



Monday, Jan. 3, 1944.

Glorious, Sweetheart:

The sun is shining brightly to-day, darling, in more ways than one, and where there is sunshine the gloom is dispelled, and I feel happier. Firstly, I received your letters of Thurs. and Friday (12/30 + 12/31), and the contents warmed the same cockles of my heart, then the war news continues on a high note of optimism, which can do no harm, and thirdly the first two reasons tend to make me realize more and more how much I miss you and Jimmy Jim, but that you are both brave and conveying an in tone Spartan manner. And I guess that is the way it should be, there being nothing else to do about all this. I love you all the more for all you are doing, and because you are you.

I have now received a total of \$8.00, and as yet no luck on that letter with the 10 - in it. In all probability it is laying in some P.O. down here, but I hope some day it will catch up with. All mail usually finds its way to the addressee in the army, but the delay can sure test one's patience. As yet your package has not arrived, but that will find me too, I hope. Today I received a total of 10 letters, and now have enough literary work amassing there and other letters to keep me busy for days to come. I wrote a letter to Eleanor while waiting in the barber shop; no, I

did not get a B.T. haircut; but I sure wanted like to see Jimmy get his first hair-cut. Glad that want Key is straightened out; if there is anything else you want to know or need, please advise. The captain told us in the office to-day that we might go out to the firing range on Sunday for a week, so my mail to you may be short and delayed. But, between now and then it is always possible for a change in orders, and we may not be sent there. As yet I have not been to the firing range, and it may turn out to be more interesting than all the junk we have had up to the present. In any event should we go it would represent the conclusion of my basic training, and that much wanted at least be behind me. Up to now it has been fairly simple, physically, where we go from here is anybody's guess.

Jimmy must be certainly having a good time if it running around, making all kinds of strange noises, and looking at my picture all over the place. Eleanor described the little rascal to me in a long letter I received from her to-day, and he sure must keep you busy all day. I realize how tiring that must be to you these days, but try to be thankful for anything that keeps you pre-occupied. As for the furniture, dishes, etc, don't worry about that, but do be careful of the whiskey bottles. That stuff is precious, and did you have any luck with Charlie, as I requested. Don't press the issue with him, but if you can get some liquor without paying then the more take it.

Hope you have a real good time when you go to the show, and if you have be careful, and maybe you'd better use a parking lot, unless you are going with a number of people. I don't want any handlunas molesting you on your night out. Suggest you obtain tickets for another show while you're down town, and then



write me all about them. I saw Casy Grant and John Garfield in "Destination, Tokyo," and it was pretty exciting, but down here, movies is just another way to waste time. I am still waiting you daily and I hope my mail arrives that way. You can use air mail or regular mail as you wish, there being only 1 day difference in delivery time to me. I will continue to send them air-mail, as Pincus has me well stocked with air mail envelopes.

I feel fine and dandy, everything under control, and I hope you and Sunny Jim are in excellent health and spirits. Please try to stay that way, always. I'm happy you received the insignias and pin, and next time I go to town I'll get a pin for mom. There isn't much else I can send you at present, so sit tight. Little else to relate to-night so with a burning kiss in mail, and my love to you and Sunny Jim, always. you find me

as ever,

Gg.



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