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Fri. 1

Dearest Darling Husband;

I didn't get any letter from you today & I'm so darned mad. I rushed home just to see if your letter was there & when I found that no mail came today I sure had that ~~th~~ old let down feeling. Honey, I understand that you can't write every day like I can so I really shouldn't act so silly. Just ignore my complaints.

Tomorrow all the stores start to stay open until 9:00 three nights a week. I have to work from 12:30 til 9:00. Gee I sure do hate that. They took my little table away today so the store wouldn't be so crowded right in front. I'm going to be over in the next table. Maybe I can take it easier now. Today I really was busy. I'm so tired tonight. These Dmas shoppers will kill me yet.

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Do you still think of me & miss me?
I miss you terribly. I was just thinking a
while ago that if you were here we would
be in a show, holding hands & sitting real
close together. Wouldn't that be heavenly? I
can just feel your hand in mind if I think
of it hard enough. Sorry I really do love you
an awful lot. You are the only person in the
world that I want to spend my whole life
with. I know we'll be terribly happy when
we're married. We'll probably be the happiest
people in the whole world. Anyway we love
each other so much that we'll think we
are the happiest. I wonder if every one in
love feels the way we do. I'll bet they
don't. No one could have as perfect a love
affair we have. & when we get married, we'll
have the perfect marriage won't we?

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Sunday, if its pretty, I'm going to take some more pictures. Those other ones were awful. Maybe this time I will more like having my picture taken. Any way I hope so.

Sorry when you get a chance please send me a big picture of your self in your uniform. And anytime you want your camera or radio please tell me + I'll send them to you.

I wish you'd call me again real soon. I just love to hear your voice. It makes me feel so close to you. Don't bother about the expense. Its worth any price to get to talk to you. I'm home just about every night so you could get me any time. Of course I'll have to work some nights now until Xmas so I guess it would be wiser to let me know if you call at night. But don't hesitate to call me any time early in the morning like you did before because I like to start the day

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with a telephone call from you.

Oh honey darling, I wish you were still here. Sometimes I just ache all over with longing for you. When I come down to marry you & we are really together again, let's don't ever separate for any reason. I just can't be apart from you. I try my best to pretend I'm busy & always doing something so the family won't think I've gone soft, but I sure am not fooling myself. I get so lonesome for you. Every time I see one of those Bowman Field boys with that air corps insignia on his shoulder, I think of you & want you ten times more. I wish I could express myself more clearly in the ways of the great poets and tell you exactly ~~of~~ how much I love you, but although I feel it and it burns my soul like a flame, I just can't begin to put on paper my true feelings. In quoting from a great love

letter; " You are my ⁽⁵⁾ first, last, & only love.
You are my reason for existence, my only
excuse for being born into this world. With
out you my soul is no longer an eternal part
of me, but as like a ship without a captain,
tossing about seeking, never finding, a true &
peaceful rest." Unquote.

I made up most of that. In fact all but
the first line. Don't you think I'm getting poetic?
Maybe I'll think of more romantic passages
like that so you can see what a truly romantic
soul I have. It will let you know the real
me. Arent I silly? Maybe you'll change your
mind about marrying me after you read this.
You'll think I'm losing what mind I have.

Oh well, I'm getting awfully sleepy so
I guess I fall into bed & dream of you, my
sweet little sugar cake. Remember I'm crazy
about you & will definitely marry you. My answer
is yes. Arent you glad I didn't say no when you
proposed to me? Just think what you would have missed.
Your wife
Lorraine

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Sun. 2

My Dearest Darling Husband;

How do you feel today? Are you
am still sore? I sure do hope you feel
better. I worry if I think you are not
feeling well.

Well, tomorrow we will have been in
this war one year. All day long the programs
have been emphasizing the attack on Pearl
Harbor. The programs make me want to cry
when I think of all the poor boys who have
been killed in this horrible battle. I hope
it ends before you finish your training so you
won't have to fight. I shudder & shake to
think of you in the air with a lot of japs
& Nazis. Honey, if you ever go into active duty
& I have to stay behind, I'm going to disguise
myself & go with you. Wouldn't you be
surprised to get up in the sky in a battle
and suddenly see me beside you? Gosh,

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I'd probably die of fright before the Japs even got a shot ~~of~~ at me. I pray & pray the day will never come when you have to actually fight Sonny.

Today Norman & I went to see "Thunder birds" with Gene Tierney & Preston Foster. It was fair but nothing to brag about. Town was just full of soldiers. There aren't many cars though, since the gas rationing. Next week Tyrone Power in "The Black Swan" is coming to the Rialto. It's a pirate picture & George Sanders, my weakness, is in it. So you know I just simply have to see it. Those pirate pictures are really my dish. It's taken from a story by Rafael Sabatini who wrote "Captain Blood" & loads of good books.

Norman & I are going Friday night. I wish you were here so when I get excited I'd have someone to hang on to. Oh Boy, do I miss you. Shows just aren't the same any

more. The thrill ^③ just isn't real without
you. "White Cargo" with Hedy Lamarr + Walter
Pidgeon is coming to Lewis next week. Your
mother + I are going to see it one day.
I can't wait until we go to a show together
again. Sonny, let's get married real soon.
I'm so eager to be with you + be your wife.
You are so much to me and always will
be the only thing that counts in my life.
Darling I just simply don't think of anything
at all but our wedding day. Oh I just
get shaky all over when I think of it. I
get shivers of ecstasy when I think of our
first night of marriage. Oh I just wonder
if we will be scared. I hope I don't get
cold feet. If I do I'll depend on you to
knock some sense into my head. But I
don't think I need to worry because right
now I want you so much I'd do anything
for the opportunity. Sonny are you sure I'm

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the right girl? Remember when we get married it's for a whole lifetime & you'd be awfully miserable if you found out later you'd made a mistake. But I know you love me as much as I love you. I know that you're the right boy for me. If I don't know it after three years I never will know it. I never have been so sure of anything in my life. Oh how I wish I was with you now so we could do all the silly little things we used to do. It seems like a year since I've seen you. That month sure passed by awfully slow didn't it? I guess the time passes more quickly for you because your mind is always occupied. I'm sure glad I work. I would go crazy just sitting home all day not seeing you or doing anything.

Sonny try to call me on Xmas Eve.

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It's our anniversary. Remember? Three glorious years of going steady & being engaged to you. I sure am lucky. You've made me awfully happy in that time but in the future I'm looking forward to a whole life time of happiness with you. I still can remember so plainly when you asked ~~to~~ me to go steady with you. We went to the show & then when we were coming home, walking through the alley by Lehman's, you asked me if I'd go steady with you. Oh I still feel thrilled every time I think of it. I don't remember exactly when you asked me to marry you. We just took it for granted, didn't we? Oh how I love you. Those little memories make me love you more & more. You were always so good & generous to me. Think of the money you've spent on me. Simply too much.

Well, I'm getting tired so I'll write more tomorrow night. Sonny I love you with all my heart & soul. I'm yours always. Your wife
Lillian

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