



UNITED STATES ARMY

Saturday, 12-4-43.

Florence, dearest:

It used to be that I was thrilled each time I kissed you, or even held your hand, but now circumstances are such that merely hearing your voice seems to be the acme of happiness. Believe me, darling, listening to your reassurance that all was well and under control just about rejuvenated me. It had seemed that the last time I spoke to you was ages ago, but now all that has been dispelled. I was happy to find you in, since I learned that for the payment of the day phone rates I could make connection with New York almost immediately, so forget my statement about phoning early in the morning. I will always try to phone you around six in the evening. I think you'd like that better. Incidentally, that call cost \$3 for 3 minutes, so watch the phone bill, and don't let them overcharge you.

When I returned to the barracks after the call, I received the letter you sent to Upton with necklace enclosed in good shape. So don't worry about that letter. Also received a letter from Pinus, which he had mailed to Upton on Monday. He seems to be a good friend, and wants to send me anything I need to eat or wear. Of course, I told him I needed nothing, and please thank him again for giving me that stamp. As for my Xmas present, please dear, send me nothing, as I have everything I need, and anything you may send means just that much more I have to carry in my duffle-bags (2) out they are heavy enough now, believe me. However, I do want you to take care of those at home, including Henry, just as we decided. If I need anything I will not hesitate to advise you, so while this may be disappointing to you, there will be other Christmases and I am certain we will adjust this Christmas in the future — among other things —

Glad you received the check from the office, and also the allotment forms for mom and pop - Please phone the office, and thank Mr. Brown for being so kind. I think he likes it, and is so anxious to be cooperative, also speak to Kess. I have written them both from here, so you need not be ashamed to talk to them.

Please tell mom to be extremely careful, and to take good care of her cold. Tell her to get plenty of rest and sleep, but I guess with the busy Xmas season on, pop must be so busy she can't even breathe. Hope Sunny Jim is coming along just as you want him. How is he working alone? Does he have any more teeth? What does he say? Does he admire his soccer-daddy's picture? Does he eat by himself? Is his mummy eating and sleeping better these days? How does she get her feet warmed at night? Who is plowing you these days? Have you heard from Bob, yet?

To-morrow I will write you a long letter describing every routine and life, so until then with every hope that this finds you and Sunny Jim in excellent health and spirits, and with a kiss in mind, you find me loving you.

as ever,

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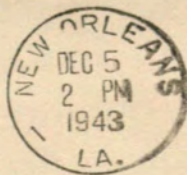
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