

Thursday 5-18-44

Florence, dearest:

In these troubled times it is absolutely necessary to have faith in each other at all times. Even bad dreams leave a depressing feeling, and since we love each other so much I hope these unpleasant dreams do not occur again. I realize that you worry plenty about many things, but this you can always be certain of, and that is, I love you and only you. Do not countenance any other thoughts or ideas, because I feel the same about you every moment of the day. Two sweethearts so frank, so open, so alike, and so much in love, with so much to look forward to can only create happiness and joy for each other. That is all I want to do for you and ours, and with a little good fortune perhaps all this will come about soon. And darling, don't worry, I have never cheated on you, nor do I believe I ever will. Was it not Shakespeare who said, "and to thine own self be true," without completing the quotation you realize how I feel. So, sweetheart, let there be no more horrible dreams about you and me. Dream of the future, with all its happiness, a larger family and peace.

Your Monday letter arrived to-day, and contained many items of good tidings. Your vivid description of Jim, his new toy, his antics, his play hours and other items quickly recall the all too few hours I spent at home.

Thursday 2nd 1844

Dear Mother

I have just received your letter of the 1st inst. and am very glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and doing the same work. I hope to hear from you again soon.

Yours affectionately

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recently. I am happy you once again have him obedient, and I hope he doesn't get out of hand again. He's at the age where every habit, good or bad, becomes fixed and is difficult to break or change. Mom and Pop wrote me to-day describing his presentation of the floss on Sunday, and they sounded so happy and proud of the manner in which he conducted himself. It sure is a comfort to have him around both for you, me and the folks.

I cannot quite understand why or how it comes about that you should receive 5 air-mail letters all in one day when I mail them daily. As mail-clerk I know they get to the post-office each morning, but I cannot account for the delay. I know you are glad to receive such voluminous mail daily, but I imagine it would be a better distribution to receive one letter each day. Perhaps it will improve from now on, so please watch to see that you receive a letter for each day of the week. If for some unavoidable reason I miss waiting a day I'll tell you about it.

Received a letter from Bob to-day, and although he is working a lot harder than he did at Santa Ana, all seems to be well with him. Fran is supposed to join him, and probably did by now. His description of the town leads me to believe that he will find that interesting too.

Nothing much of importance happening here. The company is going on a 4 hour hike to-morrow morning, but as mail-clerk I have been excused. I don't know whether that's good or bad, but I have no regrets about not going. No further news on the transfer, and my C.O. is out of town on a job for several days, so I just have to be patient. The weather turned cooler to-day, but it poured until about 11 o'clock, after which it cleared and the sun shone all day.

Please do not forget the duplicates of the pictures of me & three I asked you about in yesterday's letter; also want one of the fields and send one to Bob. The stock market improved yesterday, and remind Mr. Pincus carefully not to forget your mother's stocks. She has a profit in one and an offsetting loss in the other, so she is about even. Follow his advice, or better still he has your mother's phone let her follow his suggestions, see what I mean?

I feel fine, spent part of the day sewing stripes on my shirts, and I think I'll also have them tattooed on my arms! Stay well, sweetheart, have Jim kiss my only girl and you reciprocate. My best to everyone, and to you all my love and devotion

as ever,

J.G.

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