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New Year's Day.

My Dearest Darling Husband;

You are the sweetest little angel.

How did you amuse yourself today? Did you miss me? I sure did miss you. I hope we are together soon. That will really be our two year celebration won't it? It just hasn't been the same since you left. Sonny I love you so much. You mean everything to me. I am looking forward to our marriage with such impatience. Your mother was telling me tonight that it only takes two days + one night to get to Texas from here. Isn't that wonderful? Just think I leave here at 11:30 one day + I'm with ~~at~~ you by 7:00 the next evening. I am so thrilled. Sonny darling I want to see

you so bad. I want to be near you so we
won't ever be lonesome again. Did your mother
tell you about June? I guess she has. She
must be terribly thrilled, on her way to be
married. I wish it was me. It will be real
soon won't it? Will you be glad to see me?
I'll be so delighted to see you that I won't
be able to do a thing. I'll probably just
stand & look at you. I can't believe that
I'm going to marry a wonderful aviation cadet.
I'll be so proud of you. I'm just dying to see
your muscles. Are they bigger than they were?
Oh Sonny, I'm so curious to know. Have you
many more hairs on your chest? Remember
how many you had when you were here?
Look I just can't see them. They make
you look so strong & tough. I'm so glad

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that you're real muscular & manly. Boy
that makes me love you a million times
more. I couldn't stand you if you ^{were} an
old weakling. I just adore you Sonny. You're
so sweet & cute. I wish you were here or I
was with you so I could prove to you
how much I love you. It won't be long
now. Just a month or less & we will be
together for keeps. We'll be together &
belong to each other always. Oh how I love
you. I want you so much I'm just can't
bear it much longer. I know you feel the
same way. Let's always be this much in
love. We will be so happy Sonny. We
will have so much fun when we're married.
Let's don't settle down & stay at home all

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the time. We'll go out a lot + act like we did when you were here. We were so darned happy then, weren't we? We had more fun than any other two people I know of. + we always will.

Sweetheart I spent the entire day at home thinking of you + longing for you. I'm living for the day when we will be together. I will be able to live again then. I'm crazy about you. I can't ever get you off my mind + I don't want to.

I'll write you more tomorrow after I get home from a dreary day at work. I have it easier everyday at work. I go on about 3 or 4 reliefs every day. I have a snap. It is more play than work. I love you darling.

Your wife
Lilbena

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Sat. 2

My Sweetest Angel Husband;

How are you today darling? I hope you love me as much as I love you. Today I received a letter from you + I was so thrilled to read your sweet words of love.

Welling I am so eager to see you + spend a lot of time alone with you. I want to pick up right where we left off don't you? I have so much to tell you + I want to hear all about your new career. Sorry I can think of a million things to say + letters just aren't the way to say them. I mean I couldn't write a letter that long. It would fill a book. I'll bet it will take us a month to catch up on all our gossip + everything. Don't you?

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Sweetheart. today I bought a black chiffon nightgown. Is it glamorous! It one of those gowns that you can see through. I guess I'll have to wear a robe or something with it or else you will be shocked. You'll mistake me for one of those burlesque queens. I sure am getting enough black underwear. I'm getting it just for you so you will be real thrilled. I hope I make you breathe when you see me in all that glamorous black. I want to keep you entranced.

Sonny I love you so much. I'm just simply crazy about you. You are all I think of. I am living for the day when we can get married & be together. My life will be complete then. You are all I live for.

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You asked me in this letter if Susie +
her boy friend were going to get married. She
doesn't know. She says if he asks her she'll
jump at the chance but so far he hasn't
even hinted. I think he's getting tired of
the whole affair. The last time he was here
he told her to go out with other boys + not
to sit around waiting for him. It made her
rather mad naturally, but she still lives
in hope. I don't know what the outcome
will be. Personally I'd give him the air.
He just isn't matrimonially inclined. I'm
sure glad that you're a marrying guy.
Otherwise I guess I'd still be chasing you.
Worse I captured you for sure? Sweetheart
I know I have just as you've captured
me. Isn't it a glorious feeling to be engaged?

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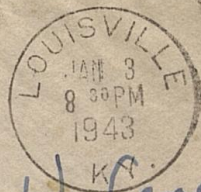
I think we are the luckiest people in the whole world. You're so handsome. I keep on asking myself why you like a gal like me. Why do you? Please tell me in detail. The reason I love you is because you're the most wonderful person in the world. You're so cute & handsome. I love to brag about you to all the girls I know. You're so strong & tall & tough looking. You are simply my ideal in every way. You kiss divinely. Your love making is too gorgeous for mere human words. You thrill me so much it makes me shiver just to sit here & think of it. I can't imagine what my reactions will be when we are together once more. Sonny I'm so crazy about you. I love you & want you more than I can write on paper. I can't describe my emotions.

Do you know I haven't been to the show
in almost a month? I don't like them when
I'm not with you. That shows how much
I love you because you know how fond
I am of shows.

Darling the river is rising + we may have
a flood. Isn't that horrible? There isn't any
immediate danger but if it rains more than
we may have to watch out. I hope it hurries
& goes down. Floods are so terrible. I don't
think there will be one but we can't tell.

I'll write more tomorrow. I'm going to
mail your picture Mon. So you should get
it the last of next week. It isn't a bit
good. I look like a goon. Don't show it to
anyone. It would scare them. I love you
immensely.

Your wife
Lillian



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Sunday³

My Dearest Sweetest Husband;

What did you do today to amuse yourself? Did you miss me very much? I sure did miss you. I took a walk with Sissy & Sister. We took some pictures of the river & of ourselves. I'll send you some as soon as they are developed. The river sure is high. I got some good shots of it. You'll be amazed to see how it has risen. I hope they turn out good because the day was rather dark & not a speck of sun. We walked all over Shawnee & the exercise sure did feel swell. That was the first time I've walked a lot since you left. We had a lot of fun on all our walks didn't we angel? I'm looking forward to a lot more

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pleasant walks. We stopped in the Seven
Tables + had a cheeseburger + some beer. It
tasted so damned good after that logwalk.
Sweetheart that was the first time I've
been in a place like the Seven Tables since
you left. It brought back so many
memories. It seems like ages since I was
out any place. I get so lonesome for you
+ all the things we used to do. We had
such a lot of fun. I haven't lived since
you went away. I'm only half alive + I
sure will be glad to come to life again.

Sonny I'm mailing you my picture
+ I sure hope you like it. It isn't good
so don't expect much. But you'll have me
in a very short time so you won't have to
batter about any old pictures. Won't you like

that? I will. ⁽³⁾ I can't wait until I see you.
You are all I think of. Nothing else enters
my mind. Just you. I love you so much.
In fact I'm crazy about you. Are you as
anxious to see me as I am to see you? I
think you are if your letters tell me the
true state of your feelings. Angel I'm really
mad about you.

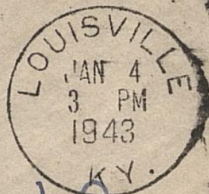
Well sorry I hope you are getting
along all right in your studies. I'm awfully
proud of you making all those good grades
in the tests you have had. You must be
smarter than the devil. Of course I always
knew you were. Remember how you used to
think that I was so dumb? You really
showed your mental superiority sometimes.

I don't know what I'd do if you hadn't
enlightened me on certain subjects. I would
still be in the dark. Do you feel proud
because you brought light to my mind on
these subjects? Oh darling I'm so proud of
you. I love you so much I could just kiss
the daylight out of you. Would you like
me to? I will when I see you. It won't be
~~long~~ long now. It will sooner than we
think.

I'll write more tomorrow darling. I
hope you love me as much as ever. I love you
so much more than I did yesterday. It grows
stronger every day. I love you + love you +
want you.

your wife
Lorraine

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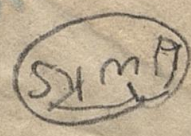
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My Sweetest Darling Husband;

I received three letters from you today & was I thrilled to read in your air mail letter that your cadet friend's wife is looking for a room mate. I think its a swell idea about the trailer & I am willing to share it with her if she is. I'd much rather have someone with me than to be all by myself. I've always wanted to live in a trailer so its okay with me. Mother & your mother are glad that I'm going to have some one to stay with when you can't be with me. How it won't be lonesome. I won't be so frightened in a strange town if I have some company. Darling I think its wonderful of you to make all these plans. You really must want

me to come down don't you? Well I want to
so bad I can hardly wait until the end of
Jan. I can be ready by then. I'm almost ready
now. I have to get a few more things but I'll
have them by the end of Jan. I know. Honey
I didn't mean that I wanted to stay with
Dad & Mom & not come to you. I'm sorry you
got that impression. You are the one I want
to be with. I'd marry you under any conditions.
The only thing that can stop me is if you
don't want me anymore. But I know you do
so I'm practically on my way darling. I can't
think of anything else but you & our coming
marriage. I thought about your idea all day
& I think it's swell. It will be so much
cheaper if I can cook myself because if you

have to buy meals ⁽³⁾ everyday it really is expensive.
Right now I spend a lot on my lunch everyday
& remember how much you & I used to spend
on food? Darling be sure & let me know if
the girl wants to do it. She might want to
live with some one else. I'm in perfect
agreement if she is. I think it would be just
the thing for us. I could see you a lot & we
could have money to spend on shows & things
when you get to come to see me. Sonny do you
mean I can go to see you every night at the
post? Gosh I think that's the best thing
I've heard in ages. You're so wonderful. I love
you so much. Just think Sonny, this time
next month we may be married. Won't it be
fun when we can celebrate our wedding anniversary¹²

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Everytime we're married a month we'll celebrate.
I can hardly wait. Right now I feel so happy
& thrilled. Everytime I think of you my heart
starts beating real fast. I can't wait until we
can really love each other, can you? Just imagine
how wonderful it will be to kiss again? I love
you more & more. Your letter has made me
love you a million times more. I'm so anxious
to hear what the news is about the trailer
idea. I hope we can do it. Don't let the cadet
change his plans. His wife might not come
after all. Let's live in hope that it turns
out alright. I love the idea. It will be like
a camping trip won't it ~~trip~~^{Somey} or a picnic?
I'm so thrilled I can hardly write. I've thought
of it all day. I hope you get this letter quick

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so you can tell the boy + you can make all
the plans. Sonny do you think you will be
ready for me to come by the end of Jan? That
is fine with me. Anytime you say I'll be
ready. But be sure to send me the train fare
in time. Sonny doll I feel awful to have to
ask you for the train fare but I can't possibly
have it. It's taking every cent I can get my
hands on for the clothes I'm getting to many
you. I hope you like the things I've got. I
tried to get what you'd like because I want
to please you + be everything you want me to be.
Darling you go ahead + make the plans + I'll
come whenever it is convenient for you. I'm
ready right now. in the romantic sense,
but not in the financial sense. I wish I
had some money dam it. I'm always broke.

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I'll have to starve myself to get all I want. I'm only kidding. I really do spend all my money on clothes though. But its for the best buy in the world so I do it gladly. You know what a clothes fiend I am. I guess I always will be. You'll have to put your foot down & forbid me to buy anything when we're married. Are you going to? You'd better not. I'll think you're mean & divorce you & then what would you do?

Well darling its getting late & I'm tired, I think your idea about the trailer is swell so you can tell your friend its alright with me if his wife agrees. I hope she does.

I love you & want you more than anything in the world. I'll see you sooner than you think.

Your wife
Lelene

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1/7/43

Thurs.

My Darling Sweetest Husband;

Are you still in love with this
lonesome Kentucky gal? I sure am looking
forward to coming to see you & marry you.
I received two letters from you today & I loved
the one where you told me all the things
you remembered that we used to do. Do you
mean that I can play with your ears
any time I want to? Oh boy. I'm going
to make you keep that promise because
I'm aching to play with those cute little
old ears of yours. I bet you won't let me.
You're just saying that so you'll lure me
down to Texas. You old sweet thing. I have
thought of you all day. Of course that isn't

unusual because I think of you constantly.

Darling you said in one of these letters today that if we got down to Texas on the day that you got open post we would arrive about 7 PM & you would go back to camp at 10 PM & that we would be married the following week. Honey I don't like the idea of waiting a week. It will be too expensive for one thing & it would be silly to sit around town for a week just waiting for your open post again. Let's be married on the day that you have open post. We could arrive at 7 PM. the evening before & the next morning we could meet you & we could go & be married. Don't you like that idea better? I do. I think it would be useless to waste a whole week. We can't afford it sorry. So you let me know in

plenty of time so I can arrive the evening
before you get your open post. If that
isn't agreeable to you just write + tell me.
I'll do anything you say. Be sure + send
the train fare money or I won't be able to
come at all.

Mother called up a doctor today to
ask about blood tests + they're and are good
for 15 days. So I'll get that too. You won't
have to bother about my forgetting it. I'm
glad they're good for that length of time because
I was afraid it would expire before I got
to you. Can you get the ~~license~~ license with
out me? I thought you had to wait until
I was there so they could see the blood test
+ everything. I guess you can find out about
that later. I'm getting so nervous with all
these preparations. I'll be glad when we're

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married & can go back to our normal lives
again. Sonny angel, I never realized it took
so much trouble to get married. I think it
awfully thrilling but gee all this red tape
you have to go through is terrible. I wish we
could just go ahead & not bother with anything
except how much we love each other. And
that is enough to make us be married legally
any old time isn't it angel?

Sonny I'm so anxious to see you. I hope
you haven't changed much. You said your
muscles were really tough now. I can't wait
until I feel them. Especially around me.
That will be so wonderful. I can just
close my eyes & see you in your uniform
standing by me. Oh Sonny I love you so
much. I'm never going to leave you again.

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I don't care where you're stationed. I'm going with you. Even if I have to live in a tent. I would do any thing to be with you. When ever I see boys + girls on the street or in the store I think that we were like that not so long ago. I wish we were together right now. I love you + want you so much. Words just cant express how I feel about you. I'll have to leave it to my actions when we are together again.

I hope your friend's wife still wants to live in the trailer. Let me know as soon as you can. It will be a load off my mind to know when I'm going to live. I'll leave it up to you Sweets. I love you nice long letters. + the love in them is terrific. Write more + more love. I adore it + you. I'm crazy about you Sonny.

Your wife
Lalene

1/8/43 Fri. 5

My Dearest Darling Husband;

How are you today? Are you still as strong + tough as ever? I sure do love you an awful lot. In fact I'm crazy about you. Just think, this time next month we will be married. Isn't that wonderful to think about? I'm getting more excited each day. I'm in a dither all the time trying to get myself ready. I'm enjoying every minute of it. Sonny don't you think it would be a good idea for you to send me my train fare about a week before I leave so I'll be sure to receive it. You know how the mail is. It would be terrible if I didn't get the money for then

I wouldn't be able to come at all. That
would be horrible. So use your own judge-
ment.

Darling I'm just aching to see you again.
I'm so lonesome for you. I'll be so happy
to see you again. Let's never part again.
It's too awful to be separated ~~it~~ isn't it?
And I love you so much. Every day increases
my love for you. I could just die of lonesomeness.
I hope our wedding day hurries up. I'm
getting awfully impatient.

I'm anxious to hear if your cadet friend's
wife still wants to live in the trailer. I haven't
received an answer to the letter I wrote you
telling you it would be agreeable. I hope I
get the answer tomorrow. This damn mail
is so slow isn't it? It takes forever to

get a letter. I just live for your mail.
It cheers me so much. Honey I love those
letters with all the love in them. Keep
them up until we are together again & won't
have to depend on old letters.

Darling, my finger nails are so nice & long.
Aren't you glad you're going to have a wife
with long finger nails instead of old short
ones? I hope they don't break before I am
married to you. Wouldn't that be tragic?
Oh I sure do love you, your sweet little
old thing. I want you so much. You don't
have to worry about my not being passionate
when we're married because I know I will be.
I feel so damn romantic when I start to sit
& just think of you. I feel simply dizzy

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with love & yearning for you.

I'm going to take some more pictures Sunday if it's a nice day. I'll take some more of the river if I think it looks interesting. When we're married let's take a lot of pictures of San Antonio & all the places we are moved to. We'll have a big album of interesting pictures. Won't we? I love to take pictures of you. In your uniform it will be twice as intriguing. I'm so crazy about you.

Well angel I'll write more tomorrow. Hope I get a letter. I love to read ~~to~~ about the plans you're making for us.

I love you & want you more than anything.

Your wife
Lalene



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1/9/43 Sat. 6

My Sweetest Darling Husband;

How are you today darling? Still as lovable as ever? I hope so. I love you so much. I'm getting so impatient for our wedding day. I hope it is real soon for I can't wait much longer can you? I'm really desperately in love with you.

Today I received your letter in which you said you were going to find out all the details concerning our marriage. Sorry you said you hoped I could pay my own fare down to you. Darling I just can't. I won't have any money left after I get all the things I'll need & a blood test. If you can't send it to me I guess we just won't be able to get married. I

really do feel awful that you have to
pay my way but its the only way I can
get there. Surely you want to marry me
enough to pay me fare don't you? I
called the railroad station tonight & the
price for a one way ticket to San Antonio
is \$26.44. Do you think that you will
be able to afford it? Please let me know
& if you can't will just have to postpone
the wedding. I'd like to know definitely
before I go to all the trouble of getting
the blood test & all my clothes. Surely
Sonny darling, its worth that small price
to marry me isn't it? We'll get money
for wedding gifts Honey. We can get along.
Don't worry about money. Let's think about

us + how long we've waited to get married.
If this falls through like our other plans
did I'm going to give up + be an old maid.
I'm almost ready + I'll probably have enough
money just for the trip. I might have about
\$10 after I get all I need. That will help
a little bit. Sorry please make all the
arrangements + let's do it as soon as possible.
I'm in a nervous strain all the. I called
up a doctor tonight to find out about blood
tests. He said they're good for 15 days. Isn't
that marvelous? He said I really should
get next week because it takes 7 or 10 days
to get them. So as soon as I hear from
you I'll get it. I want to know if you can
get permission to get married + have everything

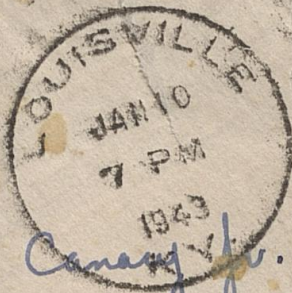
ready & then I'll get the blood test. Be sure
to send the train fare in time. We can make
it to San Antonio in two day & a night. So
it won't be an old tiresome trip.

As the day grows nearer I'm getting to
feel more like those nervous brides you
read about. All these preparations really get
me in the marrying mood. Darling let's get
married even if we are broke. We still love
each other. Money isn't everything. I can live
with your friend's wife & we won't have so
many expenses. It will be a wonderful
experience. I'm looking forward to it so much.
I'm really setting my heart on marrying
you. So let's don't waste precious time angel.
We want to enjoy every minute we are together.

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I'm awfully proud that you're an upper
classman in a few days. You are really the
stuff. You'll be so smart & intelligent that
I won't know you. Anyway I'll still love
you.

Darling, I've told them at the store that
I'm getting the last of this month. So if we
don't get married I'll be among the unemployed.
I'll get back the money I've paid on the
war bond so that will help some. I'll try
to keep most of it so I won't be empty
handed when I come to you. Oh & darling, size
4 is correct for the ring. I almost forgot to
tell you. Get white gold to match the engage-
ment ring. Use your own judgement in the
design. We'll hope to see you soon. I love
you more than life.

Your wife
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Via Air Mail

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1/11/43 Monday⁷

My Darling Angel Husband;

How is my handsome cadet today?

I received three letters today & was glad to hear that you still want me to come down & marry you. Honey you sound as if you are worried about our not having enough money.

Sweetheart don't think about such awful old details. Just think of how happy & in love we'll be. Sonny please don't say we have to wait any longer. If you do I'm not going to come at all. We can get by if we save & don't spend so much. I'll make a budget for us to live according to & we will get by swell. Don't think we can't because we certainly are going to. I'm willing

to try it. I don't care how hard it is just
so I'm with you. Honestly Sonny I can't stand
it much longer. I'm coming + marry you if
I have to hitch hike. I know you want to
marry me as much as I do so don't raise
any more of those silly objections. The matter
is settled + I don't want to hear any more
of your worrying about money darling. Let's
do it any way. I've got nearly every thing I
need so I won't have to buy ~~clothes~~ clothes
for a long time. I love you so much I'll
even get a job if it's necessary. So that
really shows you how much I want to
marry you. I'm so darned lonesome for you.
I can't enjoy a thing when you're not
around. I'll die if we don't get married soon.

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Sonny doll, you have no idea how I miss you. I don't dare to sit down & really think about all the things we used to do. If I did I'd go crazy with loneliness. Every time I look at your picture & hear a sad song on the radio I want to cry so bad. I try to control myself. But lots of times at night when I'm in bed, I can't help but cry because I love you so much. I want to be with you more than anything. Sonny please let's get married as soon as possible. I can't bear being without you any longer. I can be ready in three weeks. That will be perfectly all right with me. I hope you like my underwear & my dresses that I bought especially for you. Darling everything I do is dedicated to

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you. I love for you & you alone. Nothing
else matters.

Darling I had to work late tonight. I'm
so darned tired of that place I could scream.
If I didn't need the money for our marriage
I'd quit tomorrow. But I'm in a spot. I
need all the money I can get my hands on.
I'll try to save some. I don't know if I can
or not.

Well darling I'm awfully tired. I'll write
more tomorrow. I love you & want you more
than anything. I'll be seeing you in about
three weeks. So you make all your plans &
I'll fix everything up here. See you soon.
It can't be soon enough.

Your wife
Ladene

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Tues. 8

My Dearest Sweetest Husband;

Are you still looking forward to that wonderful day which is not so far off? Just think, in three weeks I'll be with you. I'm growing more impatient every day. It seems as if the time will never come. I love you so much that I can't bear this waiting around. It really put me in nervous suspense. Darling I wish you would send me the train fare sometime this week or next because it might be delayed getting here. I want to have everything ready so I can come to you at a moment's notice. I'm going to get my blood test Sat. so I will be sure to have it. If I wait until next week I won't be able to have it back in time. Let's get everything

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all settled because we really want to make sure we go through with it this time. I'm aching for the sight of you & I'm not going to let anything stand in our way. That is as long as I'm able to come & in coming. Sorry, this morning my mother reminded me that Lent begins sometime in Feb. Of course you know that we couldn't be married if we waited until then. So we'll have to hurry & get married the last of this month. Other wise we'd have to wait until April. I wanted you to know because I forgot all about it & I know you did too. So angel, let's hurry & take advantage of all this love that we're wasting. Time is too precious to us so let's not lose a minute. I'll do everything possible

to hurry it up. ⁽³⁾ I know I can be ready so
all you have to do is say the word. Just send
the fare & I'm on my way. Darling, your mother
& my mother are going to give us money so we'll
have enough for a start. Don't worry about that.
We love each other so much we won't know
any thing ~~there~~ else is even existing. We'll be
so happy we'll be the perfect man & wife.

I'm so crazy about you that I get cold chills
when I think of it. Honey please hurry up &
let me know when to come. I'm dying with
loneliness & suspense. Be sure & remember what
I told you about Lent. I think, at least I
hope to say, that we'll be married by Feb. If
it's left up to me we will be. And you'd better
see to it that we are married by then or it will

be too bad. I've gone to all this trouble & I'm
not going to take any excuses. I know you want
to as much as I do so we will. It is definitely
settled.

Sweets, today Sally Rand, the fan dancer,
was in Stewart's. She is at the National & you
should see her. She is rather hard looking.
But she has a good figure. Everyone was gazing
at her like a lot of goblets. Boy it's the first
time I've seen a celebrity walking around loose.
She wasn't bad at all. I'll bet it would have
thrilled you. If you were here we probably would
have gone to see her show. She only has six
bubbles left. She can't get any more because
they're made of rubber. I'll bet she'd die if some
one shot a bean shooter at one of her precious
bubbles. I'll bet she'd be embarrassed too. Well
sweetheart, I'll write more tomorrow. Lots of love
& millions of kisses.

Your wife
Lettie



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Miss Lathema Meyer
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1/13/43

Wed.

My Sweetest Darling Angel Husband;

Oh Sonny darling, tonight when I went to your house for supper your mother told me that you had called & said that we were to be married definitely Feb. 3. That is the most wonderful news I've ever heard in all my life. I've been nervous as a cat wanting to know the date & at last my mind is settled & we can plan on when to leave & start getting everything ready. Your mother said that you ~~are~~ are going to call me Sunday. I hope the lines are clear so you can get the call through. Sweetheart I'm so darned excited I don't know what I'm doing. This all seems like a dream.

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I just can't realize it's happening to us. Won't it be wonderful to be married? I'll try to help you wear those wings. If it's possible to inspire anyone I'm going to really inspire you. Sunny darling, I've just got a few things to get + I'm certain I can be ready. I'll come ready or not. I love you so much it gives me a queer feeling when I think of it. I'm so happy I could burst with joy + love. You're really going to have a loving wife. If my emotions are the way they are now I guess I'll burst with love when we're married. Can't you think of a million things we'll have to talk about when we're together again? I have so much to tell you + I have so much love all saved up for you. It will take years to get all caught up again. Let's

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take a long time getting caught up on our love making so we can make the ecstasy last forever. Oh I'm so thrilled I can't even write decently. I just can't wait until I see you. I'll probably make a fool of myself I'll act so romantic. I don't care though just so we're together again. That's all that matters. I hope I get a lot of presents. I'd appreciate underwear. I think almost everyone will give me that. That's the most thing they give girls who are getting married. I'm really hoping they come through with the presents. Oh how I love to receive.

Senny doll, I called up the priest tonight & he is having our marriage announced in this Sunday's bulletin. So it will be announced three Sundays. You don't have to

worry about that. ⁽⁷⁾ Yours is being announced at
your church too. Isn't this writing awful? I
can't even spell church. I'm too excited to
write anything.

I think it's swell that I don't have
to have a blood test. That will really save
me some money. I can spend that money on
something else now.

I'm going to put our announcement in
the paper. It won't be in until next Sun.
Then when we're married Mom will put that in
too.

I'll send you some pictures tomorrow night.
I should have gotten them today but I forgot
about it. I'm getting so absent minded. But
that isn't anything new is it? I'm just crazy
with love. Sweetheart I'm wild about you.
I'll be your wife in three weeks! Are you
excited as I am?

Your wife
Lalene

1/14/43

Thurs. 9

My Dearest Darling Husband;

I received your air mail letter & another letter today. I was so thrilled to hear from you. In your air ~~mail~~ you said that the cadet's wife was ill & couldn't come down. Well, darling, we'll just have to find another place to live. I'd rather be alone with you anyway wouldn't you? All we'll want to do probably is just love & love. At least that is all I'll want to do. I'm so lonesome for you & want you so bad I'll never get enough of your love making. Let's just keep on always being as much in love as we are now. You're all I live for. Gosh Sonny I can't believe we're about to be married. It's all like a dream. I'm so

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thilled & excited I don't know what I'm doing.
I told all the girls today about our date being
set & when I was going to leave. They were all
thilled & I got so many congratulations. They're
all going to give me a going away gift. I'm
not supposed to know it but I do. They'll
probably give me a gown or slipes. I hope
they give me some slipes. I'll need them more
than a gown. I'll probably get more use out
of them than I would a gown. If I know
you correctly, I love you so much. Last night
I dreamt that we were married. My ring was too
big & it kept slipping around. It was the
silliest old dream. I thought that when we
were making love, some neighbors peeped in
the window. They didn't know we were married

+ they called the police⁽³⁾. When the police arrived we had to show our marriage license to prove that we were married. It was the oddest dream. I hope that never happens to us really. Wouldn't that be embarrassing?

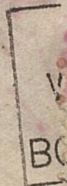
Today I went up to the office & got the money back on the war bond. I got \$14. I'll try to save some of it. I still have to get quite a few things. But I'll probably be able to save a little bit. I'm so eager to see you I'd try to squeeze blood out of a turnip. That reminds me Sunny. Are you sure I don't have to get a blood test? Your mother called the State Board of Health & they said I wouldn't have to. You said so too, but I want to be sure so I won't be worried. I'm sure the Health Board knows though. They looked up

the Texas law. So I'll not bother about it.

Sweetheart I'm so proud that you're making such wonderful grades in all your studies. You are so damn smart. I always knew you were. I'll be so proud to be the wife of an intelligent cadet like you. I think it's wonderful that you're an upper classman. I hope you continue the good work. I know how much it means to you angel. Maybe I can help you when we're married. I'll try to keep up your morale. I'll do any thing to make you happy.

Honey doll, I'm sending you some pictures we took Sun. I hope you like them. It won't be long until I'm with you in person & you won't have to depend upon a substitute. Will that be agreeable to you? I'm so much in love with you I could eat you alive.

Your wife
Lalene



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1/15/43

Friday 10

My Sweetest Angel Husband;

I received your special delivery today + I'm so thrilled that you have all the plans made. It's all so wonderful + divine. I can't wait until we are actually married. That will be the most wonderful day in our whole lives. Darling I'm so much in love with you. You are always on my mind. I'm in a daze all day. I can't do a thing because I'm always thinking of you. My mind isn't on what I'm doing at all. Because it's with you.

I mailed all the stuff you asked for tonight. The baptismal certificate + the letter from church. Your mother mailed yours in the same envelope so you'd get

them all together. ⁽²⁾ My baptismal certificate is not so clear. It's rather messy. I mean the date was wrong & it had to be corrected. It was just written over so if the chap asks you about it you can tell him it was a mistake. It's alright now though. I had it corrected.

Sweetheart our marriage banns are being announced Sun. so they will announce 3 weeks. Everything is all settled now & am I glad. I was so damned nervous about all those things I had to do. I'm so glad I don't have to bother with a blood test. It will save me time & money.

I'm going to finish buying all the things I'll need. I got some shoes today but they're too small. I have to take them back.

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Aunt I crazy? To think I'm so dumb
that I buy shoes that won't even fit. I can't
understand it.

God I hope you can get to call me soon.
I'll stay home so I won't miss the call if
you can get it through. I wouldn't miss
it for anything. Darling I'm so darned thrilled
& excited. I'm just counting the minutes +
hours until we can be together again. I
hope you can get some time off so we can
be alone a few hours at least. Sorry I
want to kiss you so bad. Just think we
haven't kissed for three months. I can't
see how we have been able to stand it.
I suppose it was the thoughts of our coming
marriage that kept us going. I've been

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lonesome & miserable ever since you went away. I'm never going to leave you again unless it is absolutely necessary. I hope that never happens.

Well, tomorrow is Sat. that means I'll be busy in Steuarts. I'm really taking it easy since I'm going to quit. Today I went over to umbrellas & read a mystery book all the time I was there. I'm not in the 1st table anymore. I'm just making reliefs & things & is it easy. I just fool around all day. It's a snap. I get paid for nothing.

Sweetheart I'll write more tomorrow, I'm tired now so I guess I'll climb in bed & get plenty of rest so I'll be all built up for our marriage. I love you so much & want you awfully. Just a few more days Angel.
Your wife
Lorraine

1/17 / Sunday 11

My Sweetest Darling Husband;

Did you have a good time during your open post today? I hope you looked over the hotel & got an idea of where we're going to stay. Did you flirt with any of the Texas gals? If you did it will be the last time because on your next open post you will be a married man. You'd better have your fling now because you're going to lose your freedom on Feb. 4th. Do you mind the idea of becoming an old hen pecked husband? I love you so much. I can't wait until we are really married. Just think, this is my last week at Stewart's. Boy oh boy at last I'm going to leave that old slave shop.

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All the girls are so envious of me. I know I'm the luckiest girl alive to be marrying a wonderful boy like you. You sure are an answer to a maiden's prayer. And I'm just the maiden for you. You are the sweetest old cadet in the world. I'm so crazy about you. In fact I don't know what I'm doing because I think of you so much.

Our marriage was announced in the bulletin today. I'm sending you one & I'll send all three of them to you so you can prove to the chaplain that it's being announced. I was so darned thrilled to see our names on the bulletin. That really means it's definite doesn't it angel? Yeah I'm so excited. I won't be able to do a thing all week at work. It'll be so dreamy & romantic.

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My aunt + uncle from the country came
in tonight + brought me a pretty pink
night gown. I'll have so much underwear
I'll have to stay in for a month to wear
it all. I'll use it to charm you into loving
me. Will I have to persuade you very much?
I'll bet I'll have to force you to love me.
(Hatta) You know I'm only kidding. You'll be so
violent I'll probably have to beat you off.
I'll be so much in love with you that
I'll never get enough of your love making +
kisses. You're so wonderful + sweet. I hope
I can always keep you happy + contented.

Was it a nice day in San Antonio today?
It was horrible here. Rainy + gloomy. Sissy,
Sister + I went down to the Seven Tables.

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We had some cokes + potato chips. I don't
enjoy going to place like that without you.
I'll probably act like a country yokel when
we go out again. I've been staying at home
for three months now + do I feel like an
old maid. I don't want to go out at all.
All I do is sit around + read + think of you.
I'm tired of it too. I'll be glad to get back
to the old way of life. Let's go out a lot.
I've got to get out of this rut. My favorite
song now is "Brazil". Don't you love it?
I'm wild about it. I also like "You'd Be
so Nice to Come Home to". That's swell. They're
playing "Brazil" right now on the radio.
It makes shivers of romance run through
me. Let's play it a lot on the juke boxes

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when we get married. I love those Latin
songs. Gee I'm so happy right now. Hearing
that song makes me want you so darn
much. I want to see you so bad. I'll be
so happy when we're married. I don't see
how I deserve to get a magnificent boy like
you. You're really wonderful.

Well angel I'll write more tomorrow
night. I have to work late & do I hate
that. I'll be glad to escape it all.

Darling I love you more than is
humanly possible. I want you so bad.
Let's do something about it real soon. In
about 3 weeks in fact. I can't wait.
Good night angel. Remember I'm crazy about
you.
your wife
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8:00 — 9:00 — 10:00

WEEK DAYS

6:00 — 7:00 — 8:00

Rev. John M. Abell, Pastor

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BAPTISMS

Sunday 2:00 P. M.

DEVOTIONS EVE FIRST FRIDAY 7:30 P. M.
DEVOTIONS SUNDAY 7:30 P. M.

SATURDAYS

3:00 to 6:00
7:30 to 9:00

EVES OF HOLY DAYS

AND FIRST FRIDAYS

3:00 to 6:00
7:30 to 9:00

January 17, 1943

HIGH MASSES REQUESTED:

Wednesday - at 8:00 - Nonie Twohig - 12th anniversary - by a Friend.

Thursday - at 8:00 - Josie E. Thompson - by Poor Souls Society.

LOW MASSES RECEIVED:

John J. Murphy, by Bill Straub; Mary A. Murphy, by Bill Straub; William T. Murphy, by Bill Straub; 2 Helen Miller, by Bill Straub; Annie Hines, by Bill Straub; Special Intention, by Mrs. Welscher; 2 W. E. Mackin, by Mrs. Mackin; Special Intention, by Mrs. Mackin; James E. Dierken, by Mr. & Mrs. W. K. Seibert; Poor Souls, by Mrs. Walter Fahey; Josie Thompson, by Mrs. R. J. Boone; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. Jas. McGovern; 4 Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Murphy; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. John Warren; Josie Thompson, by Margaret Bright; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Osborn; Josie Thompson, by Cornelia Osborn; Josie Thompson, by Cornelia Ballard; Josie Thompson, by Mrs. E. S. Burge; Josie Thompson, by Mrs. Catherine Freville; Josie Thompson, by Lucille Freville; Josie Thompson, by Mrs. Valeria Head; 2 Josie Thompson, by Charles Thompson; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Nickles; Josie Thompson, by Mary C. Nickles; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. A. Repeveur; 3 Josie Thompson, by Mrs. Elam Perkins; Josie Thompson, by Ida Pike; Josie Thompson, by J. P. Dant Family; Josie Thompson, by Mrs. L. Leis; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Garvey; 2 Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. Marion Clements; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Miranda; 2 Josie Thompson, by Mary Lee; Josie Thompson, by Betty & Joan Thompson; Josie Thompson, by Mary McKenna; Josie Thompson, by Mrs. Geneva Minor; Josie Thompson, by Mrs. Ed Thompson; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Thompson; Josie Thompson, by Louise Thompson; Josie Thompson, by Carmon Bell; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. Don V. Drye; Josie Thompson, by Mr. & Mrs. John McKenna; 2 Josie Thompson, by Josie Northcraft; Josie Thompson, by Bertha Siegel; Rev. A. J. Thome by Mrs. Elizabeth Thome; George Thome, by Mrs. Elizabeth Thome; James E. Dierken, by Catherine Thome; 4 Margaret Hylton, by Edna Hylton; 2 Special Intention, by Edna Hylton; George A. Goering, by Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Killen; Anna Glenn, by Agnes Jacques; James E. Dierken, by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Nickles; In honor St. Therese for Peace, by Mrs. Schaeftlein; 3 T. J. Sullivan, by Margaret Newman & John Haley; In honor St. Jude for Special Intention, by Mrs. Earl Ackerman. (BECAUSE OF LACK OF SPACE, THE OTHER MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT SUNDAY).

BANNS OF MATRIMONY:

1st time between - GEORGE WILLIAM CANARY JR. and MARY LAVERNE MAYER

2nd time between - DANIEL ANTHONY MURPHY and MARIE EUGENIA ANTONINI

HOLY NAME ELECTION - Last Monday the members of the Holy Name Society met to elect their officers for 1943. After a spirited balloting, the following were elected: President, L. B. Hubbuch; V. President, W. J. Kute; Recording Secretary, William Lammers; Financial Secretary, J. N. Rohmann; Treasurer, W. J. Strubel; Marshall, Artie Costello.

RESERVED SEATS - Members of the Chumba Club will be in the Ushers Room today and next Sunday to assist those wanting reserved seats for BIG HEARTED HERBERT. Indications point to a full house for both nights, so it is suggested that those wishing reserved seats obtain them soon. They may be obtained at the Rectory all week. Today is the last day for those who will sponsor the play. Full details concerning this delightful comedy may be found on the reverse side of today's BULLETIN.

SODALITY COMMUNION - Next Sunday will be the regular Communion Sunday for the members of the Blessed Virgin's Sodality. They will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 7:30 Mass.

PEW RENT - This is the third Sunday in January, and there are many who have not yet taken care of their pew rent. If you are among them, please take care of this matter as soon as possible.

CARD PARTY - The St. X. P.T.A. announces a card party at the Henry Clay Hotel next Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5, for the benefit of the school library. Tickets are 50¢.

BINGO - Each Thursday evening you have an opportunity to help yourself and your parish by attending our bingo at 8:30. Tell your friends, or better still, bring them with you.

YOUR READING - Each week we receive 150 copies of Our Sunday Visitor. This little paper stands alone in the interesting and informative articles it contains. There is no proportion between the time spent in reading this little paper and the information received from it. Make it a habit to read OUR SUNDAY VISITOR weekly.

SERVERS FOR JAN. 24th:

J. Cocuzzi, J. Block, K. Gering, M. Cassin.
E. Cooper, C. Binggeli, E. Ostendorf, J. Brown.
J. Jarrell, C. Jarrell.



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1/18/43 Monday. 12

My Dearest Darling Husband;

I received your telegram this morning + I was awfully sorry to hear that you couldn't get the call through. But Sonny, maybe its better that you didn't call. We would have talked a long time + spent the money that we will need when we are married.

Honey we can use all that money + we can't afford those expensive phone calls. So lets wait until we are together again and spend all that excess money. Will probably be rolling in wealth. (Hatta)

Sweets, do you remember Jack Barry who lived on Saratoga Dr? Remember we went up there to get mother one night? He was

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short + wore glasses? Well you know he
joined the Navy. His mother received a wire
Sat. saying that he was missing in action.
Isn't that terrible? Mom told me tonight
when I got home + I feel so bad about it.
His mother + dad are so simply heartbroken.
You can imagine how they feel. I hope he
turns up safe some where. Jack was a swell
lad. He was a reckless boy + I guess he
had his share of fun in life. That's the
first person that I know who has been
reported missing. Willie McKenna leaves
for the Army Saturday. The Army doesn't
know what its getting when they get Willie.
He is strictly a mess. John says in his
last letter that he is getting better + will

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be on duty again soon. He had an infection
in his eye. I hope he gets to come back to
Fort Knox. Sister would really like that.
I wish this old war would end. Its making
a wreck of everyones lives.

Senny I love you so much. I'll be so
glad when we're together again. Let's take
advantage of every moment we're together.
When you think of it. Life is so damn short.
Everyone is foolish not to get all they can out
of it. I want to be with you every second
that is possible. I love you + never, never
want to be separated from you again. You are
my whole life. If it wasn't for you + your
love I don't know what I would do. Don't
ever stop loving me. We will be the most

happily married ⁽¹⁴⁾ couple in the world. Sonny
you're so wonderful & sweet. Last night I
had the best dream. You had your hair
short like you had it when you left & you
looked so cute. Golly we necked all through
the dream. It was real. I couldn't believe
it was a dream. When I awakened I felt
so funny. It seemed that I had really
been with you. Won't it be wonderful when
we can be together & not in just a dream?
Oh Sonny I can't wait. These days are
dragging by so slowly. I want you more every
second. I can't bear it much longer. Please
have all the arrangements made so we won't
have to waste precious time. Save up all your
excess love & passions. I'm saving mine. We'll
probably ~~be~~ burst when we see each other again.
I'm crazy about you. your wife
Lelene

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Louisville Ky. 13

Jan. 19, 1943

Dearest Darling Little Husband;

I received your air mail letter today. I think it was sweet & thoughtful of you to bother to write me on your day off. I'm glad to learn that you have made hotel arrangements. I called your mother tonight & we agree on one double & one single room. She said to be sure & get a double bed in her room because they're cheaper than twin beds. Are you going to stay in my room at the hotel or are we going some place else? A single room will be fine for me because you can stay with me when we get married. I think we can squeeze into a single room don't you? Honey anything you say is alright with me.

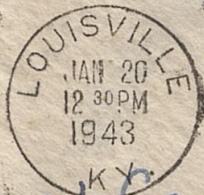
I like anything that you like. Please be
sure + send me my train fare. I'd like to
have it so I'll be sure its here. I'm going to
my ticket^{the} Sat. before we leave. We're leaving
on Sun. the 31st. We'll probably get there on
Mon. night. We can have plenty of time to get
the license + everything. We will be all rested
up + ready for the wedding ~~of~~ on the 4th.
oh I get so thrilled everytime I think of
it. I can't wait until we're married. I
wonder if I'll be very nervous. Everytime I think
of it I get the funniest feeling at the bottom
of my stomach. I guess I'm getting the
traditional bride fitters. When I see you I'll
probably faint I'll get so excited. Oh gosh
Sonny do I love you! I'm so crazy about

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you that I'm getting absent minded. If
I don't hurry + marry you I'll be crazy as a
loon.

Honey I got my hat today + is it glamorous.
Gosh you won't know me. Sonny I just can't
imagine being Mrs. Canary Jr. Wearing a wedding
ring + being with you always. It sounds so
wonderful + heavenly. I'll be so damn proud
when we go out + I can flash that ring around
so everyone will know we're married. Remember
that fake wedding ring you bought me?
We use to try to fool people into believing
that we were married. We won't have to
pretend anymore will we darling?

This pen is getting awful. It will hardly
write. It scratches + scrapes. It's an old
cheap thing. I guess that accounts for it.

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Do you feel very thrilled to think you are almost an old married man? Sonny do you feel ~~nervous~~ ^{nervous} or anything? I am just a little tiny bit. But I'm so happy & excited over it that I don't know what to do. I've got almost everything I need. I can get the rest in San Antonio. How will you like buying all my clothes from now on? I won't be extravagant. I'll get the bare necessities. I'll ask you before I buy a thing. I might surprise you every once in a while. But only on special occasions like birthdays, our anniversaries, etc. Let's celebrate our anniversary every month. When we're married a year we'll do something extra special. Will can discuss those details later. Good night angel. I love you more than anything.
Your wife
Lalene



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1/20/43

Wednesday⁴

My Sweet Darling Husband;

I love you three times as much today than I did yesterday. I received a letter from you today. I think what you told me about the under classmen is the funniest thing I've ever heard. How did you ever think up the idea of making them remember our wedding date as the most important date in Feb.? That's so cute. Honey, I'll bet all those under classmen will be glad when we're married so they won't have to yell that anymore. Gosh that tickled me to death when I read that. It's the cutest darn thing I've ever heard of. I'm so crazy about you. You're all I ever

think of. Sonny ⁽²⁾ I'll be the happiest person
alive when I'm your wife. I can't wait
until that wonderful day.

Sonny doll, I got my black dress today
& does it look glamorous. Norman said it
makes me look like Lana Turner. So you
know it must be good to get a compliment
out of him. I hate to brag but it really
does things for me. It makes me look so
sophisticated. I'm mad about it. I can't
wait until you see me in it. Boy will
we be ~~a~~ a swell looking couple. We'll
have every one jealous of us. I'm really
going to be proud to be married to you. I love
you so much.

Honey I think it's wonderful that you
can stand it in that pressure chamber.

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You really are tough aren't you? Gosh I'm
so proud of you. You pass every thing that
comes along. That's because you're so smart.
I always told you that you were smart &
now you're proving it. You're my hero. You
make my heart beat so fast just to think
of you. I'm afraid you'll be too tough for me
when I come down. Just take it easy until
I get used to those new muscles. You'll ~~put~~
probably squeeze me & break me in to pieces.
But it would be worth it. Anything you
do is perfect with me.

I'm enclosing a letter from Roman. It's
a honey. If you can read it you deserve a job
in the code dept. at Washington. I think it's
so cute. I know you'll get a kick out of it.
Be sure to answer him. He loves to get mail

from a hero in the air corps.

There is still no word of Jack Barry. He may be found but I doubt. Mother went to spend the day with Mrs Barry today & she is taking it so hard. But she is still going to give me a wedding present. Mom told her not to bother herself with it but she wants to give me one anyway. I think she is going to give me a quilted bed jacket. Won't that be swell? They're so cute. I can sit in bed & read & wear my bed jacket. Oh gosh I'm so happy. I could shout with joy. I love you & want you more than anything. You're the only one for me. You're my whole world & every thing I live for.

Good night angel this pen is getting scratchy again. I love you more & more each second.

Your wife
Lalene

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Saturday 15

My Dearest Darling Husband;

How are you today you old angel?
Do you still love me as much as ever? I love
you so much I'm about to burst with emotions
& passions. I can't wait until we're married
& can actually prove our love for each other.
I can't bear being apart from you any longer.
Oh I love you more than words can tell.
I wish I could show you in some way how
much I really love you.

Sonny I can't imagine that this time
in two weeks we'll be married. It just
doesn't seem possible. It's all so wonderful.
I think I'm only dreaming. I hope I don't
wake up & find it's all a dream.

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You asked about John in your letter today.
He is getting better & expects to be back in
some sort of duty real soon. It won't be active
duty just something here in the United States.
He has been moved from New York to the
Wallace Reed Hospital in Washington D.C. He
expects a furlough soon & is coming here if he
can. Sister got a letter from Paul the boy
who used to be at Bowman Field. He sent her
his picture & it looks just like a Negro.
You remember how much he resembled one.
We got the biggest laugh out of it. We
kidded Sis all day about her Negro boyfriend.

I was talking to your mother tonight &
she was telling me that she heard traveling
conditions were just awful. Someone told her that

you have to stand ⁽³⁾ up almost all the time.
I hope we have more luck. We're going to leave
early next Sun. so we'll be sure to get to
Texas in time to get the license + everything.
I haven't gotten my new baptismal certificate
yet but I should get it Mon. I'll send it
to you as soon as I get it. You'll get it in
plenty of time. Don't worry your cute little
head over it.

I'll bet you're really worried + nervous
about all these arrangements aren't you? You
have had all the trouble + everything you poor
kid. I'll have to soothe you when I get down
there. I know I've been in a dither for
a month now getting all my clothes + all
the information we had to have. It really is
a lot of bother isn't it sweet heart? But

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its worth it isn't it? Look at all the fun we'll have when we get together again. Let's always be as much in love as we are now. And thats plenty. Our love is so strong it will explode if we don't do something about it soon. Gosh I'm so crazy about you. When I look at your picture on the radio I get so excited. I break out in goose pimples. I think of how much I love you & of being married to you & it makes my heart beat a hundred miles a minute. This ~~is~~ is the strongest love that has ever been known in history. Our love surpasses that of Antony & Cleopatra, Romeo & Juliet, etc. We've got them all beat. Don't you agree?

Good night angel. We'll be together soon.

your wife

Lorraine

I haven't any lipstick on. I'll kiss double tomorrow night.

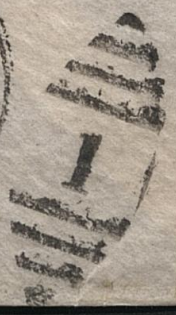
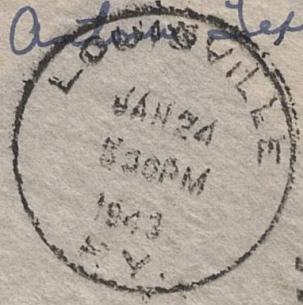
You know you have all my kisses anyway.



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1/24/43

Sunday¹⁶

My Sweetest Angel Husband;

What are you doing with yourself today? Are you looking forward to the near future when I will help you pass your time away? It won't be long now. In just a few days we'll be married & we'll be together forever. Won't that be wonderful?

This was the most beautiful day I've seen for a long time. It was as warm as summer. We took a walk today thru Shawnee Park & it was so nice. It was really hot. Sissy & I tried to get some films but we went to four drug stores & no one had any. So we couldn't take pictures. I hope it's this nice next Sunday when we leave. I'll be on my way to you this time next week. I'm so

thrilled & excited. (2)

Our wedding announcement was in the paper today. It looked so divine to see our names in the paper for such a lovely purpose. Are you as excited as I am? I'll probably be in a daze all this week. I'll dream & think of nothing but you & our wedding. I'll live for that wonderful moment when we are made one for the rest of our lives.

We had an unexpected visit from our cousin tonight. He is in town over night from Calif. A plane was coming this way & he came with it. He has to go back tomorrow. He looks so nice in his uniform. He is a staff sergeant in the air corps ground crew. He is only 19. He is mad about the army. He says it swell. I think he's a mechanic.

Willie McKenna ⁽³⁾ left Sat. morning + he was back that night. He has something wrong with him + they won't take him. I didn't think they would.

Honey I should get my baptismal certificate tomorrow. But I'll send it just as soon as it gets here. I think its silly to have to get another don't you?

I think will have a lot of fun at all those affairs they give the cadets don't you? Honey I'll be really nice to everyone + try to get those promotions for you but I don't think that has a lot to do with it do you? Anyway we'll try it. I'll try to be glamorous so everyone will think you're lucky to have such a sophisticated wife. Aren't you anxious? Oh I can hardly wait. I'm so eager to see you.

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Everytime I think of you I get so excited & thrilled. You make my heart go fifty miles a minute. What will it do when I see you again? I hope it doesn't pop out. Oh god how I love you. You're my hero & my lover. I'm so crazy about you. I'll bring all my passions just for you. The way I feel about you isn't a bit moral. Do you think I'm awful? I think it's the most wonderful feeling in the world.

Think up a lot of good jokes so you can tell them to me when I see you. I miss all those corny jokes of yours & also the dirty ones. Boy you sure did know a lot of them. I hope you have some new ones.

Good night angel. I love you more than any thing. I'm wild about you & want you terribly.

Your wife
Lolene

THIS EVENING

8:15 P.M.

MONDAY EVENING

8:15 P.M.

10¢ & 35¢

(AFTERNOON)

35¢ & 50¢

(EVENING)



...ville, in honor St. Jude, by Mrs. Leo Klarer; Special Intention, by Mrs. Leo Klarer; Special Intention, by Elaine Rouse & Joan LaPaille; Clarence Binder, by Mrs. H. Deddens; Frank Binder, by Mrs. H. Deddens; Elizabeth Binder, by Mrs. H. Deddens; In honor Sacred Heart in Thanksgiving, by Mrs. A.P. Mehling; Mrs. John Buening, by Mrs. A.P. Mehling; Carrie Sippel, by Mrs. J.B. Buren.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY:

- 1st time between - MURRAY PATRICK McDEVITT and HELEN LUCILLE BOHN.
- 1st time between - HENRY JOHN HEWIT and ELIZABETH ANN CLEM.
- 2nd time between - GEORGE WILLIAM CANARY, JR. and MARY LAVERNE MAYER.
- 3rd time between - DANIEL ANTHONY MURPHY and MARIE EUGENIA ANTONINI.

TODAY AND TOMORROW - You and your friends are cordially invited to spend a really enjoyable evening either tonight or tomorrow by attending the Chumba Club's presentation of Big Hearted Herbert, a sparkling comedy in three acts. If you like a good, clean comedy don't miss this play. Full details are on the reverse side of today's BULLETIN.

SODALISTS ATTENTION - Because of the Chumba Club play, the Sodality meeting has been postponed until Monday, February 1st. At that time the election of officers will take place. Every sodalist should plan now to be present Monday evening, February 1st.

SIX O'CLOCK MASS - Because of a wedding tomorrow and a funeral on Tuesday, there will be no six o'clock Mass on these two days. The Masses for Monday and Tuesday will be at 8:00 and 9:00 A.M.

PROTECT YOUR CHILD - There are evidences that a wave of measles may be coming our way. It is possible to prevent this disease from reaching epidemic proportions if parents will safeguard their children. Those who are sick, or who have symptoms that might indicate trouble should not be sent to school to expose others needlessly.

HAVE YOU A PEW? - A seat in the church is an indication of a sense of responsibility toward your church and yourself. If you do not have a seat in the church, why not stop in the Ushers Room today?

THE SICK - There are several in the parish who are dangerously ill and who have received the last Sacraments. You are asked to remember them in your prayers that they may be restored to health, or receive the grace of a happy death, as God sees fit.

SERVERS FOR JAN. 31st: F. Birkel, J. Higgins, A. Linette, K. Swearingen.
J. Narz, J. Miranda, W. Heuglin, T. Garvey.
W. Strubel, W. Kuto.



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1/26/43 Tuesday¹⁷

My Sweetest Darling Husband;

I sure do love you an awful lot today. In fact twice as much as I did an hour ago. I'm looking forward to our wedding so much. I'm so anxious to see you. I won't be writing many more letters to you. You'll be getting them after I've already arrived. Darling my baptismal certificate hasn't gotten here yet. I'll have to go up & get it tomorrow. I want you to be sure & get it.

I went in town today & visited all the girls. I had lunch with Shiley & then I had a coke with Margie & Mary Catherine. You don't know them angel but they sure know you from me talking about you all the time.

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I have to be sure & write to them all. It will take me months to catch up on all the letters I have to write.

You do I love you, I can't wait to see you. I've been so damned lonesome without you. I don't feel like the same person. I won't know how to act ~~to~~ when I start going out again. I'll have to start all over again. Do you miss my fascinating company very much? Or have you found that the San Antonio gals are more alluring? Evidently you haven't or you still wouldn't want me to marry you. I know you're true, old doll. I'd trust you any where at any time. And you can trust me too. You are the

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only person I'm interested in. I haven't even looked at another boy since you've left. You are my dream man + my hero.

I got the money order from Western Union today, \$25. That's the reason I had to go in town. Boy was it cold. It snowed last night + the wind was so icy + cold.

Right now I'm sitting over the register writing this letter. I'm so cold I can't get warm. I'm looking forward to you keeping me warm when we're married.

Will you angel? You know how cold I get so you have a big job in front of you. I don't think you'll mind very much.

Honestly Sonny I love you so much. You are the only thing I ever think of. I don't

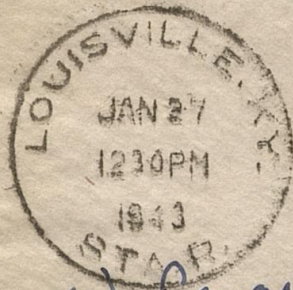
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think or dream of anything but you. You are the only one in the world I'm interested in. I want you so much & love you with every part of me. I know we'll be the happiest people in the world when we're married. I can't realize we're actually about to be married. It's too good to be true. I love you so much. I guess you get tired of reading it in all my letters but it's all I can ever think of.

I'll be seeing you very soon. Remember I love you more than anything.

Your wife

Lalaine



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1/27/43

Wednesday ¹⁸
10:30 P.M.

My Dearly Beloved Husband;

I have just come from the Park Theatre where I saw "The Gay Sisters." It was the best picture I've seen for a long time. I haven't been to many shows since you left but I certainly enjoyed this one. It impressed me so much. It introduced a new masculine star Gig Young. He is sure fascinating. He will probably be a big hit with all the women. He has plenty of appeal. I went to the show with Sissy Giesler. We stopped in the Dixie Dairy to get a coke & we ended up getting two cheeseburgers, a strawberry sundae & a pepsi coke. Sissy's sister Carolyn works in there & she gives us ~~double~~ double

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the amount of everything. So you can imagine how full I am right now. I was thinking of you when I was eating those cheeseburgers. It recalled memories of Kaeli's & all the hamburgers we ate there. I sure miss all that. I hope there are a lot of good hamburger joints in San Antonio. I could eat a million of those delicious little old things. I sure hope you still like to do all those silly things we used to do. Don't act older & wiser. Let's just act like we always did. We had so darned much fun. Let's do everything over again only this time we'll do it better because we'll be married.

I love you so much Sonny. I won't be ~~with~~ writing to you much longer. My letters

will still be up⁽³⁾ here when I'm down there.
Please excuse this writing. My pen is bad &
it's awfully hard to write anything with it.

I called the priest again today & he said
my baptismal certificate will surely be here
tomorrow. So as soon as the mail man comes
I'll mail it to you. That is if he has it. If
he doesn't I'll have to go up & get it. This
is the most mixed up affair I ever saw. That
last certificate was just a few days old &
the priest made the mistake of putting 1942
on it instead of 1943. The same mistake could
happen to anyone at the beginning of a new year.
I don't see why the chaplain couldn't have
overlooked that error. He must be awfully
pig headed or he would. I don't understand what

possible difference ^④ it would make even if the certificate was 10 years old. It would still be the same. You can't change the year in which you were born. I'll bet that chaplain is a regular old stick in the mud. He probably doesn't understand love.

I hope you still love me as much as ever. I'm so thrilled about our marriage. This time next week we'll be married or just about. I want to be real glamorous for you. I hope I succeed. You'll love all my new clothes. I want to look feminine & fully for you because you're so used to looking at uniforms that you'll be glad to look a little for a change. I mean my frills no one else. I love you with all my heart & soul. Good night Sweetie pie.

your wife
Lalene



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1/28/43 Thursday¹⁹

my Dearest Angel Husband;

I received three air mail letters from you today. I was sure glad to hear from you because I haven't gotten any mail for two days. I'm getting so darned nervous as the day of all days grows closer. Are you getting cold feet? I feel so strange to think that this time next week we'll be married. We'll be on our honeymoon. Gee oh gosh doesn't that sound grand? I'm so eager to see you. I'm afraid you've changed a whole lot. I hope you haven't. I'm still the same & I hope you are too, under all those muscles.

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You must be awfully tough from what you say in your letter. Just act gentle with me & you can be tough as the devil otherwise.

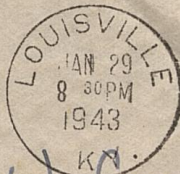
Sister got a letter from John today & he is doing fine. He expects to come to visit her real soon. He sends his best wishes & lots of luck to us.

I got a lovely bed jacket from Mrs. Barry today. It really is darling. She is Jack's mother. She had it sent from Kaufman's because she doesn't feel up to going out yet. There is still no word of Jack. I don't think there's any hope now. He has been gone so long. I hope they find him.

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I started packing today. I think I can
squeeze all my clothes into the two bags.
I'm going to or else. I want to take every
thing I've got if possible.

This will probably be the last letter
I'll write because we'll leave Sunday +
we will be there before you get the letter.
So I won't write unless something important
happens.

I love you more + more each second.
I hope you feel the same about me. I
know that you do. You can't live without
me can you angel? I can't live without
you either. So its good that we'll be together
soon or the world would lose two great
people. I love you + want you more than
is humanly possible. Your wife
Lorraine



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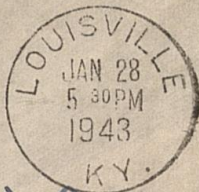
Thursday²⁰

Dearest Sonny;

Here is the baptismal certificate.
I hope it is all right. I certainly had
enough trouble getting it. It got lost &
I had to call the priest 3 or 4 times before
he sent me another one. If this one is no
good I give up.

I got your air mail letter this morning
& was I thrilled to hear you'd gotten the ring.
I can't wait to see it. I'll bet it's gorgeous.
I'm so much in love with you & want you so
bad. I'll write a long letter tonight.

your wife
Lolene



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