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Dearest Sweetheart,

I was so glad to hear from you. It seems like years since I've seen you. I miss you so much I don't feel like the same person. Of course I don't go around looking like an old gloomy ghoul but I really do feel awfully lonesome. Do you miss me? I'll bet you have plenty to occupy your little old mind. You'd better pass all your exams and be a big handsome lieutenant or I'll fine you 100 kisses. I'll bet you'll work harder now won't you? (Haha) No, I was only kidding. I'll love you even if they make you a buck private. I won't care in the least. I'm writing this letter in advance because I have so many things to tell you I couldn't write them all in one night. I'll begin now and tell you all the news such as it is. My pen is leaking & I'm getting ink all over my fingers. If the writing looks shabby it's because I have to hold the pen in the middle to keep my fingers out of the ink. Also excuse the paper. It was the only kind I could find. I have to get some stationery but I wanted to write to you so bad I just had to use this old paper. I hope you won't get mad at me. Tell me in your next letter if you will forgive my rudeness. Will you, angel darling? Please do.

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Well the news of my private life (not newspaper news) is as follows: Starting Monday night when I left you at the station: I think I was brave don't you? I didn't cry until the train pulled out. I'm so glad I didn't burst out while you were still there. I went home & cried some more. Then I washed & read for a while, thought of you all the time. Went to bed. I had a horrible dream I don't know what it was but I suppose it was the result of all the excitement. Tuesday I did not go to work because when I woke up I had a terrific headache so I stayed home & read practically all day. I baked a pie in the afternoon. One of those buttercrust pies like your mother made. I got the recipe from her. She called from to see if I went to work so I talked to her & she told me how to make the pie. I went to work Wednesday. All the girls were full of sympathy for me and I have quite a lot of offers to go out with them. In fact, this coming Wednesday we are all going to see "Spartacus in the Rockies". By "all" I mean Dorothy Bond, Mary Catherine Albro, Shirley Hamilton, Mayorie Deaton & myself. All of the middle aisle girls. I guess will have a nice time. I went over to see your mother Wednesday night. We went to the library & then to your house. I stayed until about 9:45 then your mother

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brought me home. We had a nice time. She showed me all your baby pictures. You sure were a cute little thing. Do you know what happened? Mal, the girl the sold the defense stamps, quit. She quit Saturday night. I didn't know it until Tuesday when I went back. Now Mayorie Deaton, the girl whose husband is in the Navy, is selling them. So much for the store.

Sissy brought her photograph album up tonight. I wasn't home so she left it here for me to look through when I have a chance. So far I've only seen the first page. Jerry is all over it. He isn't a bit cute. He looks nice in a uniform though. Oh, by the way, I told the girls today that when you get home on a furlough and have your uniform on, I'm going to parade you all ^{over} the store and show you off to them all. Mary Catherine Albro said she'd lend me her tight fitting black dress to give you a thrill. You should see it. You know her. She's the blonde whose the head of the department now. She had ~~on~~ the dress today & she has the cutest figure. Wonderful hips. We were all kidding her. Every time she walks her hips swing & the dress has fringe on it like a hula skirt. Do you know what I'm talking about? I doubt it. I'll bet this silly letter is boring you. I write such nonsense. (over)

Oh, Angel pie, I went to see Bette Davis tonight. That is why I wasn't home when Sissey came, in case you're wondering. It was simply wonderful. It impressed me deeply. I want to be like her so much. Do you think I ever will? She has such ~~such~~ poise and is so sure of herself. The way she walks is simply divine. Paul Henreid, who played in "Joan of Paris", co-starred with her in this picture. They did the cutest things. He would light two cigarettes at once and give one of them to Bette. It looked so romantic. Let's do it when I see you again. Want to? I'll bet it's a lot of fun and awfully romantic. Aren't I silly?

Oh Sonny, guess what? I bought a new hat today. It's the cutest thing. A red felt sports hat. I had to have one and it was a real bargain. By the way I'm saving my money. This week I didn't spend anything hardly. Do you know why I'm saving it? So that I can buy a lot of clothes and when I come to see you I'll look real glamorous. Isn't that thrilling? You won't know me I'll be so glamorous looking. Anyway I'll try to be. For you, darling.

I call you Mother every day. I just finished talking to her about an hour ago.

Will tell you more about myself & my experiences in the next episode of this letter. (on the side of this page)

From
Your Loving & Faithful Wife
Lorraine
To my Darling Husband whom I
miss more & more each day.



DEFENSE
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At Geo. W. Canary Jr.
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Army Air Forces Classification Center
San Antonio Aviation Center
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Miss Lettice Mayer
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Dearest Lt. Canary;

I received your two letters this morning and I was so thrilled. In fact I was late for work because I wouldn't leave home until I had read them. I'm so glad you like it and aren't too lonesome. Darling, I know you'll be a success and make me prouder of you than I am now, if that is possible.

Sonny, I never realized how much I loved you until you went away. Every night when I go to bed I think of you until I fall asleep. You are on my mind constantly. I would give a million dollars to see you right now. I hope you can come home for Christmas because I have heard that all civilian travel will be stopped from Dec. to Feb. so that the Service men can use the trains to come home. I think that is right. But it

it will not be so nice if you can't come home + we can't go to see you. Well I guess we'll manage to see each other sometime soon. I hope so.

I was pleased to see that you hadn't forgotten about inquiring to see if cadets could be married in training. Do you think it would be a good idea? I'll do anything you think is best. I leave it up to you. If you think we should wait, darling, then we will. I agree to anything.

I'm writing this at a late hour. Today is Mon. so you know what a dreadful hour I arrived home. I called your mother a few minutes ago + she was talking me about all the things you asked for in your letter. She can't understand what happened to all the things you took with you. I'm going over to your house Wed. night. Your mother is going to teach me

to knit. Who knows? Maybe I'll knit you a sweater. Would you like that?

I'm mailing two letters to you at the same time. One is airmail, this one, and the other is not. So you'll most likely get this one first. The other is rather a silly letter. Just an account of the things I've done since you've been away. I hope you enjoy all the silly things I've written in it.

By the way, have you met any nice boys? You haven't told me about them. Are you still with Redmon & the other boy? The stout one? Did you go all the way together or otherwise?

Sonny, don't tell me you've had to have your hair cut shorter? Angel, you won't have anything left.

Oh, if I could only feel one of your super super kisses & big hugs right now I think I'd faint with ecstasy. We will have a powerful lot of

loving to do when we meet again, with
we? You'd better beware. I'll be with
one of those "Sadie Hawkins Day" girls.
I'll drag you to the altar yet. Will
you put up a very big fight or will
you come willingly? Be sure & let me
know so I can come prepared. If you
won't come willingly I guess I'll have to
fetch along my old trusty bear trap.
Watch out brother, & stay away from
strange women.

Well angel I'm getting sleepy so
I'll put this little old letter in its
envelope & send it to you on wings of love.
Be sure & think of me & don't forget me.
I'll always wait for you no matter
how long it may be. But don't let's
wait too long. I couldn't stand it.
I love you more than ever & am so proud
to have you as my future husband.

Always your sweetest
& wife

Lillian

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Via Air Mail

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Miss Lillian Mayes
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Dear Sonny;

How are you, you old sweet thing?
I sure do love you. I miss you so damn
much. You don't know ~~to~~ how much, I'll
bet. I hope I can see you real soon
because it's awful having to be away from
you like this. Do you feel the same
way? I hope you do. Angel, please
write a lot of love letters to me so I
can pretend you're still here. Make them
real sticky with love. That is, if you
feel the urge. I can't think of any news
to tell you because it's being pushed
away by all the feelings of love that
rush to my mind when I start writing.
You never will know how you affect me.
Gosh, I love you, darling. I wish we were
married. Wouldn't that be wonderful? You
could address all your letters to "Mrs Geo.
W. Canary Jr". Wouldn't it be thrilling?

I'll bet you think I'm crazy don't you?
Don't change too much angel. Don't forget
me.

You said in your last letter that you
hoped I was getting all the letters you had
written me. Well, I have. I've gotten two
cards, one letter when you were in Ohio.
And about 4 more letters when you were on
your way to Texas. So I have gotten them
all. Don't worry about it, sweet. The mail
service so far has been wonderful. I hope
I get ~~a~~ a letter from you every day.

Tonight was the night when I was
supposed to go to the show with the girls
at work. Remember I said something about
it in a previous letter? We were going on
Wed. that is tomorrow night, but we changed
it to tonight because of the Armistice Day
parade tomorrow night. Anyway I didn't want
to go. I wasn't in the mood. You'd be
surprised. I'm getting to be a regular stay-
at-home since you've left. I still like shows
but somehow I don't enjoy them like I did

when I went with you. ⁽³⁾ Add isn't it?
I sure love you.

Sonny, is it warm or cold where you are now? I was wondering coming down on the bus tonight if it was warm and I thought it was. And, your mother told me tonight that you said you had to have your hair cut shorter. I'll bet you looked like an old scalped Indian. I hope you can let your curls grow out by the time we get married. I don't want an old skinned husband. Don't get mad I am only kidding. I'd love you if you were bald headed, but its easier if you have hair. You Angel.

Well, I'll write more tomorrow night. I'm going over to your house from work. I'm keeping my promise, sweet, I call your mother every night, sometimes she calls me first, and I visit her often. So don't think I am not keeping in touch with her. Norman + the whole family wishes you lots of luck

and they send their love. Of course
 I'm not going to send you my love cause
 I know you won't appreciate it any
 way, will you, Available? By the way
 are you available to a certain get way
 back here in Kentucky? In the ~~land~~^{area} of
 lovely old hills? Would you like to woo
 Dogpatch style with me right now? Let
 me know, kid. I'll be a-pining for
 your answer.

Well, as I said before my mind
 started wandering around, I will write again
 tomorrow night. Don't forget to write me
 every day if possible. I'm sending all my
 letters air mail so you get them quick. I
 want to haunt you so you won't forget me.

Good night, dear husband,
 Loads + Loads of love
 + luck
 Your "sweet" wife
 Lorraine

I haven't any
 lipstick on.
 a weak
 kiss

Did you like that
 kiss on the other letter?
 If not say so.



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Air Mail

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Miss Lettina Meyer
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Hello Lovey;

How are you today? Fine I hope. I just came home from your house. I went down from work & ate supper with your mother & aunt. We had a very nice time. Your mother taught me the first steps of knitting. I think I'll like it if I ever learn to knit real well. Your mother and I are going to the show tomorrow night to see "Springtime in the Rockies". We are getting to be regular pals.

Sweetheart, I didn't get a letter from you today & I'm so disappointed. I know you can't write every day but I still hope for the impossible. I hope I get one tomorrow. You said something in your last letter about sending you magazines. What kind do you want? You said "small magazines" and the only one I know of is "Reader's Digest". Do you want me to send it to you?

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Tell me whatever you'd like to have + I'll try to send it, if I can. Also tell me how long it takes these air mail letters to get to you because I want to know just about when you receive them. You know, I want to find out how quick they get to you. I want you to get one every day, if possible. Have you received any yet? Be sure + tell me.

Today, tonight was the first time I've been on Broadway since you left. When I was riding down on the bus, (to your house) I kept thinking of how many times we've traveled up + down Broadway. It's a street of memories. I think anymore I'll stay on Market St. Every store or house seems to hold some sort of memory. When we passed Snappy Snack Hamburgers I nearly died. It seemed as if ages had passed since we'd been there. I hope we can visit the same old places again sometime soon don't you?

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Sweetie, how do you like your new home? Have you been into the town yet? Sonny, do they let you go out when you want to, or do you have to stay on the post all the time? Will you send me a souvenir of some kind when you get a chance? Honey, if there is anything you need or want be sure to tell me so I can send it to you. I really would love to do something for you, so will you let me know if I can do anything?

I've got \$5 dollars saved and I will save more every week from now to Xmas. I want to buy gifts for the family, you, & your mother, dad & aunt. Also I want a new coat. I'll have to do some tall saving won't I, angel? You'd be surprised at how I economize since you're away. Today when I got paid I started to buy a new charm for my bracelet, but instead I controlled myself and didn't spend anything. You see, I can do it if I want to. Do you still think I'll be extravagant when we're married? Honest I won't. Sonny. You can trust me now.

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I think I've changed. Are you glad?
you can never tell, I might be a very thrifty
wife & save you a lot of expenses. I believe
I'm getting more serious minded.

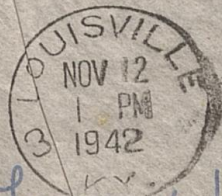
Sorry I love you so much. I just live
for your letters. Isn't it swell to read the
mail from the person you're crazy about?
I enjoy your letters so much. Are there
many boys in your company who are engaged
or married or any thing? Tell me all about
them.

I dream of you every night. Also I think
of you all day. I sure miss eating lunch
with you. Girls bore me to death. There
is simply no substitute for you, sweets, are
you glad? Write me a lot of sweet nothings.

Guess I'll go to bed now. It's getting
late. Sure do miss you every night. Well
sweet dreams, angel. Love you more every
second. Hope we can be married real soon.
Write & answer all questions.

Lots & lots of love
Fa ever yours
Lorraine

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Miss Feltene Mager
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11/17/42 Tues. 5

Dearest darling Sonny:

I received another letter from you today and was I thrilled to read that you have been issued your uniform. I sure would like to see you. Please send me your picture in the uniform as soon as you can. I'll send you some pictures in the letter tomorrow night. I get them from Saylois tomorrow. I can hardly wait until I hear what classification you have been put in. Tell me as soon as you can. (excuse the wretched writing)

I didn't go to work today because it was raining + very nasty outside. So I read your letter this morning. I called your mother + she asked me if I wanted to go to the post office with her + mail you some hangies. So I went. We stopped at O'Brien's + got a coke.

Then we went to the library and I
got two mystery books on your mother's
card. They are "The Hangman's Whips"
and "Murder in Three Acts". The last
is by Agatha Christie who is my
favourite mystery writer. I am reading
a mystery now that I got at Kaufman's.
It is "Blood on her Shoe". By the time
I finish reading all these mystery stories
I'll be half crazy. Don't you agree? But
I've been reading so many huge stories
that these books are a change. Anyway
I simply love mysteries. This one I'm
reading now (Blood on her Shoe) is so damned
scary I wouldn't dare read it late at
night. I always wait until someone is
in the house with me. Isn't that awful?
When we get married it will be wonderful
to be able to read mysteries in bed + when
I get scared I'll turn off the light

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and cuddle up to you. Will you like that? Even if you're asleep I'll still get real close to you & then I won't be scared anymore. I'll get so close you won't know which is you & which is me. I can hardly wait. I believe I'll get scared real often just so I'll have a good excuse to get real near to you. Or will I need an excuse?

Honey when I see you I don't think I'll be able to curb my emotions. You'll have to remind me we're not married yet. I'll have to summon all my will power not to just leap right at you. Isn't that awful? I'll bet you think I have no modesty what ever. But I haven't when it concerns you. I wish I didn't have any when you were here. You told me I'd regret it when you left. Remember? Well, I do. I'm changed now though. Just wait until our next meeting. You'll find out. Tell me if you think I'm terrible?

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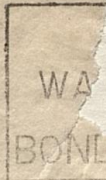
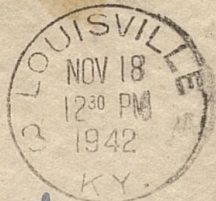
We have company today. Grandma, my aunt who lives in the country, and my cousin, The fat one. He is the nuttiest boy. He had everyone in hysterics all day. I sure was glad you're mother asked me to with her this afternoon. I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Company is very tiresome isn't it? They're still here + it's almost ten o'clock. Do you want it?

Sweetheart I just simply have to see you for Xmas. I'll die if I don't. I sure hope it's possible don't you? You mentioned in your letter today that you were going to get me a camera for Xmas. Please don't. We won't have any use for 2 cameras when we get married, it would be silly. Save your money for that great occasion. Just get me some little inexpensive something. I'll send your camera to you whenever you want it. Tell me when. Remember I love you.

Write your more tomorrow.

I haven't much left to do (I don't wear so much since you left)

Your wife
Lillian



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Miss Fathema Mayer
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Wed. 6

Darling Sonny;

I just received your air Corps
Insignia today. They are simply darling.
I'm going to wear them always so every
body will know you're in the Air Corps.
Oh, Sonny I'm so proud of you and love
you so much. Everytime I read your letter
I get so thrilled. I walk on air for
hours aft' afterward. They really make
me feel wonderful. I love all the little
love words you write me. It makes me
feel so funny inside. When ever I just
sit and think of you I get an excited
feeling inside. Oh, I love you, you big
angel. Thanks loads for the insignia.

I am sending you some pictures
which I took Sunday. I'll send you two
in each letter I write so you'll be in
surprise. I hope you like them. They

aren't so good. ⁽²⁾ I'll take some more
Sunday maybe if it is nice out. I'll
send you lots of pictures so you'll be
reminded of me.

I got the proofs of my big picture
today. You remember I said I had it
taken in one of the previous letters. Mother
doesn't like them but all the girls at
work do. Maybe they're just being polite.
But anyway I'm going to have them
made + I'll send you one as soon as
possible. Don't expect it soon because
it takes ages for them to be finished.
You can depend on my rushing it to you as
soon as I get it. Hope you will like it.
I have my hair fixed the way you liked
it. You remember! In those bangs? That's
why mother doesn't like it. She hates
my hair fixed that way. But I had it
made that way because you said you
liked my hair fixed that way + I would do

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anything to please you sweetheart.

You said in your letter today that we would be married in Feb or March. Is that true? If so I can have plenty of time to be prepared. I thought from your letter that you were considering sending for me right away and I didn't know how I was going to get ready. Anytime you send for me I'll come. What do you mean in your letter by saying that you will be in for two months? I can't imagine what you mean. Please explain it to me. (I'm dumb about army life).

Do you really think of me as much as you say you do? Oh Sonny, you shocked me in this letter I got today. You said that when you thought of me you felt like you used to when we got down to serious loving. Do you really mean it? Can I make you feel like that even with all this distance

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between us? Honey I get funny sensations
when I think about you too. And the
funny thing is, that I think of you all
the time. So I guess I'm just having
sensations all the time, don't you think?
God, I can't imagine what will happen,
when we see each other again. Can you?
If so tell me so I'll know what to expect.
Oh boy! I have a faint idea.

Sweetheart, stay away from all girls
even 5 yr olds. Remember I'm awfully
jealous of you. I'm staying away from
boys, all size + color, so you follow my
example. About girls I mean, you couldn't
very well with boys could you bud?

Well, Happy N. P. duty, you sweet
little house wife. Don't get "house maids
knees" Sonny or I won't marry you.

I sure do love you even if you do cook
+ scrub for the army. Loads + loads of
love + kisses
your wife Lorraine

← I'm getting
love on
lipstick



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Mrs. Lillian Meyer
4601 W. Jefferson St.
Louisville Ky.

11/20/42 Fri. 7

Dear Sonny;

I received two letters today and I was so thrilled to hear you've been classified as a pilot. I am so glad for you. You don't know how proud I am of you. I wish I were with you so I could express myself with actions. And you can guess what actions they would be. Oh if I could only kiss you right now. You don't know how I long for you. Honey when I see you it's just going to be terrible. I'll embarrass you to death because I won't have any control over my emotions.

Darling you asked me in my letter today if I went to many shows. No. I've only been once since you left. There isn't any thrill in going without you

And of course I don't go out with boys. You know me better than that. I don't even look at old boys. The only boy I want to see is Lt. Canary. Do you know him? He the handsomest cuss you will ever see in your life. Just in case you don't recall who he is, look in any mirror & there he is. The answer to a maiden's prayer. And it had better be only one maiden. If I hear differently I'll come down & bash Lt. Canary's head in. So warn him will you?

I'm going to take some more pictures Sunday & will send them to you right away.

I am enclosing a joke. I think you will appreciate it. I got it from one of the girls. She typed it for me so it would be easy for you to read. By the way

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I understood this one so you can see what your education in certain matters did for me. Thanks for enlightening me, kid. The tiffing is not so good but the girl did it with one finger so you can't expect much can you? I think it's the cutest damn thing I've seen in a long time. In the line of fakes I mean. Tell me if you don't understand it + I'll explain. Don't tell anyone I sent it to you or they would think I was a bad girl. And I don't want people to think that.

Today I got myself a new sweater. I haven't treated myself for a long time so I invested \$3 in a little sleeveless jacket that buttons down the front. It's really a boy's sweater. I got it in the men's dept. It's light tan + looks kind of like a vest.

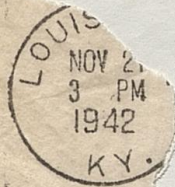
Ⓜ a crude idea of how it looks. I'll wear it Sunday when I take the pictures

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so you can see how it looks. I'm going to wear it tomorrow with my ~~tan~~ corduroy skirt. The skirt to my suit. and a white ~~blouse~~ blouse. I think it will look right cute.

Sweetie pie I wish you were here with me now so I could hug + kiss you like the devil. But our day will come. Only I hope it hurries. If you do telegraph me to come down like you said in this letter please don't do it on a short notice because I couldn't possibly go until I get some more money + clothes. And I haven't any luggage. Please give me plenty of time. Have you any idea when it will be? If so please tell me so I can be a little more prepared. I want to come to you so bad. I sure do miss you, Sonny. Good night angel. Will write more tomorrow.

With all my love + kisses
Your wife
Lorraine



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Sat. 8

Dearest darling Sonny;

You old sweet thing, how are you now that you know you're going to be a pilot? I hope you aren't stuck on yourself. Don't forget I'm still up here in Kentucky waiting for you. I'm awfully proud of you. I'll prove it when I see you.

I didn't get a letter today and I am so disappointed. Yesterday I got two so maybe that accounts for it. Write me how it feels to be a pilot.

Guess what I saw in the paper the other day. You'll never believe it. That glamorous gal Rosalind Russell is going to have a baby. Isn't that news? I just can't imagine a heavenly person like her doing such a down to earth thing. Don't you think it's wonderful? I sure do.

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Honey how do you like this new stationery?
Send it clever? I'll bet the other boys
don't get fancy letters like you do. Do you
like it?

Tomorrow I'm going to the show with your
mother to see Veronica Lake + Brian Donlevy
in "The Glass Key". I'll tell you in the letter
tomorrow night if I liked it or not.

It sure feels funny staying at home on
Sat. night. I would love to go out like we
used to. Just, if I just sit and think of all
the wonderful things we did, I could cry + cry.
I want to see you so damn bad. Right now
I am just living with no purpose at all.
Every thing I do is done automatically. I
sure will be glad when we get married. That
will be the day that I start living again.
I didn't dream I would be so lonely when
you left. I know you feel the same way.

I hope it won't be so long before we can be together again.

Sorry, I have been trying to think what kind of clothes I should get for my X-mas gift to myself. I have just about decided upon a black dress with black shoes, bag & hat. How do you I would look? Please give me your opinion & tell me what you think would look good on me. Whatever I get I will probably have to wear when you send for me so you tell me what you would like to see me in. I really think black would be nice because I have so many sports clothes. I should have some dress for good. Give me your honest opinion.

Sweets, I sure do love you an awful lot. I think of you constantly. I don't believe there has been a minute that has passed since you left when you were not on my mind.

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Please think of me & Sonny don't go to any of those Service Club dances because you might, just because you're lonesome, fall for some other girl. That would break my heart darling. So please, whenever you get real lonely go to a show & take a look at my pictures just so you won't be tempted. Because you know how girls go after uniforms, especially aviation cadets. So please be careful.

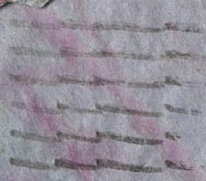
Honey, I guess I'd better close ~~now~~ now
& go to bed. I'm kind of tired. Sat. is awfully boring to me. Today was so nasty. It rained all day long. I wanted to take pictures tomorrow but I doubt if I can with this terrible weather. I'll write you another letter just as soon as I get home from the show tomorrow. Congratulations & lots of luck on your new adventure. Remember I'm pulling for you. Family sends their best wishes for your success. Your wife always
Lorraine

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1/22/42 Sun. 9

Dearest Sweetheart;

I am sitting here listening to "Take it or Leave it" and trying to write this letter. Two soldiers just answered their sixty four dollar questions. They were so thrilled. Fred Allen was just on and was he silly. One of the comedians said the funniest thing. It was "While I was winding the victrola she slipped a mekey in my Pepsi Cola." Isn't that silly? The guy who thinks up those jokes must be a wreck. Do you listen to the radio much? Starting next week the Metropolitan Opera is going to be on every Sat. I sure do wish I could listen to them. I did last winter and I will miss it a lot.

Today was the nastiest old day

you could possibly ^② imagine. I got all wet waiting for the street car after church. It just poured down. So I couldn't take any pictures this Sun. Maybe I will on Thanksgiving Day. Your mother & daddy took me to the show. We saw "The Glass Key." It was awfully good. Alan Ladd really was divine in this picture. He is quite the stuff. Oh boy, is he tough. Thursday all the new shows start. There are a lot of good pictures coming. Bing Crosby & Bob Hope in "The Road to Morocco." Victor Mature in "Seven Days' Leave." Judy Garland in "For Me & My Gal." Don't they sound good? I wish you were here to see them with me. Honey I sure do feel funny in the show with no one to hold my hand.

Sonny doll, I love you so much. Each day makes me love you more.

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I wish I knew what to get you for Christmas. I can't think of ~~of~~ anything good enough for you. Please tell me what you would like to have. I would rather give you what you want. So let me know.

I wish you would come home for Christmas. That would be the most ~~of~~ wonderful thing that could possibly happen. Oh darling how I long for you. Every night before I go to sleep I imagine that you are beside me and it makes me feel so blue. I hope I am deserving to marry such a wonderful person as you. Sonny. I'm trying to gain weight so I will be more appealing to you. But don't be disappointed if I'm still skinny when you see me again. Oh I wish I could get real curvy like Rita Hayworth or somebody.

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Would you like me better then? I know you would. Just think how thrilled you'd be when we get married. I know you'll be different when I see you. In appearance I mean. I can't realize that when I lean on your shoulder again it will be a military shoulder. I can't imagine what it feels like to lean on a uniform. I'll bet it's thrilling. I can't wait to find out. Oh how I love you.

I want to marry you so bad you'll never know how much. I hope we can meet soon. Honey I sure would like to cook your meals + darn your socks + everything. It will make me so happy to do things for you. I know we'll have a lot of fun. And we'll be so romantic. Just wait + see.

Good night sweetheart, pleasant dreams. Mine will be of you. They always will be.

Love, love + more love
your wife
Lorraine

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11/29/42

June.

Dearest darling Sonny;

You sweet old angel, I received a box of candy from you today and I was so surprised. I also got a letter. Honey that was the most romantic letter you have ever written to me. It thrilled me so much. Angel I really am crazy about you. You said you were glad I had lost my modesty. Are you really? For you I would lose any thing. Thanks a million for the candy. It is really swell. I am eating some now while I'm writing. Oh how I love you Sonny. I wish I could express how I feel. I can show you better. I will when I see you. You are the only person in the world whom I could ever love & adore & marry. Honey, men don't even exist as far as I'm concerned. He me but you now & forever. Let's get married real soon no matter what anyone says.

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After all it is ~~us~~ ^{we} who are being married &
If we want to no one can stop us. That's
how I feel, how about you? I know I sure
do want to more than any thing in the world.
Let's make it soon.

Darling I'm not going to the game Thanksgiving.
We have decided we don't want to go after all.
I want to stay home & think of you. If
it's a nice day I'm going to take pictures
so I can send them to you. Tomorrow I think
I will get a new hat, a black one to
match the black dress & shoes I'm going
to get for Xmas. If I get one I'll take a
picture of me with it on so you can see
what it looks like.

I went to your house tonight for supper.
I came down from work. Your mother had
a delicious supper. I wish you had been
there. I still call your mother every night
& we go the show about 1st a week.

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Mrs. Stevens, the woman who works at Apple's,
came in to talk to me today & she gave me the
letter you sent to them so I could read. She
said everyone in the store had read it &
I could have it if I wanted it. So I took
it & gave it to your mother tonight. She wants
to keep it. It was a good letter. Mrs. Stevens
said everyone missed you & that you were a
very well liked person & that they were sorry
you had to leave them. She must be trying
to make me or something don't you think?
She stops in about once a week to ask if
I heard from you. She tells me I must
carry on. You'd think I was a widow or
something. Anyway it's real nice of her.

I'm sending a little story about some
fantastic little people invented by the flyers
in the R.A.F. I hope it brings you
enjoyment. I read it & thought it was awfully
amusing. I think you will enjoy it. Tell
me if you think it's good or otherwise.

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Well, tomorrow is the eve of Thanksgiving.
 I sure am not in a holiday mood this year.
 I can't even get in a Xmas spirit. I suppose
 it's because my mind is not here but in
 Texas. Honey I sure hope you have a nice
 Thanksgiving. I'm going to take a week
 off for Xmas & New Year. I'll get fed. But
 I don't want to be out of working
 I can't seem to want to be home during
 the holidays. I can go to see your mother
 into the changes. I'll be glad to do for so long.
 Just give me time to do a few things without
 having to wait. Tell your mother to do it. Just
 to shop around & see what you can find for a change.
 The only reason I'm working now is I have
 some clothes when I see you. Otherwise I
 would be a nudist. Wouldn't that be tragic?
 Well good night without. I'll see you
 in my dreams all right. I hope I don't forget
 you & family & a doing
 Love
 J. B.

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Dearest Sweetest Sonny;

Darling you are the most thoughtful person in the world. Today I received your flowers & they are perfectly beautiful. Sweets, you shouldn't spend your money on me. Buy yourself something. I think you're simply wonderful & I love you so much it hurts. Today was a beautiful day & I thought of you all day long. I didn't go to the football game. But Manual won 26-6. Isn't that swell? You sure put the right ribbons on the flowers didn't you angel? Oh you're so sweet. Just think, if you were here we would have gone to the game together & then at night we would have — oh you know what. Thanks a million for the flowers darling. I'm going to keep them always.

I took some pictures today. I pinned your flowers on my suit so you could see how

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pretty they are. Honey I'll send you the
~~flowers~~ pictures just as soon as I get them.
I hope they are good. If they aren't I'll send
them anyway just so you can see the flowers.
I didn't feel so well today because it's the
wrong time of the month. In fact when I
took the pictures I felt like the devil so
if I look funny you'll know why. Honestly
sorry, I just ache & hurt all over. I've never
felt this way before. All afternoon I had to
lie down with a hot water bottle on my
stomach. I was wishing you were here so you
could take my mind off the pain. I don't
know why I feel like this. Usually I don't
feel bad at all. Maybe it's just because I'm
so lonesome for you. I feel better now but
not my old self. If this letter reaches you
late please don't be mad at me. Today the
mail will be taken up late & so your letter

may be a little late. I didn't get a letter from you yesterday. And Sonny & I didn't write last night because I knew they wouldn't pick it up because of the holiday so I waited until today to write. Are you mad? Please don't be.

Your candy is delicious. It's almost gone because the family likes it too. Norman can't wait until he sees your pictures of you in your uniform. He thinks you're wonderful. So do I. I'll be so glad to see your pictures.

I want to see if you've changed. I hope you haven't. Just so long as you keep on loving me I'll be content. I love you so much I can't stand it. I miss you more & more.

If I could only see you! Ah Sonny they're playing your favourite song now "I had the Craziest Dream". Isn't that what you said in your letter; that was your favourite song? I like it too. I love anything you like.

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Honey I sure am crazy about you. Every minute + second I am always thinking of you. I sit + think of the next time we meet + little shivers of excitement ~~run~~ up + down my back. To think that real soon I'll be your wife. I just can't believe it. It's too wonderful to be true. Every minute brings that wonderful day closer. Once I get to you I'll never leave you again. Unless you want me to. I'll move all the over the States with you if ~~never~~ necessary. I would love it. If I could be with you I'd be willing to do anything. Oh let's hurry the day that will make us be together forever. It can't be too soon for me. How about you?

Angel I'll write you more tomorrow. Please always love me + want me. I will always feel that way about you. Forever.
Your adoring + loving wife
Lorraine

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11/27/42

Fri.

Dearest Darling Sonny;

Here I am writing you again on the same day. I just have to do something I'm so damn bored & lonesome. I called your mother tonight & she said you called her today on the telephone. I sure wish you'd called me too. She said that you told her you tried to call me yesterday & that the lines were so congested you couldn't get through. I'm so disappointed I would just cry. I would love to hear your voice. Please call me sometime. Maybe you'll be lucky & will be able to get the call through. But of course you could call your mother & she could tell me you called & I would at least know she had gotten to talk to you. Your mother was awfully chilled. She loves to hear from you.

Your father is having a birthday party & you should hear the noise. He is twelve today & does he think he is important. You

just can't stand him. I made some little
things for him. I got him a pair of kid gloves
you know present from me. He is going to keep
them for sundays. Mother got him a reversible
sweater & a corduroy "jeep" hat & a flannel
shirt & a new pair of pants. He has quite a
lot of presents for his party. You should see the
little girl who came. One has a formal dress
on & she looks so cute. They sure are having
a good time.

I love you very much Sonny & I hope we
can be married real soon. I think it would be
better if I didn't come down until we could get
married because otherwise it would be too hard
on us. We'd have to say good bye all over again.

I just couldn't stand any more good byes.

Don't you think that would be better?

Of course whatever you want to do is okay
with me. Let's hurry & get married. I just
feel so lonesome tonight. I would give anything
to go off again. I'm so tired of girls. I

now did care about going with them
till I was changed. So please make it
possible for me to have masculine company
again with you. I want to be the only company
I want you. Not just any boy but you.
I'm going to start buying my wedding things
next week if possible. I want to be ready when
you send for me.

I love you more & more each day. I
really miss your presence to me & how
essential you are to my happiness. I'm
looking forward to a future full of happiness
with you. Let's bring that future closer &
closer. It can't come too soon for me. I want
you more than you know. I wish you'd and
I'm right now. I'd hitch hike down if
I could not get there any other way.

I hope you enjoy this quick little
letter. I just want to say you reminded me.
Write me all your plans about me. Remember
I love you & always will. Your wife
Julia

11/28/92

Sat.

Dearest darling husband;

Here I am sitting all alone on Sat. night. I sure do miss going out with you. In fact I forget what it feels like to go out + just let myself go. The way we used to do. Remember? We sure did have a lot of fun. Sonny I'm so hungry for you. I'd just give any thing to be able to see you + love the way we used to. Wasn't it wonderful? I hope you feel the same way. I just can't wait until I see you again. I hope we can be married right away. Won't it be swell? You can come home on week ends a oh yes oh yeah just think of the wonderful things we can do. Let's go out a whole lot after we're married. We aren't going to sit home + just act like old married people are we? Let's pretend we aren't married yet + that you have to just beg + beg for me to marry you. You have to get on your knees + really make it real. What that be funny?

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I'll play hard-to-get + you can pursue me.
In the end you'll win of course. Then we'll
pretend we are on our honeymoon again + act
real bashful + ignorant. Aint I sally? We
arent even married yet. I can just imagine
what our honeymoon will be like. You'll be
like one of those wolves because you havent
seen me for so long. I'm warning you. You'd
better not get too violent or I'll refuse to
continue the honeymoon. No I was only kidding.
You can get as violent as you want to, just
so you dont tear me apart. You know, Sonny,
when I just sit here writing this + think about
all these things, my heart starts beating real
fast + I feel so funny. My face pale like its
on fire. I guess I'm blushing because I say
such awful things to you. Do you think
I'm being too forward? I just cant help it
Sonny. Its the way I feel. I love you so
much I have to let you know some way.
I think I have changed for the better. If you

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know what I mean (passionately) are you glad
Sonny do you like for me to tell you all my
inside feelings? Do you think I'm not nice
because I say these things? You said in
the letter I received today that I don't write
enough about our coming marriage. Well the
reason I don't is because I don't want you to
think I'm just trying to hurry you into it.
I want you to study & be a success & I don't
want you to always be thinking of me instead.
I still want to marry you. More now than when
you left. But if it will hurt your career I
don't think I should encourage you. But if
you are sure I wouldn't be a burden to you
why you know I'd marry you tomorrow if you
said the word. Sonny believe me. I am so
darned bored & lonesome without you I can hardly
stand it. Right now I'm just miserable. I love
you & want you so much & when I think of
how long it will be before I see you. I just
feel sick all over. You don't know how much

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I really love you & want to marry you. That is the only thing I have to live for & look forward to. I'm planning on it so much. I hope we will be able to do it real soon. Do you think we can? Today at work I could hardly stand it. I just simply can't bear my job much longer. I'm ready to quit right now. The only reason I'm staying is to get ready to come & marry you. Please send for me as soon as possible. I really do miss you Sonny. You might not think I'm enthusiastic about being married but oh brother, it's all I think of. I just don't like to bother you because it sounds like I'm running after you. Please write me all your plans soon.

Sonny what is your identification number? I want to get you one of those bracelets & I think I have your number on one of your letters but it may have been changed since then. Please tell me right away.

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You should hear the sket outside. It just started & it sounds so loud & wintry. Everyone is in bed but me. I still stay up late. I can't get in the habit of going to bed early.

What's this I read in your letter about you saying for me to travel light because I won't need many clothes when we're married? Mr Canary, you shock & surprise me! How dare you say such a thing? Just for that I'll buy myself one of those old fashioned flannel nightgowns & wear it on ~~at~~ our honeymoon. And if you get bold I'll scream for help. Sorry what would you do if I did get a flannel nightgown & be real bashful like a gay ninties girl? Would you be aggressive or would you be just plain disaquated? Would you ^{not} give up until I had finally weakened or would you just give up? I'll bet you wouldn't. When I come down I think I'll be one of the hard to get yale & let you win me all over again. Would you like that? No, honey.

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I'll be just plain old me. And you know
how I am. Real emotional & passionate & don't
say I'm not because I am. This room is
getting chilly so I have to start thinking of you
& get hot as fire again. Honestly, a minute ago
while I was writing all that sweet love interest
to you I felt so warm I thought I'd have to go
outside & cool off. Isn't that terrific? You sure
do affect me sweetheart. Wait until I see you.
You haven't got a chance. You'll be a free
man no longer but an old husband with a
wife who just has to have a lot of love all
the time. Well your back out of your bargain
& try to ~~escape~~ ^{escape}? I'll get blood hounds on your
trail. So beware. You just have to marry me.
There is no escape from me.

We'll write you more tomorrow. I sure
love you like I never loved before. I'm just
feeling for you so hurry & send for me or I'll find
away & won't be here at all. I love, love love love you.
You'll never know how much.
I'll try to show you
when I see you.
Your wife now & forever
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11/30/42

Mon.

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Dearest Sweet Sonny;
My little Angel Husband;

Oh how thrilled I was when you called me this morning Sonny darling. I just can't believe yet that I actually talked to you. That was the most thrilling experience I've ever had. The sound of your voice made me feel wonderful. I was so sleepy I couldn't concentrate. I bet you thought I was crazy because I sounded so sleepy & dopey. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. All day long I have been thinking of it. When I told the girls at work they were so tickled because they know how much I love you. I'll bet I love them because I talk about you all the time. You are the only thing I think of so I can't help but let people know how I feel. Call me again real soon because maybe then I can talk to you better & I won't be so sleepy. Oh yeah I'll never get over the thrill. You don't know how

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much it meant to me. Sorry are we really going to get married in Jan or the first part of Feb? Gosh I can't wait, I'll just live as for the day you send for me. Please make it soon because I want to see you & marry you so much.

I received your picture today & oh boy, do you look cute & handsome in your uniform. Remember not to go out with girls cause I just know they'll flirt with you because you look so darned sweet & good looking. Wait till I come down & you can flirt with me all day & all night. Would you like that? I'm looking at your picture now. I love to stare now & then to look at you because you look so swell. Sorry you really look good in your uniform. I'm going to take the picture with me tomorrow & show it to everyone. Boy am I lucky to be engaged to you. Gosh I love you. I think that cute uniform makes me love you more. I wonder what it feels like to kiss & hug a man in an air corps uniform? I hope I find out real soon. Cause the man is you. Do you feel any

different in a uniform ³ or just the same as
always? You sure ought to be proud of yourself.
I'm so proud of you Sonny. I can't wait
until we're married. That is the only thing
I ever want in life. Just to be with you
forever & ever. Sonny I hope I deserve to be
loved by a wonderful boy like you. I'll try
my best to make you happy when we're married.
I hope we always love each other the way
we do now. I know we will as long as I have
any thing to do with it. If you ever get tired of
me after we're married I think I'll just die.
I wouldn't want to live if you didn't love me.
You are everything to me. I love you so much
I can just feel it inside of me. The thought
of you makes me want to cry because I love
you and want you so much. I don't think
any girl ever loved a boy as much as I love
you. Wait until we're married & I'll prove it.
Please love me too.

I'm sending you some pictures I had
taken Thanksgiving, but they're terrible. Mother

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took them & they're crooked & full of shadows.
Maybe the next ones will be better. I'll let
Sissy take them. I love your flowers on. They
are so sweet. I still have them in water on
top of the piano. They're beginning to wilt.
I felt bad when the pictures were taken. I
guess that's why they are so awful. I had such
terrible pains I could barely sit up or smile.
I hope you like them even if they aren't super.

I just looked at your picture again &
I can feel chills of ecstasy chase up & down
my spine. Oh if you were only here & not just
your picture. I love you more & more every time
I breathe.

Tomorrow night I'm going over to your
house to have supper. Your mother & I are
going to the library. I go over to your house
once a week & call your mother every night.
I hope it makes you love me more. Your
mother & dad are really swell & I enjoy going
over to your house a whole lot. I hope your
mother goes down with me when I come to

marry you. Do you think she will? Mom
says she would feel better if someone went
with me because she would worry if I went
alone. She won't object to my going to you.
She wants me to do whatever will make me
happy. Do you think your mother will be
mad at us? I hope not. I think it's so
wonderful for us to be able to be married. We
will do it in spite of what anyone thinks or
says. I'll come down by myself if your
mother won't come, but I think she will if
you ask her, don't you? I know she won't
stand in the way to our happiness. She knows
how we love each other. Sonny let me know
about two weeks ahead if possible so I can
get my clothes packed + so I can get everything
I will need. I won't be able to save much
money because of Xmas + all the presents I
have to buy. You will probably have to send
me some money if you want me to come.
I will tell you how much in plenty of time.

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Don't spend a lot on me for Xmas. I would rather you saved your money so we can have more to get married on. Just buy me some thing inexpensive. I really don't need any thing at all.

What type clothes do you think I should get? Do you think it would be wiser not to buy so many until after we're married, because it may be hot where you are stationed & I couldn't wear winter clothes. I'll just get what I need & wait until we're married to get some more. The things I need most is underwear. I'm going to get some black underwear so you can get real thrilled. I hope I can look real glamorous in nightgowns. Don't be disappointed if I'm not. I hope you love me anyway. I'll try to look good as I possibly can. I want to keep you enchanted all the time. Ah I can hardly wait. Let's make it soon. I'll die of suspense if we don't hurry. Won't you?

Well I'd better say good night. Thanks a million for the call & the picture. I love you ten billion times more than I did.

your wife with love
Lalaine & Miss



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