

12/1/42

Tues. 1

Dearest darling Sonny;

How are you today, my little angel?
I sure do love you & miss you. I long to come
to you & marry you sweethearts. I love ^{you} more than
humanly possible. You are the sweetest boy in
the whole wide world. Honey if you only knew
how I feel about you. It would amaze you
to think that a mere mortal could love anyone
so much. I'm ready to marry you right this
minute. I haven't a doubt about it. My
mind is made up. You are the only one for me.
I was over at your house tonight for supper &
your mother & I went to the library. I told her
of our plans to be married & she agrees. Isn't
that wonderful? She said she will come down
with me & see us married. I thought I should
tell her because it isn't right to make plans
behind her back & hurt her feelings. Do you

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agree with me? It's a load off my mind because
now I know she won't be mad at me when we
get married. We have our parents' consent & now
all we have to do is get Uncle Sam's consent. By
that kid, I mean for the U. S. to give you some
time off. Hope he hurries. But Sonny we can't be
married now until after Xmas because it is Advent.
No one who is a Catholic can marry then. You know
that don't you? I thought maybe you'd forget & so
I'll remind you.

I showed your picture to all the girls today
& they think you look wonderful. Of course I do too.
One girl said you look like Judy Garland's new
leading man Gene Kelly in "For me + my gal". I
haven't seen him & I'm curious to do so. Aren't you
glad you resemble a movie star? You're my
favourite leading man & always will be. Oh how
I wish you were here. I can't imagine it may be
months before I see you again. Oh Sonny let's
get married soon. I just can't bear being away
from you. I love you so much that life is a

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love without you. I need you desperately. & I mean it. I'll show you when I see you angel.

Sister got a letter from Al Crescio today & he wants me to give you his address so if you are sent to Calif. he can show you around. How would you like that? I'll bet he could really show you. If you know what I mean. He assures me that he will definitely keep you out of Chinatown. Remember that discussion we had on Chinatown? His address just in case you may want to write to him, is: Cpl. Alfred Crescio - Hq. Co. 22nd Engr. Bn. - 5th Army Division - Camp Cooke - Calif.

Who knows? You may run into him sometime. He would be good company for you. I'll bet you have a swell answer to this in your next letter. You didn't like him did you? He says he may be back this way soon. It would keep Sister amused anyway.

Thanks for a wonderful three years Samy. Didn't we have loads of fun? Just think of all we are going to have. What we have had is nothing compared to our future good times.

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I ran out of other paper so I'll have
to finish on this. Must buy some more
paper tomorrow.

Do you still think of me & miss
me? Am I still your dream girl?
You are my little old dream boy.
I just sat all day at work (annual)
& gazed at your picture. It chills
me so much to look at you in a
uniform. Remember how every one says
that girls go crazy over a uniform.
Well, it sure is true. I went nutty
when I saw you in yours. I love
that cap with the wings on it. It's so
cute. Most of all I adore what's inside
of that uniform. Commonly called you.
Are you available, cadet Canary?
I mean to me & not to just any girl.
If I ever hear of you even as much
as looking at another girl I'll tear you
apart. I'm getting awfully jealous.

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You are sure sweet & good looking.
I love more every time I see that picture.
& that is very often. Of course as the
seconds roll by my love for you
increases. Are you glad I'm so much
in love with you?

I'm going to start my Xmas shopping
tomorrow & do I dread it. That will be
a real job. You should see the streets
now. If they were crowded Sat. before,
it's nothing to now. You can't fight
your way through. The mob is
violent. I'm becoming allergic to people.
I mean shoppers. Not the people I know.

Well honey I guess I'd better
close now. I didn't get much sleep
last night so I have to catch up tonight.
I wish I could lie in bed as long
as I wanted to. Don't you? Wouldn't it
be glorious? Well our day will come.
Remember & don't ever forget I love & always
will. More & more each day. Am living
for our wedding day. your "wife"
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I have no lipstick on so
will kiss twice a hard tomorrow night



I just had to send you some kisses.
I know the sentence on the last page saying
I had no lipstick on. I got out my little
old lipstick & fixed up this Kleenex for
you. I know you will enjoy it. If it
looks too messy throw it away. I rubbed
my lips on it so bad they sting. That is

my favorite shade of lipstick & my favorite
brand Helena Rubenstein. The shade is
Cochinelle. Isn't it fascinating? I wore it
when you were here remember? You ought
to. I smeared you often enough with it.
I hope to repeat the act soon. Are you
in favor? If not, say no. But - If you are,
will you know the results. I don't love to tell you.
Love - Sabine



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Wed. 2

Dearest Husband;

What is the matter with you, darling?
I haven't gotten a letter for two days. I
really shouldn't expect one every day because
I know you have so many other other things
to do. But I'm selfish & so I think I should
get a letter every day. Aren't I awful? I just
live for your letters & when I don't get one
I feel so disappointed. Honey I sure do love
you a terrible whole lot. You are my only
excuse for living. I want to marry you so
much. I can hardly wait for the day to
come when we shall be united in holy
matrimony. Then I can start living again.
Right now I'm only half alive because
you aren't here. You don't realize how I
love you Sonny.

Today it really turned cold with a
bang. It snowed last night & was icy cold

this morning. you ⁽²⁾ should be glad you're in
a nice warm climate. I wish I was there
with you. I'm about to freeze in this cold
old city. You should have heard my
teeth chattering this morning waiting for the
car. I started to stay home but it was
pay day so the thoughts of that "large"
salary urged me on to work. I sure do
wish I could quit. I want to be a plain
old house wife & stay home & cook for you.
Do you think my wish will ever come true?
I sure do hope it happens & oh boy, will
I be happy. I just long for you so
much I get dizzy to think of it. Oh
Sonny lets get married in Jan or Feb. or as
soon as possible. I can't stand it any
longer. I don't see how I'm going to stand
it that long. I've whole long months
before I see you again. I hope & pray
I can live through it. Right now, the

situation looks doubtful. ⁽³⁾ I'm going to have to take vitamin pills & drink milk or something to keep me going until I can see you. Then I'll feel like a million dollars again.

I'm reading the best book. It is "The Rock & the Wind". I got it last night when your mother & I went to the library. I read a lot because I don't have anything else to do. Right now I'm sitting in the living room with my feet on the register writing this letter. I'm nice & hot as long as stay in this certain spot. If I move over to the sofa I get ~~so~~ cold again. What I need is you to fix & hug me whole lot & then I wouldn't be so damned cold. How about it?

Oh Sonny, yesterday Lola Dussell, the girl who used to work in the table where I work now, asked me what I did with that book. You remember that book on marriage?

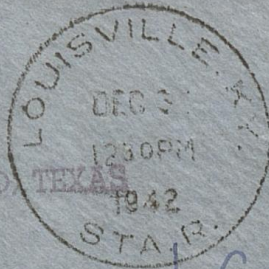
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I told her I cleaned up the table & ~~then~~
threw it away because I thought she didn't
want. She said she just wanted to know
because she wanted to get rid of it. So she
wasn't mad. I thought she'd get mad at me
for throwing it away. Just think after all
this time she had to ask me where it was.
I'm always doing something dumb ~~like~~ like
that.

I sure do love you sorry. Do you still
miss me? I hope you miss me a whole lot
because if you do that proves you love me.
And I love you so much I'd hate to see
all that love wasted. You are the sweetest
most angelic thing in the whole world. You
are my hero & my superman. I want to
marry you & be with you always. Don't you
agree? Honey I hope you want to get married
as much as I do. Please always love me.
I will always love you. Even if you stop
loving me. I love you.

Your wife
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Thurs. 3

My Darling Sweetest Husband;

Honey, how are you today? I received three letters from you today. One of them was the air mail including the money for the phone call. Darling you didn't have to send the money. I would gladly pay for it.

I miss you so much. Just think you have been gone a whole month now. It seems longer than that since I saw you last. Does it seem longer to you? It feels as if years have passed since I kissed you & loved you. If only you were here beside me right now. I think I would faint of joy. You are my one & only love. I want to marry you and be your wife until we die. Even then after we're in heaven I'll still be your wife & you'll be my husband. Won't that be lovely? I can't wait for the day to come. Even now I can't

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wait until that happy day comes. I'll help you study so you can get your wings.

I stayed home today because it was too cold to go out. Arent I a chicken? I just couldn't bear to go out in that icy cold this morning. It's a wonder they don't fire me because I have missed a day every week since you. Since I don't meet you for lunch every day I have no desire to go to work. That's what made me go every day. Just because I knew I'd see you & get to eat lunch with ~~you~~ you. Oh dear, how I love you.

I have started my Xmas shopping & tomorrow I am going to try to almost finish it. Sorry, please don't buy me those furs for Xmas. Get me something else that isn't so expensive. The furs won't be practical if we are going to live in a warm climate & besides I'd rather wait until we're married. Then you can give them to me on our anniversary or birthday or something. Just surprise me. Don't tell me

what you are going to get me. I love surprises.
I won't tell you what I'm sending you & so
don't you tell me. Let's save our money so we
will have more when get married. We'll have
all of our lives to buy each other expensive
gifts. You know that I'll have to buy
underwear & clothes & luggage. The luggage
will be the most expensive. You may have
to help me out on it. I hope you are sent
to a nice place so we can have a cute little
apartment. Can't you just imagine what it
will be like? We can have so much fun.
In your letter today you said we'd eat out
a lot. Well, we are going to eat at home,
Mr. Canary. Won't you want to eat the meals
& prepare with my own little hands? We
will have steak everytime you want it.
You tell me when you are going to be home &
I get you a real thick steak & fry it with
a lot of ~~onions~~ onions. Will you like that?

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I talked to your mother today & she got
two letters from you. She was sure glad to
hear ^{from} you. We hadn't received any mail for
two days & we couldn't imagine what happened
to you.

Oh darling, if we were just going to the
show together as usual tomorrow night. Remember
how much fun we used to have every week end?
Yosh, every old day is alike now. Nothing to
look forward to. The only thing I can ever think
of is our wedding day. When that day arrives
then my life will start over again. I long
for you & your loving & kissing. If I could
see you right now I would be so darned
thrilled I'd be spell bound.

Well darling it won't be so long now.
I hope not. Just a few weeks. But they will
seem like years. To me. I love you like
the devil. "A thousand burning kisses" quoted
from Napoleon. I think it sounds fascinating.
Do you? + I mean it.
your wife
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Sat.

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My Dearest Darling Husband;

I received your letter today telling me of the shots you had taken. Honey, I think its just awful to give you boys things like that. Especially when they make you so sick. You didn't need typhoid shots anyway. You got them during the flood. Why didn't you tell them that? It makes me so mad to think you have to suffer just because some old silly doctor likes to give shots.

Darling I had to work late tonight. Monday I don't have to stay late. We are taking turns staying the late hours. It ~~was~~ snowed again today, really hard. The streets are all icy because the cars smashed downes all the snow & it turned to ice. I had to walk home from 43rd St. because there was an accident & the street car couldn't get by. The air felt so cold & crisp. It

really was refreshing. I wish you were here
so we could take walks in the snow.
Tomorrow I am going to take some pictures
& I think the snow will be a pretty
background don't you? I hope they are
better than the last ones I took.

Honey I love you so darned much.
Just think, if you were here tonight we would
be out having a good time somewhere. I want
to go out so bad. With you, of course. I forget
what it feels like. All the girls at work
are swell & we have a good time together
all day but it just can't substitute for you.
No one could do that. Honey I just ache
for you. I really do. I just feel half
alive. I go around in a day dream all
the time. Oh well, I guess I shouldn't
be so selfish & complain all the time. I
know we are going to be together soon so
I'll just live for that moment. Oh Sorry.

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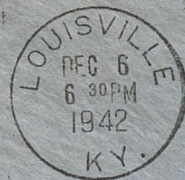
I hope we always love each other as we do now. I know we will. Two people who love each other as much we do, deserve a lot of happiness don't you agree?

Darling, I'm getting in the Xmas mood more each day. All the girls in our department drew names today to give Xmas presents. We are going to buy something for a dollar. That's what the present has to cost. No more, no less. Many Catherine Albis drew my name. We are going to tell each other what we want so everyone will be satisfied. It's silly, but a lot of fun. I wish you'd tell me what you want for Xmas. I'm worrying my head off wondering what to get you. I might give you my picture but I don't think it will be finished for Xmas. But as soon as it is finished I send it to you. I know I've been promising you a picture for a long time now, but

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I really mean it this time. It may not be ready for Xmas but it will be soon after Xmas. I'll give it to you as soon as possible. Sonny don't buy me those furs because I don't want them. I've changed my mind. Just surprise me. Please don't tell me what I'm going to get. And don't spend a lot of money on it. If you do I'm not going to come down & marry you. We'll need all our money for our coming marriage so let's don't spend a lot on Xmas gifts. I'd rather have you in matrimony. How do you feel?

Sonny I love you more every second. If I don't stop expanding in my feelings for you, I'll burst. You are so wonderful. I am just wild about you. All I think about is when I'm going to marry you. It's on my mind constantly. Oh I just can't wait. I love you so much. More than you'll ever know. Good night angel. I'll be dreaming of you.
your wife
Lalene



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12/7/42 Mon. 5

My Darling Husband;

I received three letters today; one air mail with your pictures in it. You all sure look sharp in those coveralls. They look like the suits that gas station attendants wear. I think they're cute anyway. But I prefer your uniform. I saw an aviation cadet in Stewart's today & boy, if you look like he did in your uniform I'll come down there right now. Sonny those uniforms are really nice aren't they? They look like the uniforms that officers wear. I love those caps with the wings on them. I know I'll faint with delight when I see you in that dashing uniform. I'll love you ten times more because you look so brave & heroic. Honey I like to brag about you. It isn't just anyone who can be a pilot. You must be

very intelligent or ⁽²⁾ you would never have been chosen. I know you'll get your wings because you have me praying + waiting for you, also when we get married you'll have me depending on you and I know with that inspiration in your mind + heart, you simply can't fail. I have every belief in you. If my love can help you to succeed then you'll be a colonel. Because my love for you has no ending. It's so deep and sincere that nothing could stand in its way. Sorry I'm really head over heels, helplessly, in love with you. I want to marry you so bad that I would do anything in order that we could, as soon as possible. Honey, you find out all about it + anything that you decide upon is perfectly alright with me. I don't care where I live just so I get to see you even once a week. Don't worry about my not approving of any plans you make. What you want is what I want. So you arrange every thing your way.

Don't forget we have^③ to have blood tests. We can have them just before we get the license. I don't think it takes so long. Maybe, in the state where you'll be sent, they won't have that law and it will save us some valuable time. You tell me what to do about that. I've been thinking of it real often & wondering how we would work it out. Maybe I could get my test here & just take the certificate down with me to get the license. You tell me what to do. If you're sent somewhere else they may have different laws, so you can find out about those things.

Honey, you said that you had my Dmas gift all picked out & that you mom was going to get it. Please don't get me those furs if that's what you have decided upon. I have changed my mind & would rather have something else. Why don't you send it to me from there? If your mother buys it, it won't seem like it's from you. Just get me any old thing. Please don't spend a lot on it because Sonny we'll need

every available cent ⁽⁴⁾ if you want me to come
& marry you. So even if you don't get into town,
just buy me something at the post. It doesn't
have to be any thing real valuable. just as long as
I know it comes from you I'll love it with all
my heart.

Honey, I want to see you so bad. This is
going to be a lonely Xmas for us because we won't
be together. But lets try to look ahead to our
marriage when we'll always be together. just
think of all the Xmas's we're going to have together.
If you could get home for Xmas that would be
the most wonderful & beautiful gift I'd ever hope
to receive. Sonny I love you so much. Every
day & hour my love for you increases. I long
for the day when we'll be married. You are
the most wonderful boy in the whole world &
the only boy for me.

Good night, dearest Sonny, thanks for
the sweet little picture. I hope your arm is
better now. Remember I love you with all my
heart.
Your wife
Liliane



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June.

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My Sweet Darling Husband;

How are you today sweetheart?
I hope; wonderful. I didn't get a letter from
you today so I suppose I'll get one tomorrow.
I sure depend on those letters. They build me
up so much I feel like floating on air.

Honey I hope you can read this
because I'm getting a cold & my eyes hurt
so bad I can barely see what I'm writing.
I sure felt miserable all day. I'm going to
take some cold tablets in a few minutes
before I go to bed & maybe that will make
me feel better. The weather is so awful here.
You are sure lucky to be in a warm
climate. Winter always was my downfall.

Tomorrow night I'm going over to your
house for supper & your mother & I are going

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to the library. I still call your mother every night. I really enjoy talking to her & going to see your family.

Darling I hope you realize how much I love you. Every night before I go to sleep my thoughts are filled with you. In fact all day long you are the only thing I think of. Nothing else is important. I'm going to start buying things for our wedding. I'm not going to buy a terrible lot of underwear because if you are still half the man you were when you left, I won't need them. I'll probably have to put them in moth balls. So I won't have to worry about that. I'll spend all the money on outside clothing. Of course I'm still going to get a lot of lacey things as you asked me to, because I want to thrill you all the time so you won't get tired of me. Sorry do you

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think you'll ever tire of me? I hope you don't. That would be awful. I'll never see enough of you. Even if we lived together for a hundred years you would still thrill me. I wish you were here to thrill me right now. Oh gee, I sure do need something like that.

Sissy is going to have a Xmas party & we are really going to celebrate. It's just a party for girls but her dad is going to furnish the drinks & the sky's the limit. She said she really needs to drown her troubles & I need to do something to make me forget how much I want you & miss you. Anyway I guess we'll have a rather nice time. I was only kidding when I said I was going to drown my troubles. I don't like to really indulge unless you're around. Then I can get

care free without^④ having to worry. Let's really
celebrate when we get married. Just think,
we'll have our own house then & we can really
have a good old time. If you know what
I mean. And of course if you approve. I
haven't celebrated for so long I feel like an
old maid. When I see you again I just
shudder to think what I'll do. Maybe you
have more will power than I do, but anyway
I'll depend on you to keep me under control.

Honey angel, I'm getting awfully sleepy
now. So I'll write again tomorrow night.

Hope you always will love me as much as
I love you. That's a powerful lot. I hope
your arms are better Sonny. I pray for you
in all my prayers. Oh how I love you & want
you.

Your wife
Lalene

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Sat. 7
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My Darling Sweetheart Husband;

I'm writing you another letter tonight just like I promised in the one I wrote to you this morning. I had to work late tonight & didn't get home until almost ten o'clock. The street cars are terrible. It snowed real hard today & tonight the streets are like ice because it turned cold suddenly. This weather is simply ~~terrible~~ ^{terrible} horrible. You don't know how lucky you are.

Honey I wish you were here with me now. I miss you so much. You don't know how really lonesome I am. I want you so much. I can't wait until we get married. I still can't believe that I'm really going to marry you. I just sit & think about it all the time. All my life I've dreamed of the day when I would get married & it doesn't seem

possible that it is so near. ⁽²⁾ It makes me feel
so happy & full of good will. I'm getting
nicer to people just because I feel sorry for
them; that they aren't as happy as we are.
I don't believe two people were ever more
completely in love than we are. Sonny I just
can't believe that this wonderful thing has
happened to me. The other day I was wondering
& thinking how funny it all is. How two
perfect strangers meet & fall in love & want
to spend their lives together. It's really
marvelous isn't it? just think how we met.
I thought you were so cute that night. Also
I thought that you were a lot older than
me & it thrilled me to think an older boy
would like me. Of course I found out you were
not old at all. But you looked so grown up
& worldly. That's the thing about you that
always intrigues me. You act older than I do

and you know so much more. I think it's nice
for the boy to know more than the girl.
When we get married you are going to be the
boss. You can tell me to do anything & I will.
I'm not going to do a thing unless I ask you
first. I couldn't respect you if you weren't
so masterful. I like you when you act real
mean & tough. Not too mean though. Oh
I love you so much. I can just see you in
your uniform. Sonny I wish they'd let you
keep your hair nice & curly. Do you think
they'd let you grow it a little bit for your
wedding? Tell them I don't like it too short.
Do all the boys have to cut their hair
real short too?

Darling I wrapped my Xmas presents tonight
& they look so nice. I fixed yours really fancy.
I spent a half hour tying the darned ribbons.
I hope you appreciate them. The ribbons I mean.

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your mother + daddy + I are going to see
"White Cargo" tomorrow if it isn't too cold +
nasty. The way it looks now I doubt if we
go. The critic's review on the picture wasn't
so hot. He didn't like it. But he doesn't like
anything. Remember how I used to get mad at
that critic all the time + say I was going to
write him a mean letter? I'd like to do it
still. However he picked "Black Swan" best.
I agree with him there. Maybe he's improving.
He certainly can't remain mediocre all of his
life. Poor thing.

Will darling guess I went into bed. I wish
you could hope with me. Oh my. Aren't I awful?
I really would adore that. You sweet little
angel. I'd give a million dollars to be with
you now. I want to marry you so bad. it hurts.
Let's hope the time flies until that wonderful
day. I love you terribly. Sorry. How about you?
Your wife
Dorine

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My Sweetest Darling Husband;

How are you today? Aren't Sundays dull anymore since we aren't together? Honey, I miss you so much because we used to always have such fun every Sunday, didn't we? In fact we always had fun no matter what day it was. Just think of all the wonderful times we're going to have in the near, very near future. I wish that future would hurry up. I'm getting awfully impatient aren't you? I hope I get some mail from you tomorrow. I didn't get any yesterday darn it. I'm not going to expect a letter from you every day anymore because if you're being moved you won't have so much time to write.

Angel, I'm so curious to see those souvenirs you got for me. I can't wait until they get here. I love to receive things from you.

I get so thrilled ⁽²⁾ I just can't do anything.

Boy is it cold here. We're having a cold wave & it sure is disagreeing with me. You know how I adore this cold weather. The very thought of going to work tomorrow morning sends shivers through me. I stayed in all day today & read. I also ate a lot. We have been eating candy & ice cream all day. I'm making a big effort to put on some extra poundage. I wish I could get real curvy all of a sudden so you would get more of a thrill out of marrying me. I know you'd love me more if I were just too curvy for words. But sweetheart I guess you'll have to be content with my present figure which isn't a bit exciting. What I need is more allure. Do you think I have any sex appeal? I wish I had a little more flesh on my

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bones. Especially in certain spots. You have to agree that I could use it. Maybe when we get married I can gain some weight. I will have more time to take it easy then.

Sonny don't be too disappointed when you see me in a nightgown because I won't look at all like those movie stars or pictures in magazines. I want to tell you before we're married so you won't think I tried to deceive you. I guess you know just about how I'll look. So don't say I didn't warn you. I hope you don't throw me over for some curvy Texas gal. Just remember I might not be glamorous but I sure do love you. I'm crazy about you. You're the only thing I ever think of. You are on my mind constantly. I dream of you every night. Honey I don't know what I'd do if you ever told me you didn't

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love me anymore. I don't think I'd even care
to live anymore. Everything I do has some
thing to do with you. Right now I'm trying
to figure out a way to get myself ready to
come + marry you. I guess I can make it
but it sure will be a tight squeeze. Xmas
is really making me go broke. I have a
few more presents to get + then I can start
on myself. Be sure + tell me if you can lend
me some money. I might need a few dollars.
I going to try to do it all myself but I don't
think I can make. I have so many things to
get that I get dizzy just thinking of them.
I'll let you know if I need any money. I
hope I won't but I might. So tell me if it
will be convenient for you to lend it to me.

Sonny doll. I am getting awfully

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sleepy so I think I'll close this letter.
I love you a terrible whole lot & want you
so very much. I can't wait until we're married.
I wish we were right now. That would be
wonderful. Just too good to be true. Honey be
sure & tell me what kind of clothes the girls
wear down there. And write to me often as
you can. But if you're ever too busy with
something important don't stop just to write
to me. I know you love me & I want you
to study so you'll pass & get your wings.
So make your study come first & me next.
I love you Sonny. I always will. Nothing
could change that. You're the only one for me
& you always will be. Good night Sweetheart.

I love you & miss you. I want you too.

Your wife
Lettie

LOUISVILLE
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Group 4
A/c George W. Canary
~~Squadron 103 Base~~
Army Air Forces Classification
San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center
San Antonio
Texas

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Miss Fannie Mayer
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Louisville Ky.

12/17/42

Thurs. 9

My Sweetest Darling Husband;

I received three letters from you today. One was the long letter you wrote me on Sunday + one was an air mail telling me that you had been moved + the other was a special with the money for the phone call. Darling I'm so thrilled that you are now in free flight. I can imagine how glad + happy you must be. I suppose those upper class men make it awfully hard for you, but just think that you will be an upper class man real soon + then you can do it to some body else. You won't have it so hard after you're there awhile. Just grin + bear it angel.

I had to work late tonight + I'm so dained tired. I washed my head + it's still

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well. Tomorrow is the day when we get our bonus. Isn't that thrilling? I'm going to spend it on my wedding clothes. I have to get to work a whole lot earlier in order to get the wonderful bonus. I hope it's worth it. I think I'll get \$12.50 but I'm not sure. I hope I do. I sure can use it.

Honey those gifts you bought me when you were in town haven't gotten here yet. I'm so anxious for them to arrive because I'm burning up with curiosity. You know how I can't stand to wait for anything. Darling I'm going to mail your Xmas gifts to you now because you know you have a definite address. I hope I get those gifts tomorrow. I'm going to hope awful hard. Maybe that will hurry them.

I'm going over to your house tomorrow

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night. I still call your mother every night + tell her all about your letters. She is still coming down with me when I come to marry you. I'm glad she is because I'd probably get lost by myself.. You know how dumb I am on going any where. I'll probably be lost all the time in a strange city. I'm not going out only when I'm with you because I might ~~be~~ not find my way back. I guess I could ask someone though don't you think so?

Honey I'm so anxious to see you. It won't be long now. Just a month or so. Then we'll be together all the time. From now until the day we die. Oh we'll be so happy Sonny. I can just imagine all the fun + good times we'll have together. Won't it feel funny not having to say good night

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anymore? I won't be able to believe it. It sounds too marvelous to happen to me. I love you so much. When I think of you I feel ~~so~~ positively immoral. The things I think of are not what a modest girl should think of. But I don't want to be modest anyway. I'd rather thrill you + be thrilled. You sure can do strange things to my emotions. The way I feel about you is not humanly possible. I must be abnormal in my love for you. I'm so mad about you. I want you so much it's not right. But anyway I still want you.

Honey, I'm getting so sleepy I can't see what I'm writing so I hope you can read it. I'll write you a better letter tomorrow night. Sweet dreams + lots of kisses + hugs.
 Your wife with love
 Lorraine

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12/18/42

Fri. 10

My Dearest Darling Husband;

How are you + those tough upper classmen getting along? I hope you can tell them to go to the devil real soon. I didn't get any mail from you today but I'm not going to be foolish enough to expect a letter every day now that you have so many things to do. Honey I wish you were here so we wouldn't have to bother about silly old mail. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

I just came home from your house; I came down from work + your mother had a lovely supper. She is always so nice to me. I'm so grateful that we don't have parent trouble aren't you? I think that makes everyone involved feel so awfully miserable. We are wonderfully lucky in that respect.

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I got my bonus today. \$12.00. Isn't that divine? I bought a pair of brown alligator sandals. They are simply fascinating. They are part of my trousseau. It won't be long before I have everything I need. I'll get my dress Wednesday. It's half paid for & I finish the other half Wednesday. So it won't be long. I hope I have enough to buy another dress. I want to look real good so you'll be proud of me. With all these darling clothes I'm getting you won't know me. I'll be just too sophisticated. You'll think it's a movie star visiting the camp. I hope you get to meet me at the train. I'll be afraid to come down by myself so let's wait until your mother can go with me. It wouldn't look right if I went by myself. People would get the wrong impression

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not that I'd really give a damn, but if I went by myself I'd probably get lost. You know how ignorant I am. We'll have plenty of time to decide that later.

Sonny I have never gotten those gifts that you got me when you went to town. Have you mailed them? I understood from your letter that you had & I hope they didn't get lost. I can't imagine why I haven't received them. It has been a whole week & they have had plenty of time to get here. I guess the mail is too heavy. Anyway I hope I get them soon because I'd hate for them to have gotten lost. I'm so anxious to see what they are. Everyday I call mother & ask if I received them & I could die of disappointment when she says no. I'm such an impatient person I just can't wait for things like that. I hope they come

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tomorrow.

Angel I love you so much. I miss you twice as much since it's getting around Xmas time. Just think, tonight a week Xmas will almost be over. I mailed your present tonight so you can be on the look out for it. I hope you like it. It isn't much but the best I could do, for it's taking all my money to get ready to come down & marry you. Darling, I just can't wait until I see you again. It seems ages & ages since I've seen you. It's been almost two months now hasn't it? It seems more like a year. I hope, that after I get all ready & have all my things, that something doesn't happen to prevent our marriage. Do you think there is a possible chance? Sonny, that would just kill me if something like that did happen. Wouldn't it you? Angel after I get all these clothes, nothing is going to

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stop me from marrying you unless it's pretty awful. I've been living on that idea for so long. It's all I think of. Just to marry you. That's my ambition. It's all I want in life. The day we're married all my dreams will come true. I'll have everything I want from life. I love you so much. I really am desperately in love with you. Don't you wish we were married right now? Just think how marvelous it would be. It won't be so long now. I feel the time is going by quick don't you? This month is almost over & then any day & Oh that happiest of all days will be here. It can't come too soon for me. How about you?

I'll write you more tomorrow. Maybe I'll have my gifts in tomorrow's mail. I hope so. I love you so much & want you so terribly.
Your wife
Lellene

A/c George W. ...
Group IV Squadron 1 Flight C
Pre-Flight School (Pilot)
San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center
San Antonio Texas

Via Air Mail

12/18/42

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Miss Sarah
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12/28/42 Mon.

My Darling Sweetest Husband;

Today I received four letters from you. Isn't that wonderful? The one that you wrote on Xmas day was so sweet. Sonny & I know you missed me more than you could bear if you felt the way I did. I miss you more every day. Lately it seems that I miss you so much more than I did at first. I guess it's because I'm beginning to realize that you really are gone. Darling I'm so anxious to marry you. Your mother said, tonight when I called her, that you said we were going to be married about the 20th of Jan. That sure is soon. I can be ready but you'll have to send me some money for train fare.

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I won't be ready as much as I could be in Feb. but I don't care. Even if I don't have a lot of clothes you'll love me just the same won't you? I guess I'll have enough to last a while. Your mother said she would come with me when ever you said to come. Sonny darling I'm so lonesome for you. The only thing that will be hard about going to you, is leaving home. Mother + Dad will feel so bad about my going so far away but I know they want me to be happy + the only way I'll be happy is to marry you. I love you an awful lot. Please always love me Sonny. I will love you till the day I die. I know we'll be so happy together. Please be nice to me + don't

get mad at the things I do. Because I'll be
feeling low for a while about leaving the family.
Honey don't think I don't want to come. I want
to more than anything in the world. Sonny
I'm just aching for your love & kisses. Let's
don't ever stop being romantic. We have so
much just being in love all the time. I hope
you haven't changed too much. From what
you say in your letters you must have changed
an awful lot. Just so you are still the same
inwardly I am satisfied. Angel do you think
I'll be very thrilled when I see you in a
uniform. I know I will. Your pictures are
really good & you look so handsome & heroic.
I'll be so proud for everyone to know you are
my husband. Just think how nice we'll look

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walking down the street. You'll probably have
all the girls' eyes popping out. They'll be so
jealous of me for having such a wonderful
husband. You are the only thing I ever think
of. It's a wonder I'm able to do any thing for
my mind is on nothing but you. I'm crazy
about you. I can't realize we're going to get
married so soon can you? I think it's simply
wonderful. I wish it was tomorrow.

Darling I'll write more tomorrow night.
I'm awfully tired now because I had to work
late tonight. That damn job is getting so boring.
I'll be glad to leave it & never go back. I
want to be a house wife just for you. That's
all I want in life. I'll really make you
happy. Are you in favor of the idea? Good
night Angel. Don't overwork. I love you.
Your wife
Lalene

12/30/42

Wed. 11

My Sweetest Darling Husband;

Today is another day gone & one day closer to our wedding day. I got my dress today & it really looks good. I put away a black dress on the layaway plan. It is strictly glamorous. It has sequins, you know what I mean, those little shiny things, on the front. It's two piece & really makes me look like a movie star. Whether you know it or not you're going to have a sophisticated wife. Won't you be proud of me? Darling I'm so thrilled about going. It's all I think of. I can't wait until I see you. I want you so bad. I dreamt about you last night & it really was a good ~~at~~ dream. Lots of

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love in it. Darling I miss you so much I simply am about to die of loneliness. I want to marry you + be with you always. I can't get it into my head that we're going to be married so soon. It's so wonderful I just can't believe it. Sorry I am really crazy about you. You are on my mind all the time. I'm just not myself at all since you left. I'll be glad when we are together again so I can get back to normal.

I went to a party at Sissy's tonight. It was just a party of girls. We had a nice time. Wine + beer + sandwiches. We had a lot of fun. It wasn't so good though because I can't enjoy anything without you. You are my old darling + I can't live without you.

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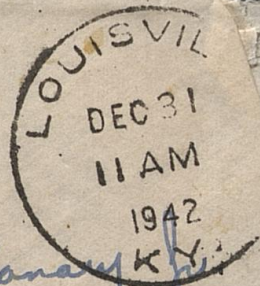
Sonny angel I got my pictures today. They are good. At least everyone tells me they are. I am sending the large one to you. I'll mail it Sat. because of New Year's. I won't have time to fix it for mailing until then. I had three small ones made. I gave one to Shirley, my girl friend, I'm going to one to my mother & to your mother. I hope you like the one I'm sending you. They are all the same except in size. Tell me what you think of it when you receive it.

Sonny I love you so much. I just can't put into words the way I feel. I love you with every ounce of life in my body. I hope we can be married real soon. That will be the happiest day of my life.

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I'll come whenever you send for me. You
know I want to be with you all the time
I possibly can. We will be awfully happy.
We love each other so much. Sorry always
love me as you now. I know I will always
love you. I couldn't stop for anything.
I hope that wedding day hurries.

Darling I'm awfully sleepy. I write now
tomorrow. That's New Year's Eve. I hope you
have a good time. I'll tell you how I spent
it in tomorrow's letter. I'll probably spend
another dull evening at home. Well good night
angel. Happy New Year.

Your wife
Lalene



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12/31/42 Thurs. ¹²

Also 1/1/43-

My Sweetest Darling Angel Husband;

Well Sorry it's New Year's Eve.
Right now it is past twelve & really 1943. I
wonder what you are doing right now. I wish
I was with you. Just think of all the fun we
could have together. We have a lot of celebrating
to catch up on ~~angel~~. We will have to take
up all of our time just catching up where
we left off. And we left off at a good
place didn't we? Remember how much in
love we used to be when you were here? We
still are but being apart makes a lot
of difference. I wonder if we'll feel strange
when we see each other again? I don't
think so. The way I feel right now is

not right for a ⁽²⁾ human to feel. I love you
so much I'd probably die of joy if I were
there with you now. Sonny I wonder if
everyone in love feels like we do. I don't
believe they do. From what I see I think
we love each other more than any one else
could possibly love. Aren't I silly? But
I know I love you more than any ordinary
person could love. And I know you feel
the same way about me. Darling I just
can't wait until we're married. That will
be so wonderful. In fact its too good to
be true. I can't wait until the day when
you are my husband. It will be so thrilling
to be married to you. I'm so proud of you
Sonny. You must be awfully smart to be

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able to pass all those tests + all that physical ~~exercise~~ ^{exercise}. You really must be built up by now. I hope your muscles are bigger so you can show me how strong + tough you are. Darling I love you so much I just can't express it. I'll have to show you when ~~you~~ you come down. That will be very soon I hope. I'm so lonesome Sonny. I miss you so much. You just can't imagine how it is without you. My whole life has changed. I know you're lonesome too. I'll be glad when we're together again so we can get back to our old selves. Wait you? It won't be long now. I will be ready when you send for me. If I'm not I'll come anyway. Nothing could hold me back.

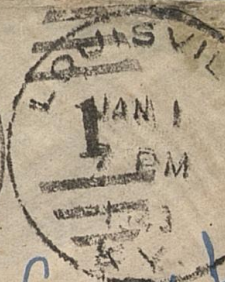
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Unless it was really serious.

Sonny angel. Sister got a letter from John today + he is in New York. He is in a hospital + will be for some time. He hopes to come here on a furlough real soon. I'm glad he got back safely aren't you?

I love you an awful lot + I always will. Nothing can change my love for you.

I want to marry you so much. It's all I think of. Let's try it no matter what anyone says. We can live on \$75 a mon. + if we can't I'll get a job. But Sonny let's do it. I just wouldn't stand another disappointment. We've had too many already. Don't you feel the same way? I love you darling.

Your wife
LaBene



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