

Friday 2-11-44

Florence, Darling:

You surely remember having read "that none but the brave and the beautiful deserve to love". That bit of wisdom just about seems to fit our present predicament, sweetheart. Here it is, the most eventful day in our life, and we are 1500 miles apart, and for the first time we are unable to celebrate our wedding day together. But you knew and I knew that no matter what the distance between us, we are together, happy, in love, and looking forward to a bright, wonderful future, not only with each other, but with our offspring. Yes, honey, we are brave; we must be, and you are beautiful to me. It must therefore follow as night follows the day, that we deserve to love, and it will be truly. Be happy that things are not worse, and in short order this mess will be over, and we too will be enjoying vacations and many wonderful years together. Chin up and keep smiling, beloved.

Received your Tuesday letter with P.O. Money order enclosed, and thank you very much. It was good to learn that civilian life back home hasn't changed too much, and that people still desire bananas. I am particularly happy that everyone is so kind to you, and also so co-operative. When this is over we will throw a grand Victory party for all our true friends. I am overjoyed that Jimmy likes his daddy's toy, and I hope I am around soon to personally have him select his own. Let me know when yours and mom's packages arrive, and also whether or not they came in perfect condition. I received no letter from Bob today, and aside from his old eye condition, he is O.K., as is Fran. No other mail, and I'm glad, as I have little time to write anyone but you, Bob and the folks. Sunday I will endeavor to catch up with some of my other

holdover mail.

I feel swell; go to school from 8 to 12, and then work in battalion headquarters the balance of the day, and study all evening until 9.30 P.M.; in bed by 10. Intend to devote Sunday to studying and typing, and incidentally I think I'll know the touch system before I finish this class. You should have received the schedule I sent you, outlining the studies. Please preserve all these things I sent you as I want to have them around when this is over.

Hope you and Jim are in excellent health, and that he is not injuring himself too often. Did you receive all those pictures I sent you last Friday? Please kiss the little fellow for me, and I will give you an anniversary kiss in mind. Please give my best to the folks and your kin, and to you I give my heart to boot, while I tell you I love you always.

As ever,

Ag.

Note new address on envelope, and please pass word around of the change.

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