I'll have more definite news in to-morrow's letter. Nothing else to relate to-day, so I'll leave you with a short letter. Hope you and Jim are well, enjoying good weather, and please kiss him for me. Did my mother discuss my letter to her? How are the folks?

With a kiss in mind, and all my thoughts only of you. You find me loving you

as ever.

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