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Florence, darling:

Another beautiful day, and although I didn't have to see the sun rise to-day, it was a revelation to awaken at 8.30 A.M. and see the sun in all its glory. It would have been perfect had we all been together, to spend it as we wished, but at the moment that would be hoping for Utopia. Days such as these were made for lovers and happiness. Even though we are physically separated, it is always vivid in my mind that these hours of separation will have to be made up in the future by the purity and intensity our love. To add that I miss you terribly would be a gross mis-statement. The truth is I don't know I manage to carry on without you - unless it is the courage I have found by your sustaining love -

Your Thursday letter arrived to-day, and made me very happy. There was no other mail for me, but that was sufficient to make the day perfect. Continue

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Concentrating on Jim, and I'm sure he'll do just as you expect him to. His vocabulary is coming along just dandy, and I'm with him every moment in spirit encouraging him to talk and do the correct things. I so had the rainy weather is spoiling his outdoor feelings, but I'm sure you are putting the confinement to good purpose.

The news about Jack is encouraging, and I think he'll do OK when the going gets rougher later on. Keep your chin up, and I'm certain the operation will be a success. Hope you, Jim, and the folks are in excellent health and spirits. As usual I will phone you next Sunday at about 12:30 or 12:45 if convenient to you. It is difficult to phone at 1 since that is 12 o'clock here, and we usually have dinner about that time. Since I rarely have breakfast on Sundays, the lunch is an important repast.

I have no use for those financial circulars or the McKesson plan, so please discard them. I notice in the papers that allied states

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has been going up lately, now 18. it cost me $13\frac{1}{2}$, so if Mr. Piners advises the sale of the stock, sell it as long as we have a profit. I'll write him about it to-day-

We spent last night at the above service center, had cake, cookies, and coffee, in the early part of the evening, then went out and drank beer until 1:30'clock in the morning. Did not get tipsy even, had some laughs watching the fiddle-bug dance, got a lift back to camp, and feel great to-day. Several of us are going to a park to-day, to get a little sun-burn, and maybe play with some children. Tex wants me to visit his cousin again to-day, but I hate to be a spenger. Went into a Jewish meal army and navy store last night with one of the boys, who wanted to buy a hat. The lady there was kind enough to invite us to a real Jewish meal any time we had time, and maybe some night I'll take advantage of it. They also offered me a job on Thursday nights at \$1.00 per hour, which I may consider if the breaks don't come down.

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Your friend Irv Gledberg returned to Camp yesterday, and assured me that you had told him over the phone that all was well. I didn't expect lightning to strike twice in the same place, so I offered him the nickels he spent on phone calls. He refused them. This morning he wanted to go out with me, but I told him I was going with someone else, so he took off alone. He sure is a buddy! He has arranged a divorce with his wife, and is taking the usual shultery rap to expedite the proceedings. I guess she's no barguin, but as far as I'm concerned you'd hardly call him one either.

Stay well, dearest, you and Jim kiss each other for me and don't worry, all will be o-k. soon. My best to everyone, and all my love to you
as ever,

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