

1/ He said he doesn't know why he ever married that girl. He wants to go overseas & hopes he doesn't come back. That is the most mysterious affair I've ever seen. Why did he marry the girl if he didn't love her? I can't figure it out. He is going to be operated on again. I don't think his eyes will ever be well again. He can hardly see out of it. I'll let you know if he writes any more letters. I guess he is being punished for the way he acted. He thinks he is going to be sent to Ft. Knox when he is completely recovered. Wouldn't that be funny if he came to see Sis again? He wouldn't get in the door because Dad said he'd kick him out if he ever showed his face around here again. So I guess that's the end of that little romance. Sis got a letter from Paul

P.S.

I put perfume on this & it ran. I hope you can read it. Don't it smell good? It's the perfume you sent me from San Antonio

June 8, 1943

Tuesday 1:00

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My Sweet Darling Angel Precious Husband:

I just got a letter from you from Wendover field & I am so glad that you are settled at last. That town must be awful. I hope you don't get too bored angel. I'm sure keeping my fingers crossed that you get a job. Maybe if you get moved to Kansas I could come & stay with you for a while. I'm just dying to see you again. It seems like years since I last saw you. This is an awfully dull & boring summer for me & I know it is for you too. But maybe we'll be together sooner than we think. Even if we are far apart we are still together. For I think of you every

3/ far away. You'll get closer to love by degrees & guess.

What do you think about John? He sent Sis a letter & said that while he was down in Brownville he met a girl he used to go with & he knew then that his world & Sis's was too far apart & that they were too different. He said he could not be happy away from his own people. It was a very peculiar letter. He said, "now I'm married & supposedly happy, but I don't know whether I am or not." Isn't that odd? Sis feels so blue & she can't stop thinking about him. But I think it's all for the best. He was probably married all the time. I never did have any confidence in him, did you? She got another letter the other day & he is terribly unhappy.

2/ second. You never leave my mind for a single moment. You are every thing to me & I love you so much it hurts. I wish I could really express just how I feel about you. But you'll have to rely on these poor words that I write to you. I'll show you some of these days & then you'll really be convinced. But you know how I feel; I don't have to tell you. Do you feel like a husband of four months? It really is swell being married to you & I'm so proud to have you for my husband. Your voice sounded so wonderful over the phone. I was so surprised when you called. At least we got to talk to each other even if we can't be together. I'm glad you didn't go to Washington. That is so damn

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1/ me say this just tell me + I won't say it any more. But I know you love to hear it just as much as I love to say it. So I'll keep on telling you whether you like it or not. I love you. I love you. I love you. plus a million. And then some. I'll bet I love you + miss you more than you do me. We'll see when we get together again.

Sis just got a call from a boy she met out at Bowman Field. He is going to take her to the Village tonight. Bowman Field is giving a dance. I wish you were here so we could go. I'm just aching to go out to a dance or some thing. I definitely do not like this staying at home. I get so tired + bored. But I'm doing it for you so I can take it. I know you feel the same way + I'm not the only girl who is staying in so at least I have

June 7, 1943 2  
Wed. morning

My Dearest Darling Precious Angel Husband:

How are you today, sweetheart? Is the town of Wandover awfully boring? I hope you can find things to amuse you so you won't become disquieted. I suppose you'll be so busy with your work that you won't find time to get bored. How long do you think you'll be there? I hope you can get a furlough + come home for awhile. That would be so wonderful. I miss you so much + I can't enjoy a thing without you. My life is so dull + uneventful. But at least I get a letter from you every day + that brightens up my life. Your letters are so sweet + they cheer me up so much. I sit +

2/ me. Your love making is so divine + perfect. It makes me love you more just to write about it. I think so often of the fun we had when I was with you + how heavenly it was to cook for you + wait for you to come in on the week ends. I wouldn't trade those moments we had together for anything in the world. We had such a perfect marriage. We still have but it would be so wonderful if we could be with each other. You are so sweet + cute + handsome. I sure am proud that you are my husband. I consider myself the luckiest person in the world. What did I ever do to deserve to marry you? Oh, how I love you + want you. I hope I don't bore you by repeating myself over + over again. But all I can think of is how much I love you + miss you. So if you get tired of hearing

2/ wait for the mail man + if he doesn't bring me a letter I feel so disappointed. Angel, I've been dreaming of you every night recently + the dreams are so wonderful. I love you so much. I think of you all day + dream of you all night. Good. I wish I could really be with you instead of just thinking + dreaming of you. But I'm so happy + thankful that you are still over here + that you are safe + well. We'll be together soon + then we can make up for all the time we've lost. We have so much love to catch up on + so many things to say to each other. Won't we have a swell time? I shiver with ecstasy just to think of your love making + kisses. I want to feel you close to me + have you come around

8/ We could go on picnics + take long rides.  
Didn't we have fun last summer? This  
time last year we were working + you were  
coming over every night. Sunday is the day  
that I feel lonelier than other days. It's  
because we had such swell times on Sunday.  
Sat. night is hard too. I feel so blue +  
miss you so much. I don't enjoy going  
any where without you. You're so wonderful  
+ handsome. I just ache to see you. Honey,  
try to have some pictures taken if there  
is a studio at the field. I'll try to have  
some pictures taken for you. Maybe I'll  
have a real good one taken when I get some  
money. I hate that picture of me that  
I sent to you. It isn't a bit flattering.  
I'll write you again tomorrow. I love you.  
your Lonesome wife Lillian

9/ but she is in town + I don't know what  
to had to say. That was a cute letter he  
wrote you. Be sure to answer him + think it  
was nice of him to write to you. Sis +  
Lillian go out together occasionally but I  
think Lillian is too wild for Sis. We all  
went over to Jeffrey Village last night. They  
have opened up the one on the inside where  
they have the winter dances + you can get  
in free. It's awfully nice + we had a good  
time. I didn't dance with anyone so don't  
get mad at me. I just sat + observed. You  
have a very faithful wife. I couldn't even  
think of anyone but you. I'm so much in  
love with you that I don't even know  
other men exist. I couldn't enjoy the  
company of anyone but you. So you can  
be sure that I wouldn't look at another

I am going to save almost all of it so I can come to you when you want me to.

I hope it soon. I'm awfully impatient aren't you? My whole body longs for you. I ache all over for your caresses & kisses. Your letters make me so full of passion & make me hunger than look for you.

I would give any thing to be with you & love again. That's all I want in life.

You are every thing to me & I long to be with you. I love you more than is possible.

If only I were with you I could show you just how I really love you. Actions prove so much more than words. So lets have a little action. do you agree?

It sure is nice & warm here in old Ky. We could have such fun if you were here.

person. I love you so much Sonny. I miss you terribly. Honestly. I'm just not myself anymore. Without you I'm a completely different person. I won't be normal again until you are with me. I hope we can be together soon. I can't live without you. But I'm so glad you're still here in this country. Try to stay as long as you can. But that is not for us to say. I'm only too thankful that you have been as fortunate in the past. Lets both pray that you will continue to be as fortunate.

Sweetheart, my allotment never has come so I don't suppose I'll get it this month. I was hoping it would come for I am almost broke. I need some more clothes & underwear & I sure do hope it comes. I

Have those patches that you wore when you were a cadet? I was just wondering if you kept them or threw them away. Honey, I'll send you some air mail stamps when ever I get some. But I haven't been in town recently. Why don't you send the letters free? They would get here just as fast & then you wouldn't have to spend your money on stamps. Honey doll. I haven't gotten my midriff pajamas yet. I haven't been able to afford them. Any way, I can't wear them for you as I'm not in a hurry. But I'm going to get them as soon as I can. It's getting hot & they'll be swell to sleep in. I sure miss you when I awake each morning. I love to find you in bed with me. It feels so good to smuggle wife to you & kiss you. Oh Sonny, how I miss you. Let's try to be with each other real soon. I love & adore you  
Your passionate handsome wife  
Lorraine

What consolation.

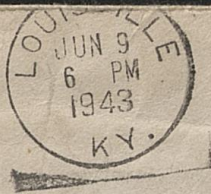
I'm reading a pretty good book right now. It's a pocket book I bought for you. As soon as you know how long you're going to be at Wendover, I'll send you a box. But I don't want to send it unless I know you won't be moved. So let me know. Anyway, the book is The Case of the Stuttering Bishop. It's a Perry Mason mystery. Very good. Do you still have those books I left with you at Biloxi? Why don't you send some of that stuff to me so you won't have so much to carry around? Send it in a big box or some thing & I'll keep it for you. You said you have a lot of letters & things that were in your way. Honey, I'd get rid of all of junk so you won't have to make your barracks bag so heavy. You'll probably be moving a lot & you can't be bothered with all those things.



7/ I didn't get any mail from you this morning. I guess I'll get some this afternoon. I washed my hair this morning & it's getting lighter since the sun is so hot. My hair always gets lighter in summer because the sun bleaches it. I've got my shorts on & a shirt & nothing else. Boy it sure feels cool. I have to get some new shorts when my money comes. These are getting faded & I got paint on them. I love you so awfully much. In fact I'm wild about you. I hope the food is good at your new field. Do you really think you'll get to be a cpl. or sgt. real soon? Gee I hope so. Won't it sound good to be called Sgt. Canary? You're so wonderful. I know that you'll be the handsomest Sgt. in the air corps. I wish I was there to sew on your stripes for you. Sonny, do you still

6/ I just came in out of the yard where I have been helping Tom & Sis. We have a terrible time trying to keep the weeds out of the garden. You should see how fast they grow. We are putting strings up the garage for the beans to climb on. I wish you were here to help weed the garden with us. I wouldn't mind it at all if I could stop & see you gracefully pulling a weed. I stay out all I can so I can get tan. I haven't so far been successful but I won't give up until I do. I hope I get as brown as you are. I'll bet I'd look funny. I'm really becoming you & it makes you ten times as handsome as you already are. Keep on grooming those hairs on your chest. I'll get to see them one of these days. I hope it soon.

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Go to a hotel in freemont  
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Sonny

4/ if it were possible I would come on the next train. Be patient & I'll see how I feel. I'll go to the doctor & ask him if he thinks I could take the trip. If he thinks I can then I will try to get some money some where & I will come to you. Its a four day ride on the ~~side~~ train so you can see how tiring some it would be. I'd have to get a full-on reservation because I couldn't sleep on a day coach for four nights. I'd be a wreck by the time I got to Utah. So just hang on a while & I'll let you know how soon I can come. Please don't be mad at me Sonny.

Honey, remember the girl who used to work at Stewarts with me, her name was Marilyn McLean & she was real cute? I don't know if you remember her or not but anyway she got married & moved to New York. I wrote to her for a long time but she didn't answer

June 10, 1943 3  
Thurs. morning

My Sweet Precious Darling Angel Husband:

How is my favorite soldier this bright & cheery morning? I'm fine but I sure wish you were here to share it with me. You are so wonderful & I miss you so much. The more I see of other soldiers the more I appreciate & adore you. You are really superior in all ways & I'm so much in love with you. I want <sup>you</sup> so much that I'm slowly starving for your love making. So you had better hurry & get that furlough or I'll be so weak from the want of love that I'll be a mere shell of a human being. This pen is getting awful. I can't write decently with it. All the ink runs out & makes my writing

7 I would give any thing to be with you. I am not enjoying myself now & I'm as lone some as the very devil but I think we'll have to wait a little while longer. Don't be angry with me or think I don't want to come. I love you & want you more than any thing. Please believe me & don't think I'm not willing to come but in the first place we haven't any money & in the second place I don't think I could make that long trip. In a little while I'll be alright again & then I can come to you & we will be together all the time. I'm as impatient as you are & I want to be with you more than any thing. I'll try my best to come as soon as I can but right now I just couldn't. Tell me if you are angry with me. Maybe you will think I just don't want to come but believe me Sonny

7 look chick. This paper is terrible too. In other words I'm just a mess. I think I'll have to treat myself to some new paper. Sonny, I just got a letter from you & in it you want me to come out to you. I don't have any money & I haven't gotten my allotment yet so I can't possibly come for awhile. I don't want to borrow money from your parents & mine can't afford it just now. Maybe when you are moved to Iowa or some place closer we can be together. Honey, I want to come just as much as you want me to but I don't think we'd be happy living like that. I really don't think I could work. I'm well but the doctor said I was supposed to rest & take it easy for a while yet. I hate to be such a weakling for I know you must be disgusted with me but I can't help it.

I love to hear people speak with a soft voice. John thought I had one too. He said he liked the way I said you-all. Do you like my voice Sweet heart? I'm so crazy about you. In fact I adore you. You are the handsomest & cutest boy in the air corps. I think you are wonderful. I just called the drug store to see if they had any films & he said they are practically off the market. He hasn't had any for a long time. If you can get any send them to me. I just can't get them up here. I wish I could find some. I want to send you some pictures. I'm going to get some new yellow shorts & a striped tee shirt set. I want to take some pictures in them so you can see how I look in shorts. Maybe I can get some films in town. I'll try. I'll also get you some stamps. I love & adore you. Your love sick wife believe

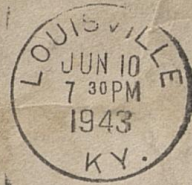
my last letter so I haven't heard from her for a long time. Well, anyway, this morning in the paper I saw an announcement that she had a little boy. Isn't that swell? She named him Bruce Winston Bingham. That's a cute name isn't it? I think I'll write to her & congratulate her. Maybe she didn't get my last letter. It may have been lost. I liked her a lot & we were awfully good friends. Her husband is a four F. He has a broken wrist that never did heal right & he has to wear a brace on it. They are the ones who got married over in Jeffersonville & were married in name only until they got to New York. Remember I told you about it & you said he must not be a man because he was married in name only. I thought that was so funny. Maybe told me that &

7/ to you but someone threw the paper away.

One of the boys from ~~the~~ Bowman Field was talking about the Waacs out there. I asked him if he or the other boys liked them. He said no that they were all honky or old + they looked like professional blind dates. He said the nurses were cute but they were all officers. So the girls in uniform must not be so swell. All the soldiers seem as if they don't like them. I guess they consider them the same as men. What do you think about them? Sorry, do you think I have a Southern accent? That friend of Sis's said he thought I really had an accent. He said he didn't think Sis or Tom had one. But he said I talk slow + soft like a typical Southerner. I'm glad I have an accent

6/ + almost fell over. How would you like to be married in name only? We are now rent we? Sue Campbell has never answered my last letter. I suppose she is visiting Gene. Have you ever heard from him yet? Sorry, did you ever answer Paul's letter? I suppose he gave you his address. Sister met some boys from Bowman Field + both of them came last night + were they looking daggers at each other. One of them just came from Sheppard's Field, Texas + he is mad at Texas. He hates it. He said the dust was awful + I told him he should have been at Avenque Field if he wanted to see the dust. By the way, there was a picture of a girl who just received her wings at Sweetwater in the paper last week. I was going to cut it out + send it

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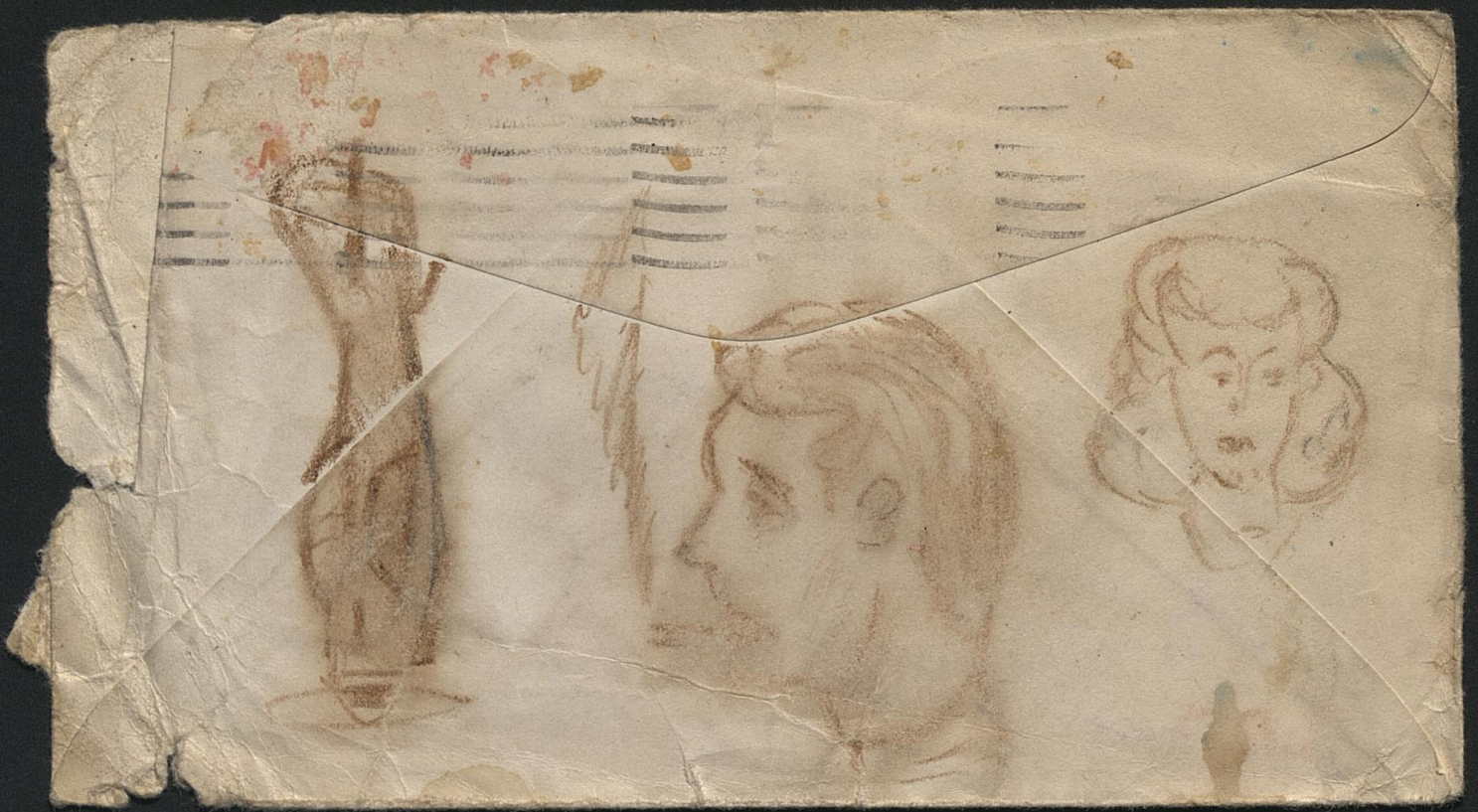
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Airmail

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4/ because he married her. He says that death is his only way out & he is heart broken & the most miserable person in the world. What do you think about that? We can't figure it out. I can't realize how a person would marry anyone under those conditions. Surely he had enough sense to see what he was doing. He always told us that marriage was such an important step; that he would never rush blindly into it. He is either crazy or a big story teller. I think he must be a master at the art of lying. I wish you could read his letters. They are really pathetic. He sure can write a lot of baloney. He should write a book. He must have a powerful imagination. Tell me what you think about it.

Honey, it's getting late & I'm tired. I'll finish this in the morning. Good night angel.

June 11, 1943  
Friday

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My Sweetest Darling Precious Angel Husband:

How are you today? I love you three times as much today as I did yesterday. You are so sweet & wonderful. I'm the most fortunate person in the world to have you for my husband. I want you more & more each second. In fact I can hardly live without you. I hope we can be together soon. This separation is driving me mad. It's a terrible feeling to love a person as desperately as I love you & to think it would be impossible to be with that person. That's how I feel. And it's a terrible feeling as you no doubt know. Maybe this horrible war will be over soon & then we can be together forever & ever. I love you so much & I dearly wish that I could come to you. Try

It's rather late don't you think? I guess she felt funny coming down & not bringing me anything.

John sent Sister another letter yesterday & he is still blue & unhappy. So he says. He is coming back to Ft. Knox. Won't that be a mess? His wife is down in Brownsville & he isn't going to send for her. He says he hates her & doesn't care if he never sees her again. Sis asked him how he came to marry her if he didn't love her. He said that he doesn't understand it himself. He said that he went to visit her parents & she was home & he went back a few more times. Finally he found himself proposing to her & before he knew it he was married. He said he knew her when he lived there before & he broke off from her three months before he went into the army. He hates her & his parents are mad at him

allowment hasn't come yet & I'm almost broke. I have a few dollars but it sure won't last long. I have to get some shorts & shirts & I need some more clothes. I'm going to write & find out why my money hasn't arrived yet. After all they take it out of your salary & I should get it. You can't send me any for you don't get enough. When it does come I can send you some money. I know you can't live on the small amount you receive now.

I went to your house yesterday & I came back tonight. I had a rather nice time. I don't know if I'll stay over night when it gets hotter because it's so damn hot in your upstairs. I guess I'll go over & stay all day & come home at night.

My grandmother was down today & she brought me a luncheon set for a wedding gift.

1/4 doubt if its possible to get any. I'll try my best because I know you love to get pictures. Try to get some taken of your self. I'd love to see you in your summer uniform. I love you so much & I wish I could come down to you. Just keep your fingers crossed & I may be down & surprise you. If theres a way possible I'll try to get down to you. The mail takes about four days to get here. Thats the same as it was in Salt Lake. I hope you get my mail regularly. I depend on your letters & I know you do the same. Letters are a poor means of keeping up the spirit but they help a lot, dont they? I look forward to your mail & if I don't get a letter I get so damned disgusted & I fuss about the poor mail man. We sure do give that mail man a lot of heck. Everyone on the street waits for him & if he isnt on time or doesnt have any mail he gets the blackest looks. Well. I'll write more tomorrow. Tell Dick hello & be good when you go in town. I'll be seeing you soon. Your Adoring <sup>loving</sup> <sup>loving</sup> wife  
Lorraine

June 12, 1943  
Sat. morning

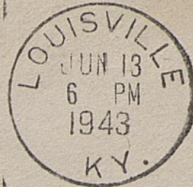
Good morning, my sweet precious angel. Its such a lovely day here. I want to go in town & get my shorts but its so hot I might wait until Monday.

How is the Intelligence work coming along? Do you feel very important in your new job? I think its wonderful that you are so smart. I'm very proud of you & I love you some thing awful. You are the light of my life. I wish you were here. This is the ideal day for a picnic. Didn't we have a lot of fun on all those picnics last year? I'd really make the sandwiches look nice this time. Did you get annoyed at them last year? I'll admit they were messy but I couldn't get them to look nice. I'd put my head into it now & make them look simply mouth watering.

7/ I'm here + be sick all the time. Please don't hate me or think I'm just telling you this because I don't want to come. Sorry, I would be on my way right now if it were possible. But I know you understand. You know I want to be with you + miss you more every day. I'm not content or happy without you + I never will be. But maybe our luck will be better next month + I will come to you. I wish that old allotment would come so I could save some money. Honey, don't bother sending me any. Keep it for your self. You need it more than I do. So don't think about sending me any money. I'll get along until my allotment comes. I'll send you some air mail stamps as soon as I get into town to get some. I was going in today but it's too hot so I guess I'll wait until Monday. I'm going to try to get some films + I'll send you some pictures. But film is so damned hard to get. I

2/ I'm sitting here waiting for the mail man. I hope I get some mail. I didn't yesterday. I think he is coming now. I've went out to get it. I wish he'd hurry. I got three letters. I'll stop now + read them. Oh happy day! I just finished reading your letters + you sound so happy + contented. Honey, I sure am glad that you like your new work. Your letters are so nice + long. It took me about a half hour to read them. You sure do write interesting letters. Angel, I guess by now you are getting mail from me. I hope so. Maybe later on I can come out to you if you still want me to. I know you are impatient + lovely as I am but it's impossible for me to come right now. I hope you understand + aren't angry with me. But it would be better to wait + know that I am well than to get down

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Via Air Mail

Exhaustive

June 13, 1943

Sunday

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My Sweetest Darling Precious Angel Husband:

Honey please excuse this paper. It all I could find & its too hot to hunt for some thing better. Today is really a scorcher. We got up & went to nine o'clock mass. It was powerful hot even then. I have to get dressed when I finish this letter. I guess we'll walk over to the park or just stay at home. Its so hot I guess it would be terrible over in the park. I want to go in town tomorrow if it isnt too hot. I'm going to get some dress material. I havent any summer clothes at all. If my allotment doesnt hurry & come I dont know what I'll do. I need so many things. I wish you would send me about two or three dollars if you can spare it. I owe the doctor some more



money & I haven't any way to pay him.  
I thought my allotment would be here by  
now & I told him I'd pay him then. But  
I guess I'll have to write to Washington &  
see why I haven't gotten it. Darling, don't  
send me the money if you can't afford to.  
I guess he'll wait until next month but  
I hate to owe any body & it would ease  
my conscience if he were paid. Just  
don't send it if you have to do without  
some thing else. Maybe I can borrow some  
from ~~mom~~.

Honey, what are the titles of the new  
Capt. North books you bought? Save  
them so I can read them when I come  
to see you. I think his books are swell.  
I'm reading a good one now. Its called  
The Man who Killed Lincoln. Its awfully  
interesting. John Wilkes Booth must  
have been a fascinating person. He  
simply oozed with charm. Its a shame  
he couldn't have escaped from those  
old Yankee soldiers. Don't you agree?

(3)

Darling Sonny. I miss you so much on Sundays. The day seems so lonesome & dull. I miss you more all the time. I'm so crazy about you & want you so damned much. I ache all over for your passionate caresses & kisses. Every place I go I see a soldier & it makes me so blue because it's ~~not~~ you. The park has three times as many soldiers this year as it did last year. So you can imagine how crowded it is. There are very few civilians left. The soldiers really have taken over here. There is Bowman Field with the glider personnel & Camp Campbell & Fort Knox. So the army really rates in this town. Sis goes with a cute boy from Bowman & he is a glider commando. He is from Detroit & he is awfully nice. He is only

nineteen years old & they have a lot of  
fun. We went over to Betty's last night  
by "we" I mean mom & dad & Norman  
& your mother & dad. We stayed rather  
late. In fact it was almost two  
when we got home. I can't enjoy myself  
going out with older people. It's so dull  
mom gets mad at me because I get  
bored but I sure can say that I  
don't exactly enjoy myself. I'll be  
glad when we can go out together again.  
I never have you out with older people  
& I never did want to but now it's  
either that or stay at home so I go out.  
But it gets awfully tiresome. I really  
am ungrateful I know because mom  
goes out of her way to try to make me  
enjoy myself. I guess I shouldn't be so  
mean. I'll have to turn over a new leaf.  
But you can appreciate how I feel. You  
wouldn't like it either. But it's only for  
a short while & then I'll be with you  
again & I can begin living again.

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What do you do with your self on Sunday? Is it as dull for you as it is for me? I hope not. I love you so much I wouldn't want you to be unhappy. You're every thing to me & I want you more than mere words can tell. You're so wonderful & sweet. Honey I hated to hear that you had to have your curls cut off. That's terrible. I don't see what difference it makes if your hair is long or short. The army is crazy. I'll be so happy when you come home again & never have to think of the army any more. That will be the most wonderful day of my life. My whole life has changed since you are gone. Nothing is the same without you. I just eat & sleep & go through each day like a wound up toy. Every thing I do

is done mechanically. I'm just living  
for the day when I can be with you  
again. I love you so much it really  
hurts.

I saw in the paper this morning  
that Wanda Joyce Williams is engaged.  
To some boy from Indiana. No wedding  
plans have been announced yet. I saw  
Doris Schen over at Bitzer last night.  
She didn't see me. She was with some  
soldiers & girls. Bud Brashear is home  
on leave from the Navy. He's been here  
for about two weeks now. He just got  
back from Africa so they say. He looks  
nice. I don't think he was wounded. I  
so wish you could get a furlough. It  
seems as though everyone is getting home.  
Did your mother tell you that Louie  
Effinger is down in Florida? I thought  
he was still at Ft. Knox. The boy next  
door is still out there & he's been in  
service November. Some people have all  
the luck. I thought he would be moved

when he flunked O.C. S. He sure is lucky.

Remember that picture we saw at Keeler Field called Forever & a Day? It was historical & had a lot of stars in it? Well, its just coming in town next week. It sure took a long time to get here didn't it? Do you all have a show on the post down there? I guess you do if its such a long way from town. I hope you get to go into Salt Lake soon. Can you get beer on the post? That town isn't on the map. I looked on all the maps we have & its not to be found. So you must really be in a forsaken place. Do you think you'll still be out there on my birthday? I hope you get moved closer this way so I could come to you & we could

celebrate my birthday in a really  
good old way. Why dont you ask  
your C.O. if you could get off &  
come home for your wife's birthday.  
Maybe he would let you. Or would  
he give you a good kick? I'm glad  
your Lt. is nice. Maybe you'll be a  
Lt. real soon if you keep up the  
good work. Have you written to Paul  
yet? He wrote Sis a letter the other  
day & he wanted to know why you  
hadn't answered him. Write him a  
few lines; it will make him happy.

Angel, I love you so much. That  
all I can say. Those three words keep  
running around my brain & they block  
out every thing else I want to say.  
So you'll just have to keep on listening  
to me. Does it bore you? I know it  
doesn't. You angel. Well, I guess I'll  
get cleaned up now. I'll a mess. I have  
on my old dirty shorts & they are really  
dirty. Write you again tomorrow. Your <sup>homesome</sup> <sub>wife</sub>  
no lipstick on. XXXXXXXXXX Lalana

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Monday

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My Sweetest Darling Precious Handsome Husband:

I got two letters from you today  
& I sure was happy to hear from you. Your mail  
cheers me up & keeps me going. Honey, in one  
of your letters you said that you were glad I  
was having such a swell time at home. Whatever  
gave you that idea? I'm not at all. I go out  
with Tom & Si but I don't have a swell time.  
And also I don't dance with the YFs over at  
the Village. I don't dance with strangers & you  
know it. So honey don't get the idea in your  
mind that I am just having a ripping good  
time because I'm not. I miss you all the time  
& I don't enjoy going out with anyone but you.  
You make me mad when you say things like that.  
You know that I love you with all my heart & body.

I haven't the slightest desire to go out with any  
one else. So please sorry, don't write things like  
that. It makes me feel as if you don't think I  
love you. And I do love you desperately. In  
fact I'm so damned mad because I can't come  
out to you. If I had the money I would come.  
But I haven't gotten it yet so I guess I won't  
get it until next month. Maybe you will be  
there only a short time + when you are moved  
to Sioux City, Iowa I can come out there. I do  
want to be with you more than any thing.  
I want to feel your arms around me pressing  
me close to you + feel you kissing me forever.  
I long for your caresses + your divine love  
making. I miss it so much. It feels terrible to  
be a wife whose husband is miles + miles away.  
Don't you feel the same way? I know you do.  
I love you so awfully much + adore + worship you.

I think you are the most wonderful person in the world. You're so handsome. I haven't seen any one yet who could even hope to compare to you. You have everything any girl could want or even dream of having. And to think that you love me & you are my husband. The thought sends chills of desire up my spine. I think of you every second. Oh Sonny, I wish this old war was over so we could live like other married people. We sure haven't had much of a married life. We've been married 19 weeks Thursday & we have only been together six weeks. But that's better than not being married at all, isn't it? We are luckier than some people. This war is ruining everyone's life, so we aren't alone. We'll be together soon & then we can make up for the time we've been apart. It seems like years since I've seen you.

mother & I went in town today & was it crowded.  
It was hot as hell & the people were pushing  
& shoving like mad. I got some cute material  
to make a dress. Its rose & gray stripes. I'm  
going to cut it out tonight. I'm tired of going  
out every night. I'd rather stay home but its  
so hot the house is miserable. We usually take  
a walk over to John's or go down to Snickers. But  
the front porch suits me just as well. You should  
have been here last night. Sis had a date with  
two soldiers & they both came. One came in the  
afternoon. He's the one she likes & he stayed on  
& on until the other one came about 7 o'clock.  
The last one got mad & he wouldn't even speak  
to the first one. Finally Sis called Lillian & asked  
her to come over & help her out. Well, Sis, Lillian,  
Mrs. Grib, Norman, the two soldiers & myself  
went down to the inside Gypsy Village. This one  
sat there & wouldn't say a word. He dined with

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Sis + told her he was very angry. She took off  
& told him she couldn't help it & so he left. Then  
every thing was alright. It sure was a mess. Joe  
was so mad he wouldn't do a darn thing. I guess  
that's the last she'll see of him. She didn't like  
him any way. You should have seen all the gutter  
bugs over there. There were ~~two~~<sup>two</sup> girls dancing & one  
had shorts on & were they hot. They were giving  
all the soldiers the eye. One soldier asked Lillian  
to dance & she did. A real cute one asked me but  
I refused. I positively will not dance with a  
stranger. I never did & I never will. So you can  
have complete trust in me. Sorry. Even if I do go  
over there I don't look at any one. I just sit  
with Mom - Mrs. Grieb & mind my own business.  
Honey, have you written to Raul yet? Sister got  
a letter from him today & he keeps asking why  
you don't write. So just ~~scrawl~~<sup>scrawl</sup> a few lines &

send them to him. He said that maybe you didn't have his address on the letter he sent you so I'll give it to you. Cpl. Paul Villaverd, 351st Base Hdq. + A. B. Sq. - Army Air Base - Casper, Wyoming. Sister isn't going to write to John anymore. She doesn't want him to think he can still come here if he comes back to Knox. Did you ever get my letter with the clipping of Lil Abner in it? Didn't you think it was funny? I did. I laugh at that every morning. It's really crazy. Have you heard of any more jokes? Sissy told me some yesterday. They're very good but I'll tell them to you. Did you hear about the woman who cried + cried because her husband was going to shoot craps + she didn't know how to cook them? And the moron who took toilet paper to a crap game? And the moron who <sup>committed</sup> ~~committed~~ suicide because he was smoking + threw the wrong butt out the window. Aren't they gonies?

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Norman told me this one. which stretched the  
farthest, skin or rubber? Skin, because in the  
bible it says that Moses tied his ass to a  
tree & walked three miles. Yet it? I almost  
dropped when he told me that. He sounded so  
cute telling it. He's in swimming right now. He  
waits until the sun goes down so he won't  
get sun burned. He got an awful burn last  
week & now he's tan. His freckles are as  
big as ever & he talks twice as much. Honey  
I wish you could get a freckle. I want to see  
you so damn bad. I miss you so much & I  
long for you with every breath of life in me.  
I want your love making & caresses so much. I'm  
so love starved & full of love for you. Each time  
I think of you I get twice as passionate & I



think of you all the time so you can imagine how passionate I am. I would give my eye teeth to love you right now. You are the man of my dreams + I want to be with you all the time. Just think of all the time we've wasted. We will have to love for weeks + weeks to get caught up on all we have lost. Honey doll, I think your typing is swell. You really are good. I don't see how you can type so well + not make mistakes because you haven't taken it long. Usually it takes a few months to learn but you sure caught on quick. Of course you are so darned smart. I wish I was that smart. But I'd rather you be smarter than me. I like to know that you have all the brains in our family. I think marriages are happier when the husband is more brilliant than the wife don't you? Tell me what you think. I'll be seeing you soon. I love you.

Your love starved wife  
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P.S. My cousin got married to the  
glider pilot this morning.


June 15, 1943

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Tuesday morn.

My Sweetest Precious Handsome Angel Husband:

Good morning, sweetheart. How are  
you this lovely day? Its really hot here today  
& I have a million things I have to do. I must  
wash out some clothes & cut out my dress & start  
sewing on it. I hope it turns out as cute as I  
think it will. Ill draw a diagram for you so

you can see how its going to look.  That  
a very rough (~~and it's not~~ <sup>I can't spell it</sup>) drawing. Its <sup>stripes</sup>  
material & I'm putting rick rack around <sup>the</sup>  
bottom of it. You'll see it real soon as I <sup>won't</sup>

go into detail. The funniest thing happened last  
night. We stayed home & I had a stiff back. I was  
lying out in the grass Saturday trying to get my legs  
tan & I got a cold in my back. I'm so darned sore  
& stiff I can't move. Well, anyway, I was sitting

in the living room with a hot ~~hot~~ water bottle  
to my back & doing embroidery. Mom was lying  
on the sofa half asleep & we were listening to  
the Lux Radio. We looked awful & who walked  
in but Lillian with some strange soldier. We  
were so embarrassed. Honestly Sonny, that poor  
guy looked at us & I guess he thought we were  
crazy. They had just come from Mary Traquet's,  
shot a girl down the street & she was all sore  
with lumbago & then he came up here & I had  
a big hot water bottle on my back. He looked  
scared. I think he thought he must have walked  
into a mad house. Lillian said he was a new  
one & he looked like a Swede or a Russian. She  
really can get some good ones. Sonny doll, I  
sure hope you're receiving my mail. I get yours  
fine & I'm so damned glad to know you like your  
new assignment. Honey, why don't you go to Nevada  
on your weekends? I'll bet it's pretty there.

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Have you ever heard the new song " Nevada " ?  
Yeah. It's really pretty. It's almost my favorite.  
" You'll Never Know " is about the prettiest song  
out now. " Black Magic " is on the way out but  
I still love it. Do you ever hear The Hit Parade  
any more ? How do you like Frank Sinatra ? Do  
you remember a long time ago when we saw him  
in a picture & I was so crazy about him ? He  
wasn't a star then ; he was only beginning & I still  
recognized his talent. Isn't that funny ? I must  
be psychic or some thing. Don't you agree ? I love  
you & so I must have a keen eye for heavenly  
objects. Just look back & think of all the girls  
who adored you. How did you ever decide that you  
loved me best ? I loved you from the first  
moment I saw you. I can still remember so clearly  
the night we met. You looked so cute. You had on

a green slack suit & you really looked divine.  
York. I love to think back on all the things  
we've done & all the places we've gone. You were  
always so sweet & thoughtful. Remember when I  
worked at the court house & you used to come &  
take me home whenever you had the car? And  
when you gave me the engagement ring & we had  
to wait about two hours for it to come back  
from the repair shop where it was being made  
smaller. I was so thrilled & happy when you  
gave me that ring. And when you asked me to go  
steady good, was I happy. You're the sweetest  
cutest, most heavenly boy alive. I hope I can  
come to you soon. I'm so darned lonesome for you.  
You're so wonderful & divine. I love you so much.  
Please think of me a lot & don't forget me so fast  
because I'm so far away from you. I wish I could

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hope a train right now + be with you in a few days. Maybe when you are moved some place else I can come to you. Possibly you will be moved by the time I get ready to come down. I have to get some money because I haven't any now. I don't like to borrow any from our parents. But I feel swell now + I think, in fact I know, I can come to you when you move to Iowa. I wish I didn't have to work when I visit you. I'd rather have an apt. or a room of my own so I could cook for you + really make a home for you. Do you think I will have to work when I come down? In Iowa, you probably won't be on such a deserted field + maybe you can come into town a lot + we could be with each other all the time. Wouldn't that be swell? I love to think I'm going to be with you soon again. I'm so crazy about you + want you so much.

Do you miss me as much as I miss you? I'll bet you don't because you have all your friends around you & you can go out. But I can't go any place. It looks so awful for a girl to go out by herself. All these soldiers think she is just a peck up. Boys are luckier than girls for they can go any place they want to & people don't say a thing about them. But I'm content to wait until I'm with you again. I'd rather stay home & think of you. I guess I'll close this letter now & begin to wash my things. Then I have to cut my dress out. I haven't gotten any shorts yet. Maybe I'll get them the next time I go in town. I wish that damned money would come. I sure could use it. I'm only going to spend a small part of it & save the rest. I want to keep all I can for my train fare to you. I hope I can come soon. Also I hope this damned stiffness leaves my back. I feel like I'm in a strait jacket. I love you & adore you.  
Your lonesome wife  
I'll love



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Thursday

My Dearest Sweetest Precious Handsome Angel Husband.

I just got back from town & I'm worn out. Boy, when you go up with our family they really take you through the mill. It was so hot & my feet burn on the bottom from walking around on the hot sidewalks. I wore my sandals & they are not much better than going bare foot. I love those sandals. They're the ones I had last year & you liked them so much. I got a striped tee shirt to wear with my shorts & it's so nice & cool. I have it & my shorts on right now. Don't you wish you were here so I could thrill you? I'd like that a lot. I just love to get you all hot & bothered so you will make love to me. But you make love to me anyway

don't you? You're such a sweet angel. I'm so  
crazy about you. I dreamed about you last night  
but I can't recall what the dream was. You are  
in my dreams every night. Oh yes! I remember  
now what that dream was. I thought that you  
were still here & we were sitting on a sofa some  
where & you grabbed me & kissed me so hard I  
couldn't breathe & you wouldn't let me go. It seemed  
so real. I thought I was playing with your hair  
but you were a blonde. Your hair was real light &  
you really did seem real. I wish that it wasn't  
just a dream. I live for your kisses & caresses.  
I'm so impatient to see you & be with you again.  
I want to feel your strong arms around me &  
your lips on mine in a passionate kiss. I'm as  
damned hungry for you. I miss you more each second.  
Every time I see a soldier with an air corps insignia  
on his sleeve I get so lonely & wish it was you.

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I stayed home last night + cut out some shorts. Sis's boy friend came in + he stayed here + we had a nice time. He's the cutest thing. His name is Dal + he's really the most talkative person I've ever seen. He never keeps still. We had some sandwiches + RC colas + Mom + I ate some limburger cheese but none else would touch it. I think he comes to visit the family more than to see Sis. She hasn't heard from John any more so I guess he won't write again. I hope he doesn't. It's better if she forgets him. He wasn't meant for her anyway. Honey, I haven't heard from you yet today + I'm just dying for a letter. I may get one in the late mail. I hope so. I'm not going over to your house this week because we are going to paint the kitchen + I have to help. We got a new couch cover today + some flannel material to cover the chairs so.

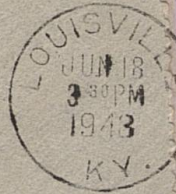
our house should look better now. It really  
was getting run down. I came ~~do~~ home & washed  
my head. I hope it hurries & dries. I called your  
mother & asked her if she wanted to go over to  
Lippin Village tonight & she said she would like to.  
So I guess I'll call her again in a few minutes &  
see if she still wants to go. Honey doll, I got  
some new finger nail polish today. Its a light  
summer shade called Chelbean. Boy, oh boy, I  
am broke now. I thought I might as well be all  
the way broke as nearly broke so I just went  
ahead & got the nail polish. I hope you ain't  
angry with me. I simply had to have some nail  
polish. I hope my allotment hurries & comes. It may  
come before the end of the month. Some women  
over at the library said that the first time she  
got hers it came on the 26<sup>th</sup> so mine still may come.

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Well, I don't guess I'm going to get any mail this afternoon. It's too late for him to come now. I'm so hungry. I hope we have something good for supper. I'm starved for food & for love. But I would rather have love any old day. I'd fast for a week if I could be with you & love all the time. Would you do the same? I know you would. I almost starved down in Biloxi. I was really hungry all the time down there. The town was full of soldiers & I felt funny going in alone by myself but I managed to keep alive. I'd do it again for you. Honey, I got two little old cactus plants today & they're the cutest things. I'm going to plant them after supper. I've got about ten plants now. I'm getting a lot together so we will have a lot of plants in our house. Won't that be

miss? We'll have a bright cheery home full of  
plants. I think a house with some sort of plants  
in it isn't a home at all. They keep your  
spirit up + make the rooms cheerful. Pop has  
gone down to get some beer + I sure am glad. I'm  
so thirsty. I eat + drink all the time but I still  
don't gain weight. I wish I could get real curvy  
like Betty Grable so I'd thrill you until your  
ears wiggled. Do you like Betty G.? I thought  
all the boys + especially soldiers, liked her.  
But Val says he doesn't. He said she doesn't appeal  
to him at all. I don't think you liked her much  
either. did you? Oh by the way. I'm getting myself  
in the habit of saying eye-thu instead of see-thu.  
+ think it sounds more sophisticated don't you?  
I slip every now + then but mostly I catch my  
self + say eye-thu. Tell me if you like it. I love  
you so much + also adore + want you. your lonesome  
wife Lillene

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Friday

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My Sweetest Precious Darling Angel Husband:

I got three letters from you today & in one of them was the insurance paper & the money order for \$5. Thank you angel, you shouldn't have sent it to me. I don't need any money so just keep all you get & don't worry about me. I don't need anything & I can get along until the allotment comes. Just have a good time on your money & don't bother about me. Honey, you sounded as if you are mad at me because I can't come to Utah. I know it's a big disappointment to you. Maybe you should have married some girl who could follow you all around the country & not an old weakling like me. I'm sorry I can't take it but it's not

my fault. I'd gladly come if I could. I'll  
try to come to Iowa when you go there but Sonny  
& I haven't any money & I don't see how I could  
possibly come <sup>now</sup> even if I could stand the trip.  
You made me feel like a heel because I  
hate to have you think I'm a disappointment.  
But I guess I am. I don't blame you for  
wanting to down your sorrows when you go to  
Iowa. I guess I'm just a failure as far  
as being a wife is concerned. Please don't  
hate me & think I'm just staying home because  
I'm enjoying myself. That is not true. I'm  
not contented without you & I never will be.  
Maybe you don't believe me but I'm telling  
you the truth. I miss you more each day. It's  
awfully hard being apart from you. I have nothing  
to look forward to but seeing you again. So

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don't think that you are the only one who feels bad. I'd come right this minute if I could but you don't realize how hard it is to look for rooms & worry about money all the time. I was a wreck in Biloxi. You know how hard a time we had there. But if you can find a place where you are moved I'll gladly come. If you are going to be in Utah for any length of time I guess I could come there & stay if my allotment comes. I don't want to borrow any money from your parents or mine. We owe them so much already & besides it would take too much. The train fare would be about \$80 because I'd have to have a pullman for the ride in four days long. I'm glad that most of the boys' wives are with them. I suppose they are terribly happy. Do you feel disgusted with me when you see that other

girls can travel all the time & it doesn't bother them? I imagine you do. I only hope you don't find someone else in your loneliness & turn to her for comfort. That happens so often. I suppose I deserve if I can't be like other girls & follow my husband as I should. I'll try to gain weight so I can have myself built up & ready to come to you real soon. Please don't be angry with me Sonny. I couldn't stand it if I knew you were.

If you really want me too, I'll borrow the money & come. Tell me so I'll know what to do. Do you think I have failed you Sonny?

Norman is going to write you a letter soon. He is never home & I seldom see him. He is still as crazy as ever & is getting over the girls. It was only a passing fancy. He goes in swimming a lot & today he cut the grass. He also got his hair cut.

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We went out with your mother last night & we had a rather good time. We went over to the village for a while & then went to O'Brien's. We wanted to get some hamburgers but it was almost twelve o'clock so we couldn't.

Mom & I painted the kitchen today & it really looks nice. But it makes the arms awfully tired. Honey doll, I'm sorry you had to get more shots. Is your arm terribly sore? I'd love to rub it for you & make the soreness leave. I love you so much Sonny & want you so bad. I think of you all the time. You never leave my mind. Do you know that we were married 19 weeks yesterday? I'm so happy to be married to you. I wish we could be together all the time. We could have so darn much fun.

I'm not the same person without you. I wish  
I could come down to you. I really would love to.  
I'd be so happy if I could be with you. You  
are the only thing I live for or even care about.  
You're my whole life + I can't live without  
you. I'll be so glad when this war is over + we  
can live like normal human beings again. This  
way that we are living now is just like being  
half alive. We've had such a short married life  
+ we love each other so much it's a shame  
we have to be apart. Of course we aren't the  
only ones. We are just one ~~couple~~ couple out of  
about two million. I'm thankful that you are  
still in this country + safe + that I hear from  
you every day. I love you + want you to be happy  
so please don't feel blue about me. Just forget me  
+ have a good time with your boy friends.

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How are Dick + Gerald + Chris? Do you still go around with them + have a lot of fun? I hope you do. Do they think I'm awful because I'm not coming out to you? I guess they do. I'll bet they are sympathizing with you + saying that your wife must not love you, aren't they? I hope you can understand why I'm not coming yet. Please try to + don't start going out with other girls just to forget me. I love you + if you get angry with me I'll just fine away + die. I'm going to save all the money I get so I can come to you soon. I want to keep your love so I'll try to come to you just as soon as possible.

Did your mother tell you that June is going to have a baby? That's nice, isn't it? It's a shame her husband is over in Africa. She must feel terrible if she loves him as much as I love you.

I think the war will be over soon. The paper  
is full of good news & it looks as if the  
critical moment is near. The Germans will probably  
give up & then the boys will be cleaned up in  
nothing flat. I hope so. I pray all the time  
that it will soon end & you & all the other  
boys can come home safely. I'll try my best  
to come down. I would love to, Sonny, please  
believe me. I feel so awful because I can't.  
If I had the money I'd gladly come tomorrow.  
Maybe you can figure out a way for me to come.  
I think I could stand the trip but it's the  
financial part of it that's holding me back. If  
my allotment would only come. But I don't  
think I'll get it this month. When do you think  
you'll be moved from Wendover? Tell me so I'll  
know & can plan on when to come. I love you more than  
anything.

Your lovely wife, Lorraine



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Saturday

My Dearest Sweetest Precious Handsome Husband:

How is my favorite intelligence operator today? Do you still love me as much as you used to or have you got yourself another gal? You'd better not or I'll come down & beat you up. I can do it too. I'll blacken your eyes & then I'll divorce you. How would you like that? No, I really wouldn't hurt you. I'd probably get the worst of it because you're so tough & full of muscles. I'm so crazy about you. Oh, how I love you. Every day I grow more passionate & long for you with every part of my being. I could kiss you until I was unconscious & still not <sup>be</sup> ~~at~~

satisfied. You're the love of my life & my  
big moment. I sure do miss you & want you.  
God, what I would do if you were here with  
me right now. I'd probably smother you with  
hugs & kisses. I would love you so much  
you would be a physical wreck when we  
finally stopped. Maybe we wouldn't even stop.  
That's some thing to consider isn't it? Do you  
like the idea? I think it's swell. I'm  
getting more love starved for you every second.  
Right now my tongue is hanging out for some  
of your good old love making & super man kisses.  
I think of you all the time & miss you more  
than anything. I would give anything to be  
with you right now. I'd be as damned happy  
if we could love right now. I really miss you

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loving + your kisses. In fact, I miss every  
thing about you. You are every thing to me  
+ I can't stand being away from you much  
longer. This separation is slowly driving me mad.  
Isn't it awful being so far apart? I love you  
so madly. I wish I could crawl in this  
letter + jump out when you open it up. Would  
you be surprised + delighted? I'll bet you  
would. Gosh, you're wonderful. How is the  
hair on your chest coming along? Are you  
grooming it + keeping it in condition? You know  
how much I admire it so keep it in good  
shape. Have you gotten any tanner? I'd love  
to see you in the summer uniform. I wish I  
get some films somewhere. I want to send you  
some pictures of me in my shorts. I'll try to

find some. They are very hard to get.

Guess what I have been doing all day?  
I have whitened the porch floor & the top  
& the steps & the foundation. I'm so darned  
tired & worn out now I can hardly write  
this letter. I think I should have gotten  
a tiny bit of tan for the sun is very strong  
today. I'll bet I'll be stiff as a board  
tomorrow. That really is a hard job. But I  
like to do some thing to occupy my mind so  
I won't be so lonesome for you.

I thought Gerald's letter was cute. It  
was nice of him to write. He must like you  
a whole lot. I wish you'd send me a picture  
of him so I could see what he looks like. I'm  
writing him a note & I'll put it in the envelope

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so you can give it to him.

I sure did like your letter. You sound more cheerful. Your letters yesterday were so blue & depressing. You sure did sound as if you were angry at me but I don't guess you are or you wouldn't write such a sweet letter to me. I'm glad you still love me. I'm so crazy about you I couldn't bear it if you stopped loving me. So please don't ever.

Sorry angel. I hope you had a good time on your 24 hour pass. I wish I could have been with you. Tell me what you did & who you met. I sure would like to see Salt Lake City. It must be a very pretty place. How are your shots? Did your arm hurt very much? I think that's so awful to have to take

shots. what kind of shots were they? I don't think you'll be leaving this country soon do you? I mean, do you think I'll be able to come to see you before you have to leave? I hope you get a furlough soon. I want to see you so badly. I wish I could come down to see you. Maybe I will when I get my allotment. I'll get a hundred dollars next month + I can come to see you. I wish you weren't so far away. I hate to take the long trip all by myself. But I'd do any thing for you. So when I get the money I'll be down.

I suppose you have received the books I sent you, by now. I hope you like them. I'll get you some more when I see some good ones. This pen is about to drive me crazy. It scratches + I can hardly write with it. I think

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I think this is better now. I changed pens  
+ I can write better now. don't you think?

Angel pie, I can't think of much to say  
except how I love you + miss you + want you.  
That's the only thing I ever think about so don't  
get bored at my feeble attempts to tell you how  
I feel about you. Few words can't express the  
feeling in my heart or my deep undying love for  
you. Every day brings you ~~to~~ closer to me +  
brings the war nearer to an end. I have forgotten  
how it feels to live in a peaceful world. Wasn't  
it wonderful when people could get married + live  
in happiness without the danger of war + the  
fear of separation hanging over their heads? It  
must be heavenly to be able to live a normal  
life. Our marriage has been so full of problems.



But still we are happy. It takes more than a  
war to keep two people who are in love, apart.  
We will always be together in spirit & very soon  
in the flesh. I'm just living for that day & I  
know you are too. But it won't be long, we  
can stick it out because we have our love & our  
marriage to keep our morale up. It's awfully  
hard but we can't do anything about it. I love  
you terribly & I just can't stop telling you.  
Do you get bored at my telling you all the  
time? I know you love hearing it as much as  
I love telling you. So I'll just continue. You're  
the sweetest most wonderful husband in the  
world. Tomorrow is Father's day so happy  
Father's Day to you. I hope you enjoy yourself on  
that day. I'll be with you soon.

Your lonesome love staved wife  
Lillian

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Air Mail

some pictures. I'm going to let mom take some snaps of me tomorrow in my shorts. Will you like that? I'm so happy about it because I can keep up your morale when I send you pictures.

I dyed my shorts today & they look so nice. I was so hot when I came home from town that I rinsed them & put them on. I live in these poor shorts. It's a wonder they are still as good as they are. The seat is getting thread bare but they will last the summer. I'm going to finish my other shorts this week when I go over to your house. Also I have to finish my dress. Oh Sonny. I got some of the cutest white material with flowers in it today. I'm going to make a pinafore.

June  
July 21, 1943  
Monday

My Sweetest Darling Precious Angel Husband:

How are you today? Do you know that this is the first day of summer? It feels like it, too. I got two letters from you today. One was written at the hotel in Salt Lake City. The other one was the day after you got back to camp. You sure did get good & tight. Didn't you angel? I'm glad you enjoyed yourself. I wish I could have been with you. We would have had a lot of fun would it we darling?

Mom & I went in town today & it was so damned hot. I got some chips for you & I'm

Honey I'm going to send you Lil Abner & I'll send it every day so you can keep up with it. It will be a little while before you catch on but it won't take long. Tell me if you still like it.


Sonny. Norman worked over in the yard yesterday & he made <sup>3</sup>2. But he also sprained his ankle. He stepped on a beer bottle & turned his foot. Isn't that awful? So he is a mess today & he can't even walk. Daddy is mad at him. He says he is the unluckiest kid in the world. Something is always happening to him. He just got over the sun burn & now he has the bad ankle. He sure is unlucky.

I got some films in town today. Isn't that swell? I'm so thrilled. Now I can send you

<sup>2</sup> going to send them to you tomorrow. Boy oh boy will you be surprised when you see what you are getting. I love to send you things. If I had more money I'd send you things every day. I love you so terribly much & I want to keep you happy. Angel. I want you so much. I'm so darned hungry for you. I'd sure love to be kissing you right now. Your legs were just made for kisses. Mine. And mine alone. Don't you ever let anyone else kiss you or you'll be sorry. I know you wouldn't anyway. We are made for each other & it will always be that way. I'm so crazy about you. I dream of you all the time. Oh you're so wonderful & I love you so much.

hid and isn't a bit serious. That's why she likes him. He isn't the romantic type & doesn't do a thing but talk. He never keeps still. He can out talk anyone. I think you would like him.

Well, old sweet heart, I guess I'll read tonight I don't care about going out. I'm too tired & there is no place to go. I'd rather stay home & read & think of you. Even when I'm in the middle of a good book or story, you are on my mind. You never leave my thoughts & you're all I care about. I love you so much it isn't possible. How did you like that perfumed letter I sent you yesterday? Sniff it & think of me. Your lonesome loving wife <sup>Janet</sup>

4 Do you know what a pinafore is? It's a oh, I can't explain it. I'll draw you a sketch.  you wear a shirt or blouse under <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>gathered</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>shirt</sup> it. Don't you think it's cute? It buttons down the back. I saw a girl in town today & she had one on & I just had to have one when I saw how cute it looked. She was a blonde & just my size & did it look good. When it made I'll take some pictures so you can see how darling it is. Gosh I hope you get a furlough soon. I'm just itching to see you. I'm so damned lonesome for you. I could eat you alive. I love you so terribly much. Honey, you're so sweet & heavenly. I'm so hungry for you & your love.

sat in the living room & he would be  
mumbling up stairs? That man is really  
a scream. All the boys who come around  
here get scared of him. Oh by the way, we  
got John's pictures today. You know he got them  
taken when he was here & a few weeks ago he  
wrote to Sis & the coupon was in the letter.  
He wanted her to get them for him & mail them  
to him. She went up to see the proofs & the  
pictures were ready today. Sis didn't want to  
go after them so Mom & I went to get them.  
They aren't so good of him. He got two & they  
are tinted. Now Sis is going to send them  
to him. She has forgotten all about him & likes  
this boy who is coming tonight. He is just a

I long for your kisses & caresses. I really  
miss every thing about you. It is so hard  
being apart from you. I wish I could cook  
for you & be with you all the time. That  
would be the answer to all my prayers.  
I would be the happiest person alive if  
we could be together. I'll try to come to you  
as soon as I can.

We are all fussing at Dad. He is lying  
on the floor & Sister's boy friend is about  
to come to see her & no one can get Dad up.  
That boy is so scared of Dad. Sorry. He  
thinks he is tough as the devil. Remember  
how we used to get scared of him when we

June 22, 1943

Dear Sonny:

I hope you enjoy these things  
as much as I enjoy sending them to  
you. Wish I could send you more.  
I will when my allotment comes. I  
love you & miss you terribly. I would  
give any thing to be with you right  
now. Maybe I'll be down sooner than  
you think. I hope so. I'm awfully  
impatient to see you & I know you feel  
the same way. Loads of love & all  
my kisses forever & ever.

Your lonesome wife  
Peanuts

P.S.

Do you like me to sign my letter  
Valene or Peanuts?

other as we were. We were such good friends  
& now we never see each other any more. The  
other girls are mostly single too so you can  
see I haven't any thing in common with them.  
There sure is a wide gulf between married  
girls & single girls. Marriage changes a lot of  
things. But it sure is a heavenly change. I  
like it better than any thing in the world.

So many girls I see are just running around  
trying their best to catch a husband. I think  
it's very revolting. The boys know it too &  
the girls just make fools of themselves. It  
really pathetic. I guess you see a lot of it  
because some girls won't leave the soldier  
alone. I think it's disgusting. don't you agree?

July June 22, 1943

Tuesday

My Dearest Precious Handsome Angel Husband:

I just got back from the post  
office & I mailed your package to you. I went  
with your mother. She sent you a package  
too. Gosh, you'll think it's nice when all  
those packages arrive. I'm going to try to send  
you things real often. I enjoy it & I know  
how thrilling it is to get things from home when  
you're away. Honey, please keep the books I  
send you because I want to read them. It  
would be swell if you'd send them to me  
when you have read them. Keep the Capt. Smith  
books too, because you know how I love to read.



and my shorts & send them to you real soon.  
I was going to take the pictures this morning  
but Mom was busy covering a chair & she  
couldn't stop to take my pictures. So I'll  
probably take them tomorrow if the sun is  
out.

How are your friends Dick, Gerald, & Chris?  
I'll bet you all have a nice time together.

I'm glad you have some nice friends because  
it's so good to have someone to go out with &  
just around with. I haven't seen any of my  
girl friends who worked with me. I had lunch  
with Shirley Hamilton once but I don't go out  
with her anymore. She goes out with boys &  
I don't so naturally we can't be as close to each

<sup>2</sup> That's all I've been doing all day. It was  
awfully hot all morning & now it's raining  
real hard. The rain drops are big as a  
quarter & the breeze is nice & cool now. I  
was going to be real industrious today & sew  
on my jeans but I've been so lazy all  
day I can't move. I sit down & hate to get  
back up. Isn't that awful? I have a real  
good mystery book & I can't let it down. I'm  
going to send it to you when I read it. It's  
very good. I'll send it to you next week or  
so. I think I shall make my jeans for to-  
night because it's going to be cool after this  
rain & I'll enjoy sewing. I'll take some pictures  
or rather have someone take some of me in it

8/ wings on + fly when ever you were sent. Is that a good idea? What would you do if you saw me flying through the air like a fly or a mosquito right towards you? I'll bet you'd run away + hide. You'd probably think it was some new species of termite or grasshopper coming to eat the wings off the air planes. But I'd land right on your nose + stay there. Then when you said you still loved me even if I had sprouted wings I'd jump down + be myself + we could live happily ever after. Not bad, huh? Do you think the heat has affected me? Don't worry I'm alright. Just love crazy. That's all. I'm so hungry for you. I'm not responsible. Write you more tomorrow. Your love starved wife Peanut

9/ I don't know how I got started on that subject. My mind is the wandering variety. I'm so crazy about you I don't know what I'm doing half the time. You have me in a spin + I'm just dizzy with love. You are the most wonderful thing in the world. I love you ~~you~~ so much + want you so bad. I'm terribly hungry for you + your special super super kisses + caresses. I long for you so much. Every day brings you closer to home but I sure do wish it would hurry + come to the day when you walk in the door + I know that you will never have to leave again. I'm so anxious to see you + be

7/ you? I was. I really did believe my  
time had come. I hope Jim never out in  
another storm like that. But I could stand  
it if you were with me. Sonny. I love you so  
much. I wish you could see how I miss  
you + want you. I long for you with every  
part of me. Jim is so lonesome + miserable with  
out you. As soon as I get some money Jim  
going to come down to you. If I had wings  
I'd fly down right now + land in your arms.  
Wouldn't that be swell if every one could just  
sprout wings + fly where they wanted to go?  
I'd have been with you ages ago. In fact  
I'd have never left you. I'd just put my

4/ with you. Won't it be wonderful when we have  
our own home + can pick out our furniture  
together? I know we'll be so happy + blissful.  
We have so much fun all the time when we  
are with each other. I remember so clearly  
all the little things we used to do + how  
we loved to be together every minute that  
we could. Sonny, do you remember that night  
we got caught in a storm out at Bowmen  
Field + the wind shook the car so hard?  
Yeah, was I scared. Didn't I act silly?  
I thought sure we were going to be blown  
away. That was the most awful storm  
I've ever seen. You weren't scared at all, were

## FASHION HOROSCOPE

By Colette

*If "he" comes on furlough—  
Don't this note?*

Don't meet  
him with  
greasy lips  
that leave a  
red trail on  
him, cup,  
napkin, or  
spoon.



Do blot lips  
with tissue  
and lightly  
powder.

L'L ABNER

A Friend In Need

By Al Capp

IT'S ME, YO' COUSIN AVAILABLE-KKIN AH COME IN?

-EF IT'S MAH DINNER YO' IS BRINGIN', SIMPLY SLIP IT UNDER TH' DOOR, AS USUAL, AN THEN GO 'WAY -AS USUAL!!-

JEST LEMME IN FO' A MINUTE, PLEASE!

LOOK-WHEN YO' SUB'LET THIS CELLAR T'ME, YO' MADE ME A LOT O' FINE PROMISES! -YO' SAID IT'D BE NICE AN' DAMP!- AN' AH GOTTA ADHIT THET IT IS!!-

YO' PROMISED IT'D BE DEPRESSIN'LY DARK, AN' AH GOTTA ADMIT YO' WAS RIGHT AGIN, BUT-YO' ALSO PROMISED ME YO'D NEVAH BUTT' IN ON ME -AN' NO MORE THAN TEN YARS GO BY - AN' HYAR YO IS - BUTTIN' IN ON ME!!-

PLEASE LEMME IN! -AH N'NEEDS YO' HELP!!-

OH, ALL RIGHT I CUSS IT -A MAN CAIN'T COUNT ON MORE'N TEN YAR'S PEACE, NOWADAYS, WIFOUT A RELATIVE BUSTIN' IN!!-



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4/ Would it make you love me any more than you do now? I had more to take a few snaps of me in my shorts today & I'm going to finish the roll when I get my penicillin on Sunday. I want you to have a variety of pictures of me. I hope I can get them developed soon. I'll have to take them in town because the drug store down here develops them in small prints & I wouldn't even bother with them.

I wish I had a two piece play suit. One with a base middle. Sisay was just up & she had one on & it really was cute. I'll try to get one if my allotment comes. That poor allotment. We spent it fifty different ways & it hasn't even gotten here yet. I want

June 23, 1943

Wednesday

My Sweetest Darling Precious Angel Husband:

Honey, I got two letters from you today & I'm so thrilled about the prospect of your getting a furlough. I'm not going to get all my hopes aroused but it sure will be a disappointment if you

But you thought you would get one before & you didn't so I'm not counting on it until I know you are on your way home. We can have some swell times together if you get here & we can love our heads off. Won't that be wonderful? I get all hot & bothered just

I know if I can or not because I haven't any money. Damn it, I wish my allotment would come so we could spend it on your furlough & I'd have some money to go back with you. I could stand any thing if I could be with you. I'm well now. I feel swell. There never was any thing wrong with me except my nerves were a little jittery. I was all mixed up leaving you & the shock of your washing out. But I'm gaining weight now & the next time you see me you may discover a few curves. I hope you think I'm improved. I'd like to be very curvy so I could thrill you. I know you'd like that. Well, but you'd be surprised if I got real curvy.

to think of it. I'm as homesick for you & I know you are too. We deserve a break. We have had a rather hard time, but still we are more fortunate than some people so we shouldn't kick. I'm happy as long as you are in this country.

Oh Sonny, I love you so much & I'm as starved for your kisses & love making. I haven't been like you since I last saw you. Gosh, was it only four months ago that I was so happy & care free? Then I was with you & my life was full of love & happiness. Now I miss you & will never feel my self again until I'm with you. If you do come home I'll try to go back with you. I don't



beans. The weeds are overtaking the places. Everyone is supposed to have a garden & can vegetables so the army & other services can have the farmer's crops. We sure have got a lot of things planted but its hard to keep the weeds out. Honey, I'm so lonesome for you right now. I wish you were coming over to take me out. We'd go ~~over~~ in the park or down by the river & let the wind breeze blow on us & also love. Of course we wouldn't know if the breeze were blowing or not if we were loving would we angel? We sure had fun last summer. We have a lot of lost time to make up for & I'm impatient to get it made up. aren't you? Bye now. Write again tomorrow. I love you & want you. Your lonesome  
wife  
Pamela

to save some too. I don't know how I'll do all of this but I guess I'll figure out some way. No kidding, I'm going to save nearly all of it.

I was out on the porch writing & the flies bothered me so much I had to come in. It's just at this time of evening when it's really hot. The sun is almost setting & it's definitely hot.

How do you like the Lil Abner strips that I send to you everyday? It isn't very funny now but you will like it as you follow the adventures each day. Tell me if you like it or not.

7/ what you can draw all those maps & every  
thing. Honey, I always knew you were smart.  
That's why I married you. I could see your  
hidden talent & I knew you'd make a divine  
husband. And I'm right. I have the most  
wonderful husband in the world & I'm so  
much in love with him. I adore him & would  
do anything for him. Sorry, you know my  
whole life & I sure do love you. I hate to  
keep repeating myself over & over but I can't  
help it. You mean so much to me. I just  
had another interruption. Dad wanted his cigarette  
& matches & I had to take them out to him. He  
is in the garden digging weeds & planting

6/ I didn't go over to your house today. I'm  
going tomorrow because I want to take my  
dress & pinafore & sew them on your mother's  
sewing machine. My pinafore is so darn  
cute. I made it without a pattern & I didn't  
have a bit of trouble. It was cool last night  
after the rain & I sewed until it was rather  
late. I almost finished beating it together &  
I did the rest today. I'll wear it Sunday  
& take some pictures so you can see how  
cute it is. It's really terrific. Mom likes  
it so much. It amazes me to think I made it  
without a pattern. Aren't I smart? By the  
way, you must be awfully smart yourself  
by the sound of your letters. It sure is swell.

4/ The flies are killing me. I wish your porch would hurry & get finished so the flies wouldn't come in. They just stick on your skin & it makes chives go all over me. We have a nest of caterpillars in one of the trees in our back yard & now they are getting all over the yard. They are in my lilac bush & eating it to pieces. I think I will cut it down because they will kill it if I don't. It never has bloomed anyway. Remember when we moved up to the corner & you dug that lilac out & it almost broke your back? It really was tough wasn't it? I hate to dig it up. I remind me of you & how you sweated & slaved to dig it up for me.

June 24, 1943

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Thursday

My Darling Precious Sweetest Angel Husband:

How are you today? I'm fine but I'm slowly boiling in the terrific heat. Believe me, it's hotter than the hinges of hell. I'm over at your house today & your mother has been sewing my dress, shorts, & penafou. I had them all put together but they had to be sewed on the machine. I don't think I'll make anything else this summer. It's too hot to sew. I guess you are bored at my telling you how I sew all the time. But I just have to tell you what I do all day. My life is so damned exciting I have to let you know

1/ just got back. your mother is cooking supper & I'm sitting on your front porch writing this. I wish you were sitting here with me. Wouldn't that be swell? I sure hope you get a furlough. I'm so darned <sup>mistake</sup> anxious to see you. I can't wait until I see you in your cute little summer uniform.

I brought my camera over & took a snap of the chickens. As soon as I finish the roll I'll send the pictures to you. I'm so eager for you to see me in my finery. It's so cute. Do you get tired listening to me talking about clothes? I probably won't say anymore about them because I won't get anymore for quite a while. Honey, if I love you just tell me & I'll shut up.

2/ how I live. Don't I have a thrilling time? My days are packed with excitement. Haha I haven't gone out this week. I haven't even dressed, in fact. I've stayed in these poor shorts all week. It's a good thing I am making another pair. These will wear out if I keep on wearing them. They really can take it. I'd like to have about 5 or 6 pairs of shorts. Boy, they are swell. I'm not going to put a dress on except when I have to.

The kids next door are taking a shower under the hose & it looks so nice & cool. I'd like to join them.

I stopped to take a ride in town with your mom & dad. He was going to work. We

7/ again. It will be like starting all over again. Do you think it will seem strange to us to love again or will it seem like we just stopped for a day? I guess our instinct will never let us forget how to love. I know mine misses you love a lot & is just waiting for you to love me again. You're so wonderful & sweet. You are also the bravest & cleverest man in the armed forces. You are what the army needs to win this war. I hope it is over soon so they can get along with out you. I need you more than the army does. I wish they'd let you out so you could come home & make me happy. Well, angel. I'm hoping to see you soon. Til then I'm missing you awfully. Your lonesome hopeful wife  
Pearl

7/ Your mother said to tell you that Carl White is over in Africa. Isn't that awful?

The boy that Daisy goes with now leaves for the army July 2nd so I wonder who she will go with then? She has a hard time. She fractured her ribs in swimming & everyone hided her & says her boy friend hugged her too tight. Maybe it's true. who knows? Billy Grieb is at Camp Crowder, Missouri & Charley McKenna is in the ground crew of the Air Forces in Mississippi. I wonder if he is at Keesler? I'm going to try to find out. Remember Red Thompson, the bum who used to hang out over at John's all the time in summer & we'd see him every night & make fun of him?

21 Sent that a long time? I wish I could  
be with you so we could celebrate it properly.  
We have a lot of anniversaries to catch up  
on. Are you prepared for all that celebrating?  
I am + I'm just as impatient as you are  
to start where we left off, only more so.  
This time let not let a minute go by  
without making use of it + taking advantage  
of every single moment we are together.  
I want to be with you as much as  
possible. I'd love to go back with you  
if you come home. I will, if we have enough  
money. I'd do almost any thing to be with  
you. I miss you more every day + I long  
for you a million times more every second.  
I ache for your kisses + loving. I would  
know how to act when we really are together.

41 How he is in Africa. Can you imagine that?  
I'll bet the army is having a time with  
him. Maybe he'll be a hero some day.  
Angel, I haven't gotten any mail from  
you today. I sure hate to go a day with  
out hearing from you. I'm so anxious to  
find out if you're getting your furlough.  
Gosh, I hope you do. I miss you so much  
+ want you so bad. How I crave some of  
that good old love making of yours. You  
have no idea how hungry I am for your  
kisses + caresses. I'm just simply starved  
for the sight of you + I long for the  
touch of your lips upon mine. You mean  
the whole world to me + I'm only half  
alive when I'm not with you. Do you know  
that we have been married 21 weeks today?

L'L ABNER

*Will need today's Parlor, Mushroom and Bath* June 23.

By Al Capp

*Hand to and the  
hand.*



HOWDY, COUSIN!  
AH HAIN'T LAID  
EYES ON YO'  
SINCE AH SUB-LET  
THIS CELLAR T'  
YO, TEN YARS  
AGO—

AH HAIN'T GOT  
HUCH TIME T'  
TALK WIF YO'—  
AH GOTTA GIT  
BACK T' MAH  
MUSHROOM  
BREEDIN'—



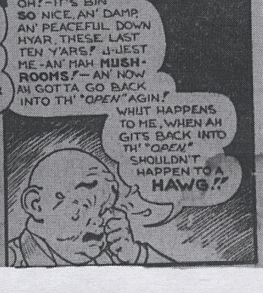
AH IS NOW  
WORKIN' ON  
ONE WHICH,  
EF ALL GOES  
WELL, WILL  
COME OUT  
IN TH' SHAPE  
OF A PAIR O'  
SUSPENDERS—

COUSIN!—AH  
WANTS YO' T'  
DO  
ME A GREAT  
FAVOR?—



COUSIN—AH'LL DO  
ANYTHIN' IN TH'  
WORLD FO' YO'—EF  
IT DOESN'T MEAN  
COHIN' BACK  
OUT INTO TH'  
OPEN?!

BUT IT DOZ' YO'  
CAIN'T REFOOZIE  
ME? AFTER ALL  
WE IS THIRTY-  
SECOND COUSINS,  
TWENTY-FOUR  
TIMES REMOVED!  
BLOOD IS THICKER  
THAN WATER?!



OH?—IT'S BIN  
SO NICE, AN' DAMP  
AN' PEACEFUL DOWN  
HYAR, THESE LAST  
TEN YARS?—J-UST  
ME—AN' MAH MUSH-  
ROOMS?— AN' NOW  
AH GOTTA GO BACK  
INTO TH' 'OPEN' AGIN'!

WHIT HAPPENS  
TO ME, WHEN AH  
GITS BACK INTO  
TH' 'OPEN'!  
SKOLLDN'T  
HAPPEN TO A  
HAWG?!

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7/ a pass time? Is he the Sgt. you like so much? I don't see how he has the nerve to tell things like that. Didn't he feel embarrassed when he was telling you all about it? He must not have any respect or love for the girl or he wouldn't speak of it. Don't you agree? Do you believe in people doing things like that? Tell me your opinion.

I came home today. I spent yesterday & last night over at your house. I had to come home today because I have to wash my head & do some ironing. I wash my under things & wait until I have to have them before I iron them. Isn't that lazy of me? I guess I'm just not the energetic type. What do you think?

June 25, 1943  
Friday

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My Sweetest Precious Darling Angel Husband:

I got a letter from you today & I'm so disappointed to hear that you can't get a furlough. Maybe they will give you one later on. You have one coming & I think it's only right that they should give it to you. I sure am hoping that you hurry & get one. I'm so <sup>anxious</sup> ~~anxious~~ to see you & be with you. We have been apart so long & I'm just aching to see you. I would be the happiest person in the world if you would say that you were getting a furlough. I long for you with every part of me.

7/ Keep you loving me. Gosh. I wish I could do it right now. I'm so hungry for you. Love will be like some thing new to me when we are with each other again. I want you so bad & my whole body aches & moans for your love making & kisses. If you don't hurry & come home I'm coming to you. I can't stand it much longer. I'm slowly being driven to desperation at the torture of being away from you. You have no idea how I love you & miss you. Someday you'll see when I am with you again. And that will be sooner than you think.

Honey. I think that was a very juicy tale you told me about the Sgt. & his girl friend. Does he love her & is it just

2/ Angel. do you miss me as much as I miss you? I'll bet you don't. You have all your intelligence work to keep you busy & I have nothing. If I wasn't married I'd join the Marines. I think that's a swell thing to be in. They have cute uniforms too. But I guess I'll just stay home & wait for you. I wish this war would hurry & end so we could have a home & be with each other all the time like we should. I'd like to have an apartment when you come home. Would you like that or would you rather have a house? I want anything that you want. Any old thing pleases me. All I want to do is make you happy &

8/ that? I would. I wish I could feel  
your strong arms around me right now. It  
makes me shiver with ecstasy at the  
thought of it. Oh Sonny. I'm so hungry &  
love starved for you. In fact I'm practically  
an animal I long for you so much. You  
are the sweetest & most romantic husband  
a girl has ever had. I sure am lucky to  
have captured you for my husband. You're  
so cute & handsome. + on top of all that  
you are an intelligent man + very very  
smart. You bring out the gypsy in me.  
You bring out all the love + desire + it  
is burning me up. I want to have some  
action. I'm very impatient + I know you are too.  
See you soon. I hope. Your lonesome love starved  
Pamela - talkative wife

9/ Sister's boy friend was in last night +  
he is going to bring her a locket or a compact  
with the air wiper inscribed on it when he  
gets paid. Don't that nice? He's so cute.  
He's coming in tomorrow early + bring his  
camera. I'm going to finish my role + get  
them developed. I'll send them down as soon  
as they are finished. I'm anxious to see if  
they turn out good. I hope they do.

Angel. it rained awhile this afternoon  
+ it cooled things off a little. I think  
I'll stay in + listen to the radio tonight.  
I don't know what I'll do yet. Nothing  
exciting I can assure you.

How are your boy friends? I hope they

7/ I won't be jealous. Did any girl ever try to pick you up? I'll bet they have. I'd like to walk behind you down the street & see the girls make eyes at you. Those other boys get picked up & they couldn't be as cute & handsome as you, so I know some girl must have tried it. Of course she wouldn't be successful but she probably tried. Tell me all. I want to know. I'm a very curious person as you probably know. Do you still love me as you once did or have you forgotten all about that poor old gal you left in the Blue grass state? I'm so crazy about you. I could hug you so tight it would fracture your ribs & make your blood boil. Would you like

4/ all all fine & keeping you from getting too lonesome. Did Gerald ever get the note I sent him? I put it in your letter as you know. I didn't know what to say to him. It's so damned hard to try to write to some one you don't know. But I enjoyed answering it. Tell him to write when ever he wants to. I like to write to people. I'd like to meet him if he looks like Jimmy Stewart. If he is too handsome he must really be a target for the eyes of all those girl wolves on the loose. Do you ever notice any of the girls flirting with you when you're in town? I asked you once before & you never did tell me. I know they do because they would be crazy if they didn't. Tell me.

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Hard to Please

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// makes me been to even think about  
winter clothing. I don't know  
why I can't spell today. Every thing turns  
out spelled wrong. I guess the heat got  
me. Do do you think I'm like this all  
the time?

I just stopped a minute to read the  
paper & I read the wedding announcement.  
Jane Lee, who worked at Appel, is getting  
married Monday. I guess it's her. The girl  
name is Jane Lee & she is marrying a Lieut.  
Maybe it isn't even her. Also didn't you  
know a girl named Martha Downard? She  
got married this morning to some one named  
Frey. I think you said you once had a  
date with her. I'll read the announcements

June 26, 1943  
Saturday

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My Dearest Sweetest Precious Handsome Husband:

How are you today, you sweet  
little angel? I'm so hot I'm sweating. I  
have the least clothes possible on, namely  
shorts & a halter. I'm practically naked. But  
it sure feels swell. This weather is so  
terribly hot. There's not a breeze stirring. I  
didn't get any mail from you today so now  
I'll have to wait until Monday, damn it. The  
mail man didn't even come back here today.

My cousin James & his mother were  
here for lunch & stayed until about 2:30.  
James is my fat cousin & he is on a ten day

Then I'll have \$100. I won't know how to act. I'd love to get a black summer dress. They're so cute & everyone is wearing them this summer. They're real thin & look terribly sophisticated. I'll get one if my allotment comes. I have to get a new winter coat this year. So I'll have to save some money for it. I want a black Chesterfield & they cost about \$50 so I'd better start saving. If you object to any of these things please tell me & I won't get them. But the winter coat is imperative. I've been wearing my Harris tweed for two years now. I'll just keep it for ordinary use & save the black one for going out when I'm dressed up. Yeah, it

✓ furlough. His mother drags him around to visit all the relatives. It's a wonder he doesn't get angry with her. When you're home on a furlough, don't you dare waste your time visiting people. You have to be with me every minute. I don't want you to even look at anyone else. All your time belongs to me & I'm going to take advantage of every minute. Do you realize we will have been married five months the 4th of July? Isn't that amazing? It doesn't seem like it was so long ago that I was with you & that we have been apart for such a length of time. If my money would come I'd hop on a train & come to see you. I guess it will come next month &



✓/ works & they can't find an apartment so they have to live with her parents. I'm glad we don't have to do that. I'd love to be with you, but I wouldn't want to live at either of our houses. That causes divorces because it's impossible for two families to get along with each other. Don't you agree? When the war is over let's get an apartment & be by ourselves. Honey, I'm so crazy about you. I wish I was going out with you tonight. I sure hate Saturday nite & Sundays. I want you more on those days than on any other. Of course I want you all the time but the want increases on those days. Be good until I'm with you & take care of your self. That will be soon. <sup>your handsome wife</sup>  
Pearl

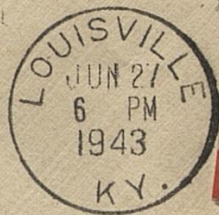
✓/ in Monday's paper & tell you if it was Jane Lee or not. That gal is so lovely I don't see how she ever captured a Lieut. These soldiers marry any thing now. Aren't you glad you married a glamorous gal? I'm not kidding; you really are lucky. Do you think I'm convinced? I don't. I'm just stating a fact.

Well, to change a very boring subject. I'm going with your mother & my mother to the fair fly tonight. They had such a good time they are going back for more. St. John's picnic is over at the park today & they have a hill billy band over there & I'm sitting here in the living room & I can hear

4/ us a few free meals. But other wise we  
will be alone, but definitely. I can't chat  
right. kid? I sure am impatient to see  
you. James was so hot in his uniform & so  
is Dad. I'm just wondering if you see very  
hot down there. Maybe it doesn't get that  
hot in Utah. I hope not. These poor soldiers  
really suffer here. Two flight officers  
were killed out at Bowman Field last  
week. I'm glad you're not a glider pilot.  
How much do flight officers make? My  
cousin Judy married one & she said he  
gets \$300 a month & she will get \$70. Is that  
true? That seems such a big sum for a  
pilot to get. He's an instructor. She still

4/ it just as if I was sitting in the  
front row. Sister boy friend is here &  
Dad is teasing him. You know how crazy  
he acts some times. He is trying to get the  
poor boy to go out & dig weeds out of the  
garden. He is nutty as the devil. That  
man never will get any sense. He asks  
about you all the time & he bids me &  
says he & all the members of both our  
families are going out with us when you  
get a furlough. He checks I really believe  
it. I told him he hasn't got a chance to  
go out with us. We'll stay strictly to  
ourselves. Of course we'll give them a  
thrill once in a while & let them give

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7/ in the army down in California. But I suppose she is cheating on him, which isn't unusual for her. I sure would love to see her with Coogan. I'd bet she's so stuck up now that you couldn't stand her. I think she's crazy. He's been married twice & divorced. But that doesn't mean a thing to Martha. Maybe she'll become his third wife.

Angel, I'm so crazy about you & think you're wonderful. You're the only thing in the world that I care about. I love you so much. I wish I could show you right now just how much. I'll be with you soon & then you can see for yourself. Oh, Sonny I miss you more all the time. I'm not my self self anymore at all. I don't even faintly

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Sunday

My Dearest Sweetest Precious Handsome Husband:

I just got back from church about an hour ago. It was so awfully hot in church. I almost had to leave. But I stayed until it was over & I was sweating like the devil. I prayed for you & that we would soon be together again. I hope my prayers are answered.

We went to the flick fry last night & we didn't have a very good time. It was terribly dull. Dad & sister went with us & they were bored too. I think Dad wanted to leave almost as soon as he got there but Sis wanted to stay. Your mother went & Dad came

7 pictures if they turn out good. Two of them are taken with me sitting in the steamer chair & one sitting on the grass. I was dirty & my hair was pinned up so don't expect too much. However some times those pictures take better than others.

Sissy came up to use the phone last night & she was telling us that she heard that Martha Tramm is going with Jackie Coogan, the ex movie star. He is a glider pilot out at Bowman. Isn't that something? Dad says he heard it too. Dad said he saw him out there & he is bald headed & not a bit nice looking. I said to Sissy that if any body could do it, old Martha could. She is supposed to be engaged to a boy who is

up later on. I'm going to stay at home any more I believe. I can't have a good time without you. If my allotment would only come; I'd be out to you on the next train. I can't stand it any longer. As long as you are in this country I want to be with you. I guess I won't be able to come until you go to Sioux City. I know my allotment won't come this month so I'll probably get it next month. I hope.

We took some pictures yesterday, Dal, Sis. & I. He took the roll out to Bowman field to get it developed because I won't be in town this week & would have no way of getting them developed myself. I had my shorts & halter on so you should like the

I resemble the girl I used to be. You are the only one who can bring back the life in me. I long for you so much & want you more than is humanly possible. I never did think I could love anyone the way I love you. The way I feel about you is simply out of this world. Our love is so heavenly & divine. We are the most perfectly mated people in the world. I'm so lucky to have you for a husband. I don't envy a person in the world for I know I have a husband who is perfect & who loves me with all his heart & soul, the way I love him. I'm so happy just to know that you love me & want me. The day we were married was the happiest day of my life. I hope I can always keep your love & make you terrifically happy all your life. I'd do any thing you say & I'm going to come out to you just as soon as I get the money. I know you want me as much as I want

you & that you are equally as miserable. So I'll  
be with you just as soon as I can. I feel well  
now & I could stand the trip. My only objection  
is that I'd have to ride a deuced train for four  
days. I wish you'd come home on a furlough &  
then I could go back with you. I'm afraid to  
change trains by myself. I'm always scared  
I'll get the wrong one. That's why it was so easy  
for me coming home. I just stayed on one train.

But if you can't get a furlough I'll come any  
way. I don't guess I'd get lost. The longing to  
see you would overcome all my fears. I want  
you some thing awful. Sorry if I came to Wendover.  
I don't think I will, but if I do, would I have  
to work if I didn't want to? I don't like that  
project one bit. Maybe I'll have to wash dishes  
or some thing like that. I don't think I can come to  
Wendover though. You'd be changed before I got  
there. So I'll come to Sioux City. Well, angel,  
remember I love you & want you. Your lonesome wife  
Peanuts

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Tuesday

My Dearest Precious Most Handsome Angel Husband:

Sweet heart, I received 3 letters from you today. That really is swell isn't it? I didn't get any Saturday so I guess they all piled up & came today instead. You're so sweet & I live for your letters, Angel. I sure do hope the army keeps it word & gives you a furlough when you get to Iowa. I guess it better that you wait because maybe my allotment will be here by then & I can go back with you. I'm really serious about coming out to you. I've told mom & Dad that I'm going as soon as I get my money. So they know my plans. They think it alright only Daddy's afraid for me to travel alone. But if you can't come you can depend on it that

I'll come out to you. I'll wait till you get  
to Iowa because you'll be moving soon + I don't  
want to have to pay double train fare. I couldn't  
anyway for I haven't got it. So sugar food.  
don't be surprised if you see me walking up  
to you one of these days. I'd much rather wait  
+ go back with you so I'll wait + see when  
you are going to get that furlough. ~~It~~ Is that  
alright with you? I love you so damn much  
+ I can't wait until I see you again. Angel  
you asked me to send your pictures in your  
flying clothes. I'm enclosing a few + be sure  
to send them back for I show them to everyone  
I know. Don't you lose them for they are  
precious to me + I don't want to ever lose them.  
They mean more to me than all the gold in  
the world. So take good care of them. Have  
you still got all those pictures of me that you

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took with you? If they ever get in your way  
or anything send them back to me + I'll put  
them in our album. Don't lose them. I think  
these they are good. at least most of them are.  
Dad is having my roll developed + it will be  
finished next week. Sonny, you ought to be glad  
you're not a glider pilot. 3 more planes crashed  
yesterday + one life was killed + about 8 civilians  
were injured. The planes crashed in houses out  
on Douglass Blvd. I'm relieved that you're not  
flying anymore. I know you love it + all that but  
it's so damn dangerous. I don't know why all these  
planes are crashing up at Bowmen. Almost every  
day some one is killed out there. Honey I know  
you will still go up occasionally because you  
must in the work you do. But please be careful  
+ always wear a chute + jump if the engine even  
sputters. I want you to come back in one piece +

I want you to take good care of yourself. I love you more than any thing & I'm so eager to be with you again. I hope all our dreams & prayers come true soon. I don't see how this war could last much longer. Some people say it might be over by the first of the year. Wouldn't that be wonderful? I wouldn't know how to act if you were home. I'm so lonesome & miserable all the time that all that happiness of being together would be a shock to me. I'm so hungry for you & I want you so much. I love everything about you. You haven't even one fault. Isn't it wonderful that we never quarrel with each other or have fights like some married people do? Of course I guess we haven't lived together long enough for that. But we didn't even quarrel when we were going together & that was three years? I think it's really a record. Some couples have quarrels all the time &

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+ stop speaking. We never did that even once did we? I suppose it because we are so perfectly mated + belong together. We sure are lucky. I'm so happy since I married you. It's swell to know you have a husband but it would be heaven on earth if we could be with each other.

Honey, how is your thumb? When it hurt you so terribly you shouldn't have written. I wouldn't mind. I don't want you to pain yourself for me. I hope it better now. Let me know how it is.

Darling, I'll get you a pen as soon as I go in town. I haven't been going in so much because of the heat. But I'll send you one as soon as possible. That was a shame that your good pen was stolen. It was a terribly nice pen.

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You said you were going to a beer party. Was it good? I don't like the idea of you going to a strip tease.

You might make a habit of it. If you do go to a strip act don't look too hard.

You would get ideas in your little head.

Tell me if they did have a strip act at the beer party. I like to hear about things like that. Have you had any more good tales lately? Boy how I enjoy these tales. I didn't believe things like that happened.

I cooked supper tonight just to keep in practice. I had cucumbers, peas,

+ a steak. Unfortunately the steak was tough. I fried it a long time + even beat it before I cooked it but it was still tough. I guess that's what the meat shortage does. Mom canned some beans today.

They were out of our garden. I forgot to say that the cucumbers were out of the garden too. We hardly ever have to

buy any vegetables. I'll be glad when the tomatoes are ripe. I love them. You don't like tomatoes so much do you?

Today I was so lazy. I just sat around & read all day. I was going to paint the ball room but it was too hot & I was not in the mood. I never am much in the working mood as you know.

I'm glad Gerald enjoyed the note. I like to write to people when I have the time & I sure have nothing else at the moment. Sis got a letter from that gal in Puerto Rico. Remember I used to correspond with a girl down there. I haven't written to her for about two years & this girl told Sister to tell me, in the letter today, that the girl I used to write to is going to have a baby in Sept. Everyone I know is going to have a baby.

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It must be something in the air don't you think? I guess it's the current feeling. I'm very unfashionable aren't I? But I'm glad because I couldn't come to see you if I were. Aren't you glad I'm really coming to see you if my allotment comes? If it isn't here by the 10<sup>th</sup> of July I'm going to write & see what the matter. They don't delay taking it out of your pay as they shouldn't delay sending it to me. I need it & I'm going to see why I'm not getting it. Don't you agree? Honey, I'm so in love with you. I just can't stop saying it. I know you love to hear it just as much as I love to say it. So I'll just keep on saying it. I wish I were with you right now. I'm so homesick for you & I would give anything to be with you right now. I'm counting the days until I'm with you again & can love you like fury. I love you more all the time & long for your passionate love making. Your lovesome wife  
Pamela



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7/ think of the last time I saw you at Deloitte  
in your field jacket & cap & how cute  
you looked. my eyes fill up & I have to  
force back the tears. Even now when I  
tell you this my eyes are filling & I have  
to stop & control myself. I guess I'm a  
weakling to feel that way but I can't help  
it. That's what I get for loving you so much.

I just came in out of the garden where  
we've been helping mother pick beans. We  
took up the plants & pulled all the beans  
off & mom is going to can them. Dad is  
planting more tonight, when he gets home. We  
are going to have so damn many beans we'll  
be bean conscious. Or bean crazy.  
Dad says we'll starve this winter if we don't  
have all that canned stuff because the food

P.S. I forgot to thank you  
for the cadet patch. I pinned  
it on the wall of my room.  
I love you & adore you.

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Tuesday

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My Dearest Precious Handsome Sweet Husband:

How are you today? Fine, I hope.  
I got two letters from you this morning & I'm  
so glad your thumb is better. I'm chilled  
to know that you may go to Iowa soon. That  
means you can have your flubdub real soon.  
Yeah, I wish you could get here for my  
birthday. Honey, you asked me what I  
wanted this year. Well, I can't think of a  
thing I want except you. Just surprises me.  
You said you had several ideas. You know  
what I like so use your own judgement. Why  
bother spending your money on a gift for me.  
You really should keep it & spend it on

about coming down. The only thing that holding  
me back is the money. When I get it I'm on  
my way. Are you glad I've decided to come?  
I know you are. I wish I was there with  
you right now. I'm so impatient to be with  
you again. I love you so much & I'm so  
lonesome & blue without you. You're all I ever  
think about or care about. You're the most  
wonderful person in the whole world. I'm so  
crazy about you & want you so much. Oh  
Sonny, I want to be with you terribly. You  
have no idea how I love you & miss you. You  
never leave my mind. I almost cry everytime  
I sit & just think of how I love you & miss  
you. I always have to keep doing something  
or I'd go crazy thinking about you. When I

yourself. I have every thing I want except you.  
That would be the most wonderful gift I  
could receive. If you came home on a furlough,  
I'm going back with you. so when you get  
to Sioux City look around the first chance  
you get & see if the town has room for me.  
Maybe you can find an apartment & they would  
hold it for me until I came down with  
you. The only thing that will keep me from  
coming is the allotment. It should come  
next week & it will be a \$100. I'm going to  
call the station & find out what the train  
fare is to Sioux City & how far it is & all  
about the charges I have to make & all the  
details. I hope it isn't as far as Utah. I'm  
going to look on the maps & see just where  
it is. As you can see I'm really serious

8/ Sonny, describe Lt. Jones to me. Is he married  
& what does he look like & if he's handsome.  
It's very nice about Gerald going into the cadet.  
He's lucky if he doesn't want out, which he  
probably will. You would like to get back  
in, wouldn't you angel? I wish you could  
fly because I know you'll never be happy  
until you do. But what you're in now is nice  
& you like it so I'd stay there if I were you.  
Honey. I saw in Walter Winchell's column that  
some reporters said the war wouldn't be over  
until 1950. Do you think that's true? Gosh  
when I read that my heart went down to my  
feet. I don't see how it could last that long  
do you? I hope it's not true. Every one is saying  
it will be over by two years. That's what I  
believe. I hope it's true. Well, so long for now.  
See you real soon. your lovesome wife Peanut

7/ is all going to the army. Food is very scarce  
now & I suppose it will be more so this  
winter. So mom is canning every thing she can.  
She doesn't like it either. You know mom  
isn't the canning type but she does it to  
please Dad. I also started painting the  
bath room today. I have it about 1/2 finished  
& got tired & quit. I'm not in the mood  
today.

I guess we'll go to the show tonight. There  
is a real good picture up at the Park. It's  
The Black Swan with Tyrone Power & Frances  
O'Hara. George Sanders, too. Gosh, goodie. How  
I love that man. As the movie goes, of course.  
You are the one I love really but I mean  
I like George Sanders as a movie star. Please  
don't misunderstand me darling. But you know

7/ should have pens. If not, I'll go in tomorrow  
& get you one. I know how miserable it is to  
write with a bad pen so I'll get you one &  
send it to you right away.

Well, it was the Jane Lee that you know who  
got married. It happened yesterday. She lives on  
Eastview, doesn't she? If so, that's her.

Charles Redman's name was in the paper this  
morning. He graduated from a clerical school  
in a college in Greeley, Colo. I'm going to put  
your name in the paper when you come home on  
a furlough. I'll send it in when you're ready  
to go back so people won't bother you while  
you're here. Isn't that a good idea? I want you  
all alone when you're here & you'd better not  
even suggest visiting your relatives because  
I won't let you. If you do I'll not go back  
with you.

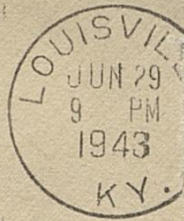
8/ How good he is. You like him your self.  
This will be the first time I've been in  
the show for ages. I don't even care if I go  
or not any more. This is the first picture I've  
really wanted to see for a long time. I'll tell  
you how I liked it.

I think I shall go out on the porch &  
read a magazine when I finish this letter.  
The breeze is cool today & it's not as hot as  
usual. So I really should take advantage  
of it shouldn't I?

Honey I'm glad you enjoy his album. How  
would you like me to send you Terry & the Pirates?  
It's rather hard to catch on to right now but if  
you want me to send it to you I will.

I'm going to try to get you a pen when I go to  
the show tonight. I'll stop in a drug store. They

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