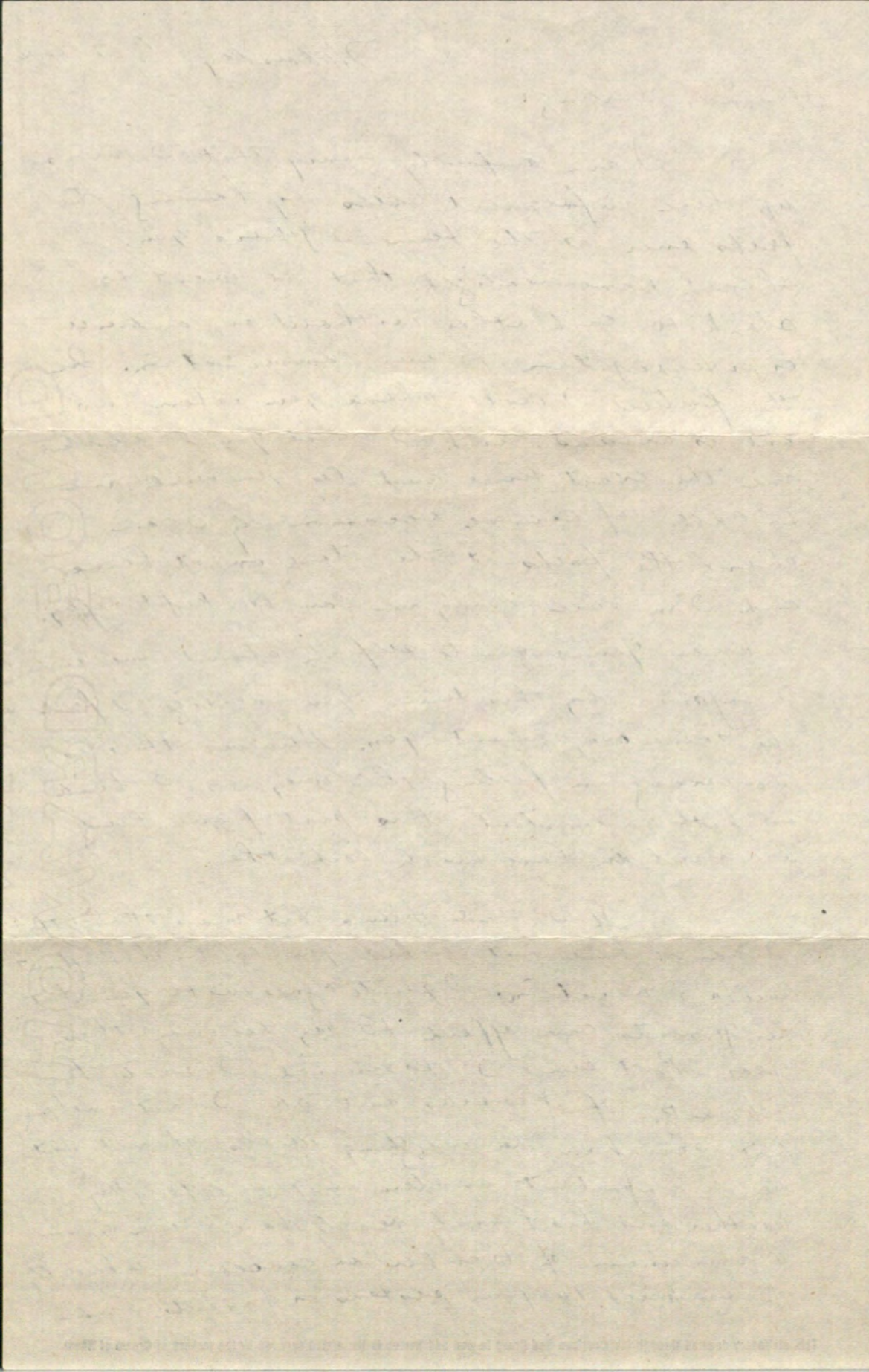


Wednesday 6-7-44

Florence, darling:

I am awfully sorry that I mess up these infrequent calls by having the folks over at the time I phone you. I should have realized that we want to speak to each other without an audience, or interruption to our conversation. In the future I will phone you when no one is around, and I wish you'd advise me the exact time and day you wish me to call. Of course, occasionally I can phone the folks at the store or at home, and I'm sure everyone can be kept happy. I know you're quite selfless about me, and I suppose by this time you realize I feel the same way about you. However there is no wrong in feeling this way, as I think we both understand it is part of our being so much in love with each other.

If I had been a bit more thoughtful I would have not asked you to bother about Anita's vacation. I quite agree with you that her parents can afford to pay her way this year. But since I promised I would let Leo Schwartz, if it works out O.K. I lost nothing but somewhere her weighing 116 lbs. should not be so important an item in your life. My brother and his family really have given you a minimum of trouble or concern, especially if compared to your sisters or parents, and



I do not comprehend the cause for your continually being so resentful towards them. Since we are having such a rough deal of it at present, let us try to learn to be a bit more compassionate towards those who do not even deliberately try to us unhappy. So, be a good kid, mammy, snap out of that sulking mood, which you probably have done by now anyway, and give us one of your famous smiles. Perhaps taking a good look at my enclosed picture will give you a belly-laugh. You can readily see that "any resemblance to a soldier is purely coincidental." This is my fatigue "cover-all", and I had just purchased the box of Oxydol to wash some clothes. In the background you see the side of the barracks building. Notice the sturgeon! Do you suppose Jim recognizes me yet?

Hope the car was adjusted, and that Allan also repaired the beam-light. Did you do any thing about have the bumps and dents repaired and painted? I'm glad you enjoyed a nice dinner with the folks, and I'm sure they were awfully happy to have you and Jim there. It must be pretty rough on them not to have any of their bags around these days, and I fairly hope, sweetheart, we never have to live thru a war period, when our offspring will be absent due to the exigencies of a war.

I suppose by this time Monte has had Eleanor out on a date, and that the furniture has been selected, and the date set,

Well, anyway it's a good idea; or are you going to keep him for yourself? If I recall him correctly he had pretty blue eyes, and some vasoline and toilet supplies. That should be a worth-while catch for the whole family. Do you think Cousin Gertrude would approve?

I'm glad Jim is learning the fundamentals of life rapidly, and I hope you do not prompt his business each time you wipe it off for him. This can become a habit just as sitting down became one, so be careful. Hope you and he are in excellent health, and getting well-browned up in the sun these days. I'm looking forward to good news about Joel, and I trust all went well on Tuesday.

Kiss Jim for me, and love him to the same to you, with all my love and adoration,

as ever,

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