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Thursday 6-15-44

Florence, sweetheart:

Your Monday letter arrived this morning, but your Tuesday letter, the bearer of such wonderful tidings, arrived this afternoon, and darling am I excited. It makes little difference as to which train you get to Chicago as long as you have a room for you and Jimmy. However if you have the alternative take the 10:30 Milwaukee Hiawatha arriving here at 6:15. It may be awkward for me to meet the 3:15 train, but if you do arrive on the earlier train, do not hesitate to relax in the Red Cross Canteen in the St. Paul depot. They'll treat you just dandy. As a matter of fact always remember to use all service men facilities, with the story that you are a service man's wife. Sending me a wire from Chicago may be a wasted effort as it will take too long before it is delivered to our orderly room. I will attempt to get on early pass for Tuesday, and probably meet both trains, so don't worry. Boy, it's great talking about meeting a train that will carry you and Jim out to me.



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It was grand of Mr. Pirous to keep get you these R.R. accommodations, and I'll thank him in my next letter. There are plenty of grocery and meat stores out here, so please do not carry any superfluous items. If necessary give away or throw out packages of cereal, as they will only get wormy during the hot weeks to follow. Bring no radios, but the electric clock is O.K. unless you can get a cheap alarm clock. Wear your rings if you want, but I suggest you leave the diamond watch in the vault and use mine. Bring your bathing suit and also my trunk. If you can send the carriage on the train with you it would be a good idea, as it may be troublesome trying to get one out here. Take as many valises as you need, but try to eliminate taking too much. The weather will be plenty warm here for the next six weeks, and I don't think you have to take too much warm clothing. Sport wear for you and Jim, and plenty of overalls for him. Slacks are quite the vague, so think nothing of it.



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I'm glad Billy took more pictures, and I hope you paid him for the films. It was extremely nice of him to bring you a dress and ornaments, and if it weren't that I knew you were in love with me, I'm sure you'd fall in love with him; and might I add both of you would be getting a break. I find you and Billy, and Danny, as my very best and closest intimates, and I guess I love you all, only you in a romantic way in addition to any other. I wrote Betty, Jules, and Dan yesterday. Suggest you send the films using my father's store as the return address, and they can hold them for us until you return. If Cousin Betty can do just as well. Should you desire it send any packages to me via parcel post only.

As yet I have no room or apartment for us, but now that I know when you will arrive I'll really go to work on this problem. But assured you will have something. I have several agencies working on it now, and I'll do a little hunting myself until something is found. Don't get excited, be careful of your tickets, FORM 539A



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and your money, and keep an eye on Jim while on the train. Recommend you have dinner on the train, take some cookies or fruit with you for in between. The porter can get Jim milk, hot or cold, so don't be backfat. Just tip him and see that he moves your valises.

I cannot quite figure out how many hours you brought, but you can tell me about that when you arrive. Be sure to phone Don, Jules and Billy to let them know you are taking off to go out here. Also say good-bye to Sam & Kay, and learn if Anita got the 2 weeks vacation. Your plan to forward the valises on Sunday is good, and I hope you manage O.K. This end will be easy. I'll bring a detail of 7 soldiers to help us. Once again take care of all bills, premiums etc, and leave 300 to 400 in checking a/c. \$150 will probably be enough for you here. I will write you one more letter to-morrow, and that will be the last until I kiss you in St. Paul station.

My best to everyone, kiss mom & pop for me, and I'll kiss you and Jim soon.

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was caused in the general magazine area and minor damage was done to power lines and railroad tracks. Names of killed and missing were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Weather to Scorch Minneapolis Today

Weather-groggy folk who have just finished a bout with rain, will take on another element Thursday, sizzling heat.

Temperature, which remained in the lower levels during the recent rainy spell, is expected to reach the 90-degree altitude here. Minneapolis got a tryout for the mid-summer heat late Wednesday when the mercury touched 88 at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY 6-15

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CHINA — Japs throw 200,000
men against Changsha without
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BURMA — Increased Japanese
activity noted in Imphal area as
British continue clearing strong
points around Kohima; main Jap
force isolated by Chinese on
Salween front.

PACIFIC — U. S. navy task
force strikes within 1,000 miles
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