

f/ I'm sitting in your bed writing this & I've started the Capt. North book. It sure sounds good. I haven't gotten very far into it but I know I will like it.

How is your friend who looks like J. Stewart? I wish you could get a picture of him & send it to me so I could see what he looks like. Why don't you & he have your pictures taken together & let me see how the Hollywood chellers look in their handsome long hair & uniforms? Honey, do you think of me when you go into town? I think of you all the time. I miss you more every second. I will never be happy as long as I'm away from you. You are the only thing I care about. I'm getting sleepy. Sorry doll, I'll finish in the morning.
Good night sweets

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May 12, 1943
Wed. mite.

My Sweetest Darling Angel Handsome Mate

I didn't get any mail from you today dear it. I guess I'll get two tomorrow. I'm over at your house & I've been sewing all day. I'm making the cutest seersucker suit. It's really darling. I can't wait until you can see it. It's so sophisticated looking. I want to finish it for Sunday but I don't know if I can or not. I probably will. It's so cute that I can't stop until it's finished. I want to make a Dutch boy cap to wear with it. I have never had any luck making hats but I'll try once more. I have another dress to

3/ Having a good time with your friends. Its so nice to have some thing to look forward to + occupy your mind. I dont have a thing. I think Ill have to get a job or Ill go mad just sitting around thinking of you + longing for you. I know I should rest + take things easy but its sure is hard. Im not used to sitting around. I always had some thing to do + you came over every nite but now I have nothing but memories + I long for you with every part of my body + soul.

The party opens Sunday so I guess Ill go over with Sis + mom. It will be some thing to do. Sis hasn't heard from John yet + she sure is mad as the devil. I think she should give him the air.

2/ make next week. I'd like to have all my clothes ready so if you send for me or get a fulbright Id be prepared. All my summer dresses are washed + ready to wear. Ill make a few more dresses + then Ill have enough.

Oh, Sonny angel, I miss you so much. I wish I could be with you right now so we could love like we used to. Wasnt that wonderful + divine? You are every thing to me + I dont know what Id do without you. Im so much in love with you + I want you so much. My whole body aches for your love making + your caresses. I dont know what Ill do if I dont see you soon. It seems year + year since we kissed good bye in Mississippi. Oh Sonny, I hope you are

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Good morning angel. Its really afternoon
for I didn't get up until 11:00'clock & now
its almost 1:00. Arent I lazy? Mom called
& said that I have two letters from you & I
cant wait until I read them. Your mother
got a letter from you & she read it to me. I
thought it was so funny about you & the
two other boys going into that hotel &
demanding a table. My Mr. Canary, you're coming
up in the world arent you? Did you see any
cute girls while you were in town? Sonny,
do Gerald & Dick flirt with the girls? If they
do, dont follow their example. I'd better
not hear of you chasing after girls or I'll
divorce you quicker than I can wink
your eye. Save all your flirting for me. I'll
let you flirt with me all day if you want to.

7/ for action. Oh boy, I can't wait, can you?
I love you so much & want you so bad.
I can't put into mere words just how I feel.
I'll show you when I see you again.

Your mom & I are going up to Sears in
a few minutes so I have to hurry as I want
to mail this letter this morning. So please
excuse the writing. Honey, we're going
now so I'll close & write a real long letter
tonight. Lots of love & kisses.

Your passionate wife
Lalene

4/ Would you like that? Just think of all
the fun we can have this summer when we
are together again. I'm going to wear shorts
all the time so I can get my legs tan. I
don't intend to wear stockings this year at all.
I had my shorts on last Thursday because
it was awfully hot & good. Did they feel
good. I love shorts, don't you? I'm going to
get some real cute ones so you will get
all excited & in a romantic mood. Of course
I don't have to depend on shorts, do I? (Ha ha
But I'll wear them so you will get twice
as passionate. Aren't I awful? But I sure
will crave an awful lot of love when I see
you again & I'll do everything in my power
to make you as hot & bothered as possible.
So be prepared. Let's not beat around the
bush with mere words. Let's clean the deck

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time so I could see what you looked like when you are feeling good? God, lets really celebrate when we are together again. I'll be so happy that I'll be intoxicated with joy & I won't even need the help of alcohol. Oh boy, I can see us now just loving & kissing & going back to nature. Lets just act like wild animals. Sonny, I liked that joke you told me. Tell me some more. Also I enjoy those intimate little talks you tell me about the boys in the army. I never did think that people really acted like that. I thought it only happened in books. Would you like to be like that? Sonny, if you are ever with those boys & they want you to go out on a date it will be alright with me, because I know you are lonely & it might make your morale rise.

P.S. Happy Anniversary

Do you realize we've been married 14 whole weeks? + one day? (May 14, 1943) Friday
I love you more every second & miss you terribly

My Sweetest Darling Handsome Precious Husband:

Sweetheart, I promised I'd write you last nite but I was awfully tired so I waited until this morning. It won't make any difference because you'll get it the same time any way. Angel, you said you were broke. Didn't you get the two dollars I sent you? I hope it didn't get lost. I hate to send money like that in just a letter. I'm always afraid it will get lost. When you get paid next time keep a lot of it because I don't especially need money & you go out a lot & have to have some thing to spend. So darling, keep half of what you get & then you won't be broke all the time. I haven't

✓ since you told me about his little adventure on that boat with the girl. Does he still do things like that? I hope you don't follow his example. If he tries to encourage you to do these things please remind him that you are a married man & above these things. I think I would like your friend Gerald better. Is he that way too? I hope not. I'd hate to think that a boy who looked like J. Stewart could stoop to such an act. Honey, don't think that I don't approve of your friends. I'm glad you have such fine boys to pal around with. But just as long as you stay away from other girls. I am perfectly satisfied.

Angel, I never knew you could drink so much beer. Why don't you do it for me some

✓ much money saved because I had to get some summer clothes & also pay the doctor & get my medicine. I don't go to the doctor anymore for I feel well but I still take the medicine. It is making me gain weight so I think I'll continue taking it for a while. I guess we'll have enough money when my allotment comes. How ever. That's too far off & we want to be together before then so I'll hang on to all the money that I possibly can so we can have some thing if you're moved closer to home. Maybe we could borrow some because it wouldn't take so much & we could pay it back. Maybe I can get some from Mom or Dad. We'll think about that later.

Honey, is your friend Dick very nice looking? I don't think so much of his moral standing

8/ I didn't get any mail this morning so I guess I'll get some this afternoon. I hope so. I wish Gene Campbell would hurry & answer so I could tell you where Gene is & what he is doing.

Sister hasn't heard from John since he left for Knoxville & she is really burned up. I think he is going to get the wire. She is listening to some hill billy music & is it awful. They just murdered the St. Louis Blues.

It's so rainy & cold here. This weather is terrible. I wish it would hurry & get warm so I could wear shorts & get a tan. I'm going to lay in the sun all day & take it easy. I'm getting so lazy. I don't do a thing but read. I have to start sewing now & I'm not a bit in the mood. Don't you wish you were here in the good old South so you could be lazy with me? I'm a real southerner if they all like to lie in the shade & relax. That's the life. I love you so much.
Your lazy ~~brother~~ ^{brother's} wife
Mildred

5/ of course I'd prefer that you stay away from girls because I love you too much to even think of you going out with some one but me. I know you don't even want to; but if you ever do, please tell me. I want you to be happy. I love you an awful lot & I'm just living for the day when we can be together again.

Honey, another friend of the family is reported to be missing in Africa. He was 27 yrs. old & a very handsome boy. He was a ball player & had a bright future until the army got him. I didn't know him, but Daddy is a close friend of his daddy's & naturally dad is feeling awfully bad about it. He may be found I hope so. They never have found Jack Barry I think of him so often. It's hard to realize that some one you've known all your life is just

7/ to do. I'll probably never finish it. Shirley called & wanted me to go in town with her but I told her to make it some other time. I don't want to do any thing any more. I'm in a rut. I wish I could enjoy things but I don't even like shoes any more so you know that's really bad. I guess I'll snap out of it one of these days. I get all these cute clothes & never wear them. I'll save them until I'm with you again. That's why I'm getting them anyway. I'm so lonesome for you. Try to get sent near home so we can be together soon. I can't stand it much longer. Can you?

Charlie McKenna leaves for the army Tues. & Willie & Pat are going to have a baby. Isn't that remarkable? Willie is dumb as ever. He's in 49. They don't want him even if there's an invasion. Isn't that horrible?

6/ snatched away & that you don't even know how he died or anything about it. I hate to think of how many boys were killed in Tunisia. The toll must have been terrible.

Oh, well. I guess the war will be over soon. I pray all the time that it will be. Angel. I'm going to send you a box real soon. I'm collecting things to put in it so I'll have it ready by next week.

I'm going to try to finish my accessories and today. It's so cute. I'll try to get some films & send you some snaps of me in it. If I can find some film. It's like looking for a gold mine. I think they're going to ration clothes so I'd better get some before they do. I bought a cute shorts pattern yesterday when I went to Sears with your mother. I have so damn much sewing

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My thumbs all day + nite. I hardly ever go out. I'm really being a perfect example of what a good wife should be. So you can rest assured that I'm behaving perfectly but of course I have to indulge once in a while. I'm so darn lonesome + I want to be with you so much. I love you Sonny + I always will. Nothing you can say or do will ever change my love for you. I'm completely yours + I will be forever + ever. I crave your divine love making + kisses. They are all that counts in my life. I live for you + you alone. To be apart from you is pure torture. But we'll have to have patience.

Did you smell the perfume I put in the letter I sent you this morning? That's the perfume you sent me when you were in San Antonio. I love it. But I'd rather wear it for you in person. Will write long letter tomorrow. Your lonesome wife
Lelene

May 14, 1943 3

Friday nite

My sweetest Precious Handsome Y-2 Husband:

I'm writing again tonight. You see I just can't stay away from you even if I can't see you. I can at least talk to you on paper. I received a letter from you this afternoon + I'm so proud to know that you passed your exam. You really are smart when you want to be but you stubborn thing, you were too mad at the army to take an interest in any thing. I'm glad you are more reasonable now + that you aren't disgusted anymore. Honey, I love you so much + I can't wait until we are together again + can love like mad. I'm just saving my self + all my energy for the day when we can love again.

1) I want to make my shorts. I have so much I want to do & I never seems to get time to do it. I don't know what happens to my time.

I just had some beer & did it taste good.

I was so tired & it really peppered me up. I'm getting to be a regular beer fiend. You asked me if I wrote to you last Sat. Well honey,

I hate to tell you but I didn't. I was in town all day & I went to Smid's chat nite

& had a few beers so I wasn't in the proper frame of mind to write. I didn't say anything about it because I was afraid you'd get angry with me. Are you? I'm so sorry. I'll never do it again. Not write. I mean. Am

I forgiven? I love you so much & I wouldn't miss writing you again for anything. I'm so ashamed. But honey, I just can't sit & twiddle

2) Guess what I got in the mail today? My card from the War Dept. arrived about my allotment & I got it June 1st. Isn't that wonderful? It looks just like a penny post card & it has your name & rank & number on it & I have to keep it. That sure was quick wasn't it? I hope my allotment really gets here June 1st because we'll have more money then & I can save more. I want to save all I can so if you send for me or if you get a furlough we'll have enough.

I finished my suit today & I made a Dutch boy cap to match. I think it's awfully cute. I hope you like it. But I sure am tired. I've been sewing all day. I have to make another dress next week & then

I'm here all by myself right now. Sis +
mom went in town + I stayed home. I cleaned
the house + it reminded me of the time I used
to clean up our apt. for the week ends. I wish
you were coming to see me this afternoon. I'd be
so happy I couldn't stand it.

It stormed this morning + the lightning
was playing around this house some thing
awful. Norman + I were alone + we sure were
scared. Mom + Sis got caught in the rain
in town + they haven't come home yet. The sun
is out now but its awfully cool. I hope
it gets warm soon. The park opens tomorrow
so I guess I'll go over with Mom + Sis. Its
some thing to do. Look at all the poor goons
who get thumbed at the rides, etc. I guess

May 15, 1943
Sat. 12:30
noon

My Precious Handsome Darling Angel Husband:

I decided to add some more to
this letter so it would be real nice + long. I
just got two letters from you + you say that you
haven't been getting my mail. Darling I write
every day. I only missed one. I can't understand
why you don't get my mail. I'm sending you
some stamps + two dollars because you said you
were broke. Honey. I hate to think of you with
out any money. Please tell me when ever you need
some + I'll rush it to you. My allotment will
start June 1st so we will have more money then.

Darling, those jokes you tell me are really
hilarious. I enjoy them so much. I don't hear
any but if I ever do I'll tell them to you.

really celebrate tonight. It's no fun being
apart like this. I don't agree with the people
who say that matrimonial vacations are good
for you. I want to be with you every minute
so we can get all the pleasure & happiness
that there is to be gotten out of marriage &
love. We'll soon be married 4 months & we've
been apart nearly all of that time. We were
only together for about 6 weeks. That time
sure did fly by, didn't it? But we'll be
together soon & then we can make up for
all this suffering of being apart. I hope
that wonderful day comes soon or I'll be so
love stowed that I'll collapse. Lord, how
I want you. I think of all the wonderful
loving we did & I almost go mad with the want
of you. I love you so much.

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Lord, I was thrilled at that super written
letter. You really are good. I always told you
that you were smart but you wouldn't believe me.
I'm so proud of my husband with all the military
secrets stored in his brain. Angel, I'm so crazy
about you. All I think of or dream about is you.
You never leave my mind for a second. I wish
you were here now so we could go out tonight &
have a good time. I think I might go down to
the Gable with the family tonight & drink
some beer. Remember how we used to get tight
every Sat. nite & I'd get sleepy on you? Boy,
you really did get mad at me didn't you?
But you got over it. We had so much fun. I
sure am lonesome for all that fun & loving
we could do. If we were together now we could

the place will be filled with soldiers.
I'll tell you all about it if I go over.

Sister got a letter + some cards from John yesterday. So she isn't mad at him any more. He mailed them in plenty of time but the mail is so slow its pitiful. He's coming back some time next week.

They are a juggle to me. Some times I wonder if he likes her or not. She isn't sure she likes him either. What a mess.

Norman is still real crazy. He went over to the skating rink last night + he told me the girls were following him around. He is awfully popular but it sure isn't cleanliness that attracts them because he is always messy + dirty. He slicks his hair down with some junk but leaves his face

dirty. He is a problem. Girls call him
up + he even gets dates for his boy friends.
Can you imagine a kid like him being
interested in girls? These boys are going to
be wolves when they get a few years older.

Angel, I hope you can get moved closer
to try. or get a furlough soon. Wouldn't that
be swell? I wish you could get moved
to Bournon Field. That's too much to even
hope for. But we'll see each other soon. We
just have to be patient. We aren't the only ones
who feel as we do. I'm glad you're still
here in this country. Even if I can't be with
you I know that you're safe. I love you
+ always will. More + more every second.
Excuse this writing. I'm using a book to write
on + I'm making a mess of it. Guess I'll read
about Capt. Faith now. He makes me feel closer to you.
Your passionate wife Lorraine

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relax + just do anything we want to do.
what would you like to do? Did I hear you
say just sit + read the paper? (haha) I know
you too well. I know what you'll want to do.
The same thing that I do. Love + kiss.
Is that agreeable with you? That will
be so much fun. I can't wait until we
can love again. Last night I woke up in
the middle of the night + I just lay awake
for a long time thinking of you + of all the
good times we've had together. It makes
me feel so sad to think we have to be apart
like this. I love you so much + I'm so
hungry for you. I don't want anything in the
world but you + without you I'm lost.

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May 16, 1993 Sunday

My sweetest Precious Handsome Husband:

How are you today, sweetheart?

I hope you got a pass so you could go into
town. I'm so glad that you're enjoying your
self + have some nice friends.

The park opened up today + we went
over for a while. But I got so damned bored
that I had to come home. I'd much rather
stay in + read a book. There is the same
old crowd of people over there. They look so
dirty + awful. There weren't as many soldiers
as I expected there would be. I guess the
place has no appeal to them. I don't see
how people can go over + stay all day. I'd

3/ have wasted too much time & I can't bear to think of all that love going to waste. So lets hurry & do some thing about it. I know that you feel the same as I do. Isn't it wonderful to be in love like we are? We were made for each other & thats why our marriage is such a big success. Won't it be swell when we can have our own home & live like humans again? Lets go out a lot or would you rather stay home & love? We'll probably stay home more than we'll go out. I think its more fun don't you? I hope we have a cute house. Gosh, it will be so much fun to cook for you every day & kiss you when you go to work in the morning & when you come home at night. After we eat supper we can

go crazy. I don't even like to stay for five minutes. Gosh. Sonny, the weather is getting nice now & I miss you more than ever. Its so hard to have to face a summer without you. I hope we can be together soon. I'm so bored at the things I do now. I don't get a bit of pleasure out of anything because I miss you & I'm always longing for you. What a thrill it would be to have you here with me again. I'm just dying to see you & kiss you. I want you so awful bad. You are such an effort love makes & all this precious love of ours is just being wasted. We'll have so much to catch up on when we see each other again. Lets just love & love every time we have a chance. We

8/ Sweetie pie, I run out of things to say
& I just have to keep repeating I love you.
If I love you, just say so. But I know
you love to hear me say those magic words
as much as I love to say them to you. So
I'll just continue. I'm so love starved & I
am hungry as the devil for your kisses.
How is the hair on your chest? Have you
gotten anymore? I'd love to see it. You
sure are a perfect specimen of a strong, muscular
handsome husband. I love to feel your strong
arms around me. Gosh, it thrills me just
to think of it. I long for your love making
& your thrilling kisses. Hope you're getting
my mail all right. I write you every day.
Loads of love & all my kisses.
Your passionate emotional wife
Ladene

7/ Darling, I went down to the tables last
night with the family & I drank a few
beers. It's the only pleasure I have. When
I drink beer it makes me feel happy &
I don't feel so damned gloomy. I don't enjoy
drinking beer without you. I only do it
because the cokes are so weak & I really
do love beer.

How are your friends, Dick & Gerald?
I hope they pass all the exams so you
can stay with them. Have they got any
girl friends or are they engaged? Tell me
all about them. Do you like them better
than you did Green & Campbell? I haven't
heard from Sue yet. I guess she'll answer

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be content or really at ease. But don't pay any attention to my crazy letters. I'm trying to be patient & I will be if it kills me. I'm selfish to feel this way because I certainly am not the only one. I know it's hard on you too. But we'll be together soon & I hope that we can make it sooner than you could wish an eye.

Darling, are you studying real hard & showing the army how smart you are? I know you will pass this course because you are interested in it & you really like it. I'm so glad that you're satisfied. Aren't you glad that you are out of gunnery school? I was so worried that you would be a gunner. My mind is at ease now.

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my letter. I hope she does because I am so curious to know about Gene & where he is now. She may not answer because she might think I'm just writing for information.

Wasn't you thrilled about my allotment? I'll get it first & then we'll have enough money. I'll save a lot of it so I'll have some when you send for me. I hope you can get a furlough or ~~at~~ else be moved real close to home so I could stay with you. You have no idea how lonely I am. Don't think I try to make you feel bad or anything like that but it's the truth. I'm just not myself without you. I don't feel like I normally should because I'm always wishing I was with you & I can't

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7/ + they were acting awful. All the people were so terrible looking. Well, we were sitting at a table over by the bar + we really were just enjoying being by our selves. Four soldiers went by + they were awfully drunk. Then they came back again + sat down by us. I got so darned scared. They weren't at all civil looking. We got up + left but we were scared to death that they'd follow us. We went home + I've made up my mind that I'm not going to that park any more. I'd rather stay home + know I'm safe. There seems to be a tougher crowd over there this year + I want no part of it. I never did like that place any way. Dad says we shouldn't go over there because the nice soldiers + people don't go over there.

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May 17, 1943
Monday nite

My Sweetest Darling Precious Angel Husband:

I received a letter from you today + I sure was glad to hear from you. It was so nice + long. Norman was so glad that you wrote to him. He loves to get mail from you. Honey, your typing improves every time you write to me. Keep it up so I can see how you are doing. Also it makes the letters longer. And I love those good old letters to be read long. Darling, you said that mom sent you a picture of me. I didn't know it. I wish she had it because that was a terrible picture. I'm sending you some good ones. I had them in our album but I'd

7 happened for the best. Don't feel badly about it. Just think of the brilliant future you have in I-2. Apply yourself & you can make a lot of money after the war in this work & then you can buy your own plane. I'll even get up enough courage to go up with you. I'd do anything for you, Sonny. By the way, you asked me how Huber was, the boy who used to go with Seiny. Well, he is with the F.B.I. in Washington. You'll probably get a job like he has ~~with~~ when you get out of the army.

Honey, Salt Lake City must be quite a place. It sure must have a lot of good places to go to. I'm glad you are having a good time. Look Sonny, we went over to the park last night, Tom, Sis, Norman, & I. It was really awful. All the soldiers were drunk.

2 rather that you have them. I wish that you would send me some of you so I can see you in your summer uniform. I'll bet you look cute. Angel. I love you so much & I'm so proud of you. You're so smart & intelligent. I'm so happy because you like your work. Honey, I know you don't like it as much as you did being an aviation cadet. I know how sad you were when you wended out & I felt just as bad as you did. But I think you acted awfully brave. Some boys get all broken up & bitter. You could have gotten that way but you had too much spirit. Darling, you can fly when you're out of the army. It's perfectly all right with me. I want you to be happy & I know you won't be happy unless you can fly. Perhaps all this

8/ to leave it. It sort of grew on you, don't you agree? It was awfully dull but we still had fun. I think that we could have fun any where just as long as we're together. We surely are suited to each other. I'd rather be alone with you than any thing else that could possibly be. Its so wonderful to just sit & talk. Then love & kiss. I want to be alone with you a lot when we are together again. Lets just "get lost" & forget other people exist. We'll move to some secluded place & stay at home alone & just enjoy being with our selves. That's my idea of leave. How about you? Lets don't live in your room at your house. I'd rather have you to myself. We can't have any privacy if we stay with our families. We'd get into quarrels & maybe it would end up in a divorce. We'll solve that problem later. Goodnite angel.
your passionate wife
Lorraine

9/ So you can rest assured that your wife will stay away from places like that. I guess you know how awful those soldiers can be because you've heard tales from them.

Have you heard anymore tales lately? Yeah. I liked the ones you told me. You better stay away from women or else. Of course, you know I'm only kidding. I trust you & have all my faith in you & you alone.

Darling, I love you so much. I miss you so damned bad. Every day seems to make me more blue & lonesome for you. So honey, lets hurry & end this separation. Its just too much torture & misery for a human to bear.

Blondie is on right now & its so funny. Dagwood is the stupidest man. I'm glad I haven't got a dumb husband. You're so

7/ every minute. I think of all the swell times we had together & the things we used to do. It all seems so long ago. It seems years since I last saw you. We've been apart almost nine weeks now, do you know that? It seems like nine years. We'll be married four months soon & I hope we are together to celebrate. Wasn't it fun to be with each other every week end & remember when we were married a week & celebrated on your open joint in S.A.? We went to the cadet dance & we had such a lot of fun. We'll be together real soon now & I'll begin to live again. Without you I'm just merely a robot & I don't care about a thing but you & when I can be with you & love & kiss again. I sure didn't care about Sweetwater when I first got there but when we had that apt. & I could be with you a lot. I liked the town. I hated

4/ cute & handsome. I love every thing about you. You're so smart & strong. Look, are you full of muscles? And that divine hair on your chest. How I would love to run my fingers through it right now. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were together right now? Just think of all the loving we could do. Doesn't it make you tremble with ecstasy to think how it would be? I can't wait until I feel your strong, powerful arms around me. I long for your kisses & caresses. ^(so many's) I would be the happiest person alive if you were with me right now. Sorry. I'll never be able to tell you just how I feel about you. My emotions are just bursting with love & I want you so much. I get more passionate

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// He will tell you. I guess, when you write to him. I'll bet that was a blow to his vanity because he thought he knew all about planes. Well, anyway here is his address: P.F.C. Campbell, C.E.
764 Tech. School Bldg.
Class 44 Section 1 Baw. 525
Darbby Field, Denver, Colo.

Let me know what he says when you get a letter from him. Chester Redmon is in Denver + maybe you could get his address through Gene. They might be in the same school. Have you heard from Don Green yet? I wonder if his wife ever came down to him.

Honey, you tickled me when you said that the boy, Boots, who made you mad at the village, would never pass. You sound as if you hate the poor boy. I laughed

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May 20, 1943
Thursday

My sweetest Precious Darling Handsome Husband:

Good morning angel, how is my favorite husband on our 15th week of the happiest marriage in the world? We sure have been married a long time, haven't we? I wish we could be together so we could celebrate as we really should. Darling, I'm so glad I married you. You've made me so happy by asking me to be your wife. I hope you are as thrilled about our marriage as I am. I know you are. Don't you think we are terribly lucky, to have each other + be so much in love? I'll bet our marriage is the most perfect of any.

3/ I also got a letter from Sue Campbell + Gene is in Denver, Colo. He is a Pfc. + in a Technical school. She didn't say what he was going to be. She gave me his address to give to you. So I'll put it down later on in this page. She is going to see him next month. Isn't that swell? I wish I was going to see you. Maybe I will pretty soon. Then she is going to San Antonio to stay with a girl friend for two or three weeks. She gets around doesn't she? The baby is starting to walk + she said that she is always into something. That was Gene's mother's address that you gave me. But she happened to be there when the letter came. She gave me her address so I guess I'll continue writing to her + get all the news. She didn't say why Gene worked out.

2/ It will be so wonderful when we are together again + can live normal married lives. Honey, I'm so eager to see you again + do all the heavenly things we used to. I can't wait until we can love again. Are you as impatient as I am? I know you are. I hope you've moved to Tennessee so I can go down + stay with you. That's all I'm living for. I think about you all the time + I wait for your mail like a beggar waits for food. So lets hurry + be with each other again. It won't be long now. I can't stand it much longer.

Honey, I got a letter from you yesterday + you told me another of those spine chilling tales. Whow! That really was breath taking. Keep it up. It pepes up my dull life.

8/ you as miserable as I am? I hope not.

Look, it makes me feel so good to think we're married 15 weeks. Soon it will be four months. Won't that be wonderful? I wish the war would hurry and end. It's so terrible the way it's ruining all the young people's lives. Do you think it will last much longer?

Tell me what you did on our anniversary.

I hope you got to go in town. I finished reading about Robt. Hargrove yesterday + I think it was swell. He sure was crazy wasn't he?

Do you practice the art of gold bricking like he does or are you better at it? I'll bet you are from what you tell me in your letters. You ain't falling for all that work over you sweets? Well, I'll write again tonight.

See you soon.
Your Passionate love starved wife
Lillian

5/ when I read that. It sounded so funny.

You really did get jealous of him didn't you? I like for you to act like that. It shows you really do love me. I'm jealous of you too. So you better stay away from those Utah gals. Have any of them tried to pick you up or flirt with you? Tell me if they have. I won't get mad. That is, I won't get mad if you don't flirt back. So

watch out. I'll find out all about what you've been doing when I see you again.

Remember how you said that red head liked you in San Antonio? That shows you have appeal so be careful. But honey, don't think I don't trust you. I'm just warning you for your own good (and mine) I love those tales you tell me + the jokes. I don't hear any

7/ angry? But you always got them didn't you? And how you'd get furious when I crunched potato chips & it made you nervous? I'll bet you'd love to hear me crunch potato chips now wouldn't you? I told you then that you'd be sorry some day that you fussed at me. Am I not right? You are so sweet & wonderful. Sorry I sure do miss you. I try real hard to get a feelabout or get moved closer to home so we can take up our marriage where we left off. I want you so much & I'm always longing for you to kiss me & make love to me. But then I realize how far away you are & I feel like crawling in a corner & crying. I sure do feel lonesome for my handsome strong intelligent husband. Are

7/ jokes but if I do. I'll tell them to you. Would you like to have one of those things happen to you? I think it would be gruesome. When people act like that they are on the same level with animals.

Your mother & I went over to my house last night to get my mail & then we were driving along the Pkwy. Can you guess where we went? To that little stand at the edge of Shawnee Pk. where we used to go every night last summer. It seemed so funny to be there with some one besides you. It made me feel so lonesome & blue to think of all the fun we used to have when we went there & drink beer or coke. Remember how I always wanted you to get me some of those chess & peanut butter cookies & you'd get real

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4/ Darling, you said in one of your letters that you were still worrying about me. Well, you have no cause to, because I'm feeling well now & I'm perfectly well & my nerves are calm as ever. So please don't worry any more. If I start feeling bad, I'll let you know right away. But I feel swell & I have a whole lot of energy & strength saved up for a lot of love making when we're together again.

I'm so sorry to hear that your friend Gerald is ill. I hope he recovers quickly. I suppose the climate doesn't agree with him. Let me know how he is getting along. I'm glad that you feel alright. Take good care of yourself & stay well so you can be moved closer to home & we can be together again soon as possible.

May 20, 1943

Thursday night

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My Sweetest Darling Handsome Angel Husband:

Here I am, writing to you again today. I wrote once this morning but I love you so much that I want to write to you all the time. It keeps me on your mind & makes ~~you~~ think of me more often. Of course I know you don't have to be reminded.

Darling, I got two wonderful letters from you today. I'm so glad that you are going to be moved in about two weeks. I hope you can get a flu shot or else I can come to you soon. I want you so much & long to feel your strong hairy arms around me. Sorry, you are so wonderful & I love you some thing awful.

3/ at your house + I had an awfully nice time.
Tonight we took your dad to work + then
we went to Probus's + got a chicken sandwich
+ some french fries + beer for supper. It
sure was good. Then we rode around the
park + stopped at John's stand + got some
beer. This warm weather really makes me
thirst for that good old '92. I drink so
much beer that I'll get fat if I don't stop
it. I'll bet I can keep up with you +
even drink you under the table. Want to
take that bet on when I see you again?

I think I'll cut out my other new
dress tomorrow so I can have some new clothes
when you get a fullough. I have to make
some new shorts too. I sure will be a busy
gal sewing for about two weeks.

3/ I'm so impatient to love you again + see
you in your summer uniform. I know that
you look twice as handsome in it. Sonny, do
you wear the regular air corps insignia on
your sleeve now? You know what I mean.
The circles with the wings that all the
boys in the air corps wear on their sleeves.
Have you gotten a new insignia for your
cap or do you wear the one I got you in
Bilski? If you want any thing tell me + I'll
try to get it for you. I'm trying to get some
things for you so I can send you a box.
But if you are going to be moved, I guess I'd
better wait. Maybe you'll be home soon + I
won't have to send you the box; I'll just
give it to you.

I just got back from my weekly visit

4/ self again. I'll never be until I'm with you. Lets try to hurry the wonderful day. I can't wait much longer.

Angel. I get so amused at your jokes + the tales you tell me. I think they're really good. I love those tales. I'd like to see one of the boys who really acted like that. Do they like the girls or do they talk about them + have no respect for them? Tell me all the good juicy tales that you hear.

How did you celebrate this, our 15th week of marriage? I mean, what did you do today? Did you think of me as much as I thought of you? Right now, 15 weeks ago, we were in the Luntz Hotel, Room 1008, in Texas. Wouldn't you like to be able to be with me right now so we could celebrate together?

5/ From got a letter from you today + she was so glad to hear from you. Norman wrote you yesterday + he hopes you will be able to read it. He's trying to get me to take him to the show + buy him a soda because you told him that I would in the letter you wrote to him. Please don't tell him things like that. I'll never live in peace until I take him. He's like an elephant, he never forgets. What a boy.'

Oh, how I love you + want you. I miss you more every day. My life is so dull + uneventful. I stay home all the time. I haven't been to the show in town for about a month. I don't even like shows anymore. I don't like any thing with out you. I just live + eat + sleep like an automaton. I'm not my old

I would be so happy to be with you again. It's all I live for + think about. I saw in a magazine today that Maria Monty, the movie star, said that she thinks a woman should look her best in her bedroom. Do you agree? I think I will follow her advice when we are together + see how it turns out. Do you think I looked messy when I went to bed, with my hair in curls? I'll try to be more glamorous in the future. I'll lure you into a trance. Would you like that? I love to think that I thrill you + get you all hot + bothered. Don't we have a lot of fun making love + getting each other all excited + passionate? I hate to think of all the love we're missing. We have a lot to catch up on. I'm ready, are you? I know you are. Good night sweetheart. All my love + devotion.
Your passionate love stained wife
Lillian

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4/ again. My poor black under wear will be moth eaten if you don't hurry back so I can see it again.

Sonny doll, your mother told me that June is back from New York & she only stayed for about two days. She only got to talk to her husband for 20 minutes. He was getting ready to go across & he couldn't even get out to be with her. So she is back at the hospital now & is going on with her nursing. Isn't that awful? I hope we can be together soon & make use of all the time that we can possibly get together. I love you so much & I want to be with you as much as I can. Honey, I'm so miserable without you & I want you so much. Every day I want you more.

May 21, 1943
Friday nite

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My Precious Darling Dearest Handsome Husband:

I got a letter from you today & you really sound as if you are going to get a furlough. I hope & pray that you will. I'm as anxious to see you & love you again. Honey, your mother & I were talking today over the phone & we were discussing where we would stay if you got a furlough. I said that we would probably stay in a hotel in town for a few days. Mom & your mother said that we would be silly to stay at a hotel. I think it would be swell. We could be alone & after all we haven't had a long married life so we should be alone as much as we can. So lets stay at some hotel & forget about every body

I imitate the daily serials & all they funny.
Tonight he did Blossom Fink, child bride.
It was so darned funny.

I'm enclosing a strip of Lel Abner & read
the signs on Available Jones's wall. That one
about "does your stomach rumble" just put
me in stitches. Tell me if you think it's funny.
I do. I get more laughs out of that crazy
comic. You liked it too, didn't you?

I'm so thrilled to think that you are almost
finished with your training there. Try to come
home on a furlough so we can do all the things
we need to do. I want to see you so much
& be with you. I miss you so much Sonny.
I long to caress you & kiss you until we
are both breathless. Let's love & love until
all our strength is gone & then recover & love

but just you & me. Tell me what you think
about it.

I just wrote to Sue Campbell & I gave
her your address to give to Gene.

Honey, the weather here is so awful. It
rains every day & the days are so cool. I wish
it would hurry up & get warm. I hate this
cool weather.

Honey doll, I love you & miss you so
damn much. Every day I grow more & more
lonesome for you & your love making. Just
think of all the love that is being wasted
when we aren't together. The sparks will fly
when we get together again & really start to
love. Oh, I can't wait. Let's hurry the day.

Honey, the funniest program is on the radio.
It's Jack Carson in the Camel Caravan & they

to be apart. We are so perfectly mated & understand each other so much. I am crazy about you & I always will be. Nothing can change my love for you.

Well darling. I'll write tomorrow again. Mom said she would write you soon as she gets some time. She's busy house cleaning.

Remember I love you & want you terribly.

See you soon. Good night angel.

all my love & kisses

your passionate love & devoted
wife

Ladene

5/ I've been sewing all day. I'm making a dress & it's so hard. It really has me baffled. This pen is awful. It is so darned scratchy tonight. Maybe it's the paper.

Angel, your typing improves every time you send me a letter. You really are getting to be an expert. Keep it up. You make me so proud to think that you are clever enough to get into such a difficult branch of the army. You are so smart & I'm sure glad that you're my husband. I'm so happy to be married to you.

Sister hasn't gotten a letter from John for a week & she is mad at him again. I don't know what to think about that affair. Paul, the boy who used to be at Bowman

7/ bored & have as dull a life as I do.

Do you have much fun in town? I'll bet Salt Lake is a nice place. I sure would like to be there with you. Couldn't we have fun together? We even enjoyed our silver in a dull little town like Sweetwater. I liked that town, didn't you?

I wished we could have stayed there. I could even do without good old beer if I could be with you. Wouldn't we happy then?

Remember that small town picture show?

It really was a joint, wasn't it? But it was really a heavenly spot when we had our own home there & could spend our week ends alone & undisturbed. I'll be as

happy when we can be together again.

It's so hard to be so much in love & have

6/ Field, writes to her almost every day. He is so much more thoughtful than John.

I'm so sorry to ~~feel~~ hear that your two friends are ill. I hope they recover quickly. You are all alone now, aren't you? Do you like any of the other boys whom you have met? Tell me if you have any other pals.

I haven't been doing any thing exciting. I don't care for shows anymore so I just stay at home & read or sew or plant things in the garden. I like to go out at nights & get some beer, but other wise my life is just a dull & uneventful bore. So please don't think I'm leading a joyous life without you. I hope you have more fun than I do, because I don't want you to be as

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if in some part of the army where you don't have to drill? Sonny tell me what he looks like. About how old is he?

Are your friends better yet? I hope nothing serious is wrong with them. I'll bet you is lonesome when you have to go into town alone.

Sonny have you got a garrison cap to match your summer uniform? I was just wondering about that. If you haven't why don't you buy one when you get paid? We can afford it & I think they is so cute. I know you would look divine in that shade. Is the summer uniform more becoming to you than the winter one? I should think that the shade of the summer clothes would be more flattering to you because they are light & you are so dark. They form a lovely

May 23, 1943

Sunday 2:30

My Dearest Darling Precious Angel Husband:

Here it is Sunday again and its an old rainy cold day. The weather is awful here. We've only had about 5 hot days all this spring. All the poor soldiers look so cold in their summer uniforms. Honey, I haven't seen a male yet who can even compare to you in looks or brains. You look so superior to those other boys. Your uniform always fits you so nicely & you look so handsome in it. I can't wait until I can see you again. I know you are twice as handsome now. Gosh, you sure are wonderful. I want you so much

3/ I have the car all the time you're here. So we will really have a grand time if you get to come home.

Angel, I hope that by now you are receiving my letters more regularly. I hate to think of you missing the letters & having to go for two or three days without mail. I know how I feel when I don't get mail from you everyday. It ruins my entire day. I wonder why the army doesn't try to get the mail to the boys more promptly? I guess they are doing their best but it sure isn't much.

How is Brother Luke these days? He must be crazy as a loon. Does he ever talk to you? I'll bet the sergeant gets mad at him doesn't he? Can he drill or is he

3/ You never leave my thoughts for a second. I'll be the happiest person in the world when we are together again. Without you I am like a different person. I don't even feel like myself. I miss you so much & I know that you feel the same way. I'm so thrilled to think that possibly we will be together again in two weeks. It seems too good to be true.

I hope that the army doesn't change its plans & send you to some far away place. I imagine that you will get a furlough when you are moved to your new field. I'm real hard to get one so we can have a honeymoon. Won't that be wonderful if you can come home & we can do all the things we used to do? There are so many places to go & your mother said that we could

8/ he could have written more often. But he is too deep a problem for me to figure out. I think he is just a big flirt & that he likes all the girls. I hope Sister gives him the air when he comes back. I think she might, because she is plenty mad at him.

Seisy got a letter from Jerry last week & it was just a friendly letter. Telling her what he had been doing & all that. He just wants to be friends. Don't some girls have a lot of trouble? I'm glad you aren't like that. I wouldn't take all that off of any boy. But you are too sweet. Only a boy with no scruples would treat a girl that way. Am I right?

Tell me some more juicy tales. They are interesting. Guess I'll read all afternoon. I haven't any thing else to do. Life is very dull without you. All my love & a thousand burning kisses.
Your passionate wife Lillane

5/ contrast to your complexion. In your opinion which do you think makes you more handsome? Please tell me. I'm burning with curiosity to know. You know how I am when I'm curious. Just think. I'll get to see you soon & then I can see for my self. Oh god. I get so excited when ever I think of kissing you & loving you again. I'm so wild about you. I adore every thing about you. You are the most perfect husband & lover in the world. I'm so much in love with you & I long for your love making. My whole body burns with passion when I think of how divinely you can love & kiss. I'm so love starved & hungry for you. I want you more every time I take a breath. My whole body cries out for you. I hate being apart from you. It's the

7/ We have our whole lives ahead of us & our wonderful, undying love. We are very lucky don't you agree?

Honey, I saw Lillian Grieb down at Sydney's last night & in she tough looking. She was all painted up & had eye shadow on so heavy that she looked like she had two black eyes. She was with two soldiers. She was talking to me for a while & she said that Billy, her brother leaves for the army in two weeks. He is 18. He has been going to the Signal Corps school in Lexington & finished last week. So now he is on a two week furlough. I'm glad you're not in the Signal Corps. It's too dangerous.

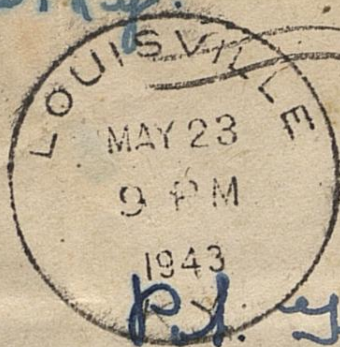
Sister hasn't heard from John but once since he left for Texas. He is supposed to get back here around Tues. or Wed. I think

4/ most horrible experience I've ever had & I am glad it's almost to an end. Let's pray that this time we will be together forever & never have to part again. We've had such a short time together. But we were lucky to even have had that time together. Some girls marry the boys one day & the next day they are gone. Most all of the girls who are getting married now are staying home. So we have been very fortunate. At least, we had six heavenly weeks together.

I wouldn't trade places with anyone & I'm glad you're able to serve your country. I'd hate for you to be a 4-f. You are making good & you are very smart for just any one couldn't do the important work that you are studying for. So we'll just have to be brave & face it like the millions of other people like us.

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1/ I dreamt that you were my brother & that I liked another boy who was going to be a gunner but still I loved you more than the other boy even though you were my brother. Wasn't that a silly dream? I have the most fantastic dreams anymore. I always wake up with a start just in the middle of them. Maybe I'm crazy who knows? Do you ever have funny dreams?

Honey, have you been having a good time in town? I hope you have for I wouldn't want you to sit around & be lonely. Have as much fun as you can & don't feel blue about me. We'll be together soon & then we'll catch up on all the good times we've been missing. I haven't enjoyed myself since I left you. It's nice to be home but it's dull as the devil.

May 24, 1943

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Monday

My Dearest Sweetest Precious Angel Husband:

Hello sweet heart, I hope you are thinking of me today as I am thinking of you. I got up rather late this morning & I haven't been doing anything to speak of. I've been waiting for the mail, but I suppose I won't get any until the afternoon. We never get any mail on Monday morning. Your mother said that she got a letter from you. I hope I get one in the evening mail.

Sister is expecting John in the morning or on Wed. I hope he comes because she takes her madhness out on everyone else. He is a funny person. He really has me baffled. Sometimes I think he just comes here to see the family.

3/ Lets get away from every body + just have a good time by our selves. We have it had a honey moon so if you get a flubbugh it will be an excellent chance to have one. Can you realize that we have been apart for almost two months? We will be married 4 months the 4th of June + 16 weeks Thursdays. It will be 4 months Thursday if you count it by the weeks. Isn't that a long time? We were only together for six weeks. They slipped by so quickly + the weeks have dragged since we have been apart. Angel. I'm so impatient to be with you again. I just live for that day. I dreamt last night that we were still going steady + you came over to take me out. It all seemed so strange. It seemed in the

2/ I am trying to finish the dress I started last week + I'm so damned lazy I can't even do it. Honestly Sonny. I'm getting awful. I just want to sit + read. I never have had a lot of energy but now I'm worse than ever. Do you shudder at the thoughts of a lazy wife? I won't be that way when you get here. I'll be full of energy + just full of love for you. I've been saving up all my love + it has reached a staggering amount. Be prepared for some powerful love making when I see you again. Because brother, I have been waiting a long time now + you can imagine what my reactions will be. Lets just love for an indefinite period. Would you like to spend your whole flubbugh in just making love + kissing? I would.

4/ any of the pictures in town. I don't see
any of the girls whom I worked with. I just
am not interested. I stay at home + read +
go over to your house + occasionally I go out
with mother or in town with her. But I
don't go to the show. We just fool around +
then come back home again. So you can see
that I lead a very exciting life. Hurry back
so you can brighten it up. I hope we can
be together soon. I love you awfully + I miss
you so much. Soon we will be together again
+ then we can make up for all we have lost
in these past weeks. I hope I get a letter
from you this after noon. I hate to miss a day
because I live for your letters. Good bye for
now. All my love + kisses + emotions.
Your passionate wife, Lorraine

7/ If you were here it would be swell. We could
have such nice times. Let's do all the things
we used to do when you come home again. Just
because we're married doesn't mean that we
are going to sit around + miss all the fun.
We can have even better times now because
we won't have to say good night + we can stay
out as long as we want to. Wouldn't it be swell
to go to a dance + stay out real late + then
come home to our own home + spend the night
just loving + kissing? I think it sounds so
heavenly. We will have a wonderful life together
when the war is over. There are a million things
that we can do. Will never have a dull moment.
Can't you just imagine how divine it will be?
I want to make you happy + cook all your
meals for you + live a normal married life.

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I'm going to a card party with your mother tonight out at Seagram's. I hope I like it. I don't care so much about playing cards but I guess it will be something different. I get tired of the same old things.

I spent the entire day, yesterday, reading. I am enclosing some clippings that were in yesterday's paper. Notice the ones about the book written by the Sgt. out at Fort Knox + the woman who lives here in Louisville. I'm just dying to read it. It must be a swell book. I thought you'd be interested because it was written in Louisville. The Sgt. is really from Austin + that is where the plot of the book takes place. I haven't been to the show for about a month. I haven't been interested in

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I love you + want you so much. I think of you all the time + it makes me feel so lonesome. I lay awake for a long time last night thinking of how much fun we had in San Antonio. How the buses used to be crowded every night when I went out to see you. + how we hated to say good bye at 8:00. Then how much fun we had on your open posts + remember that last open post in S. A. when we sat by the river + then we went over to see that Toys plane? And how you got on the bus that took you back to the field + we felt so bad because we had to part? I was so afraid to go to Sweetwater by myself but I got up my courage + I didn't have a bit of trouble. We have had some wonderful times together. The most wonderful, though, is yet to come.

ARMY DAFFYNITIONS

P.F.C.—Praying for corporal.

A.W.O.L.—After women or liquor.

Clarine Eckmann, Louisville.

THOSE MORONS



A moron took a copy of a poem to a publisher, who was scarcely able to read it. The editor asked: "Why didn't you type it?" The moron replied: "Do you think I'd waste my time writing poetry if I could type?"

Shirley Porter, Liberty, Ky.

A **LITTLE** moron asked his father how it felt to be drunk. "Well," said the moron father, "see those two men coming up the road? If you were liquored up, you would see four of them." The boy answered: "But Father, there is only one man coming." *Frances Kuracka, Hindman, Ky.*

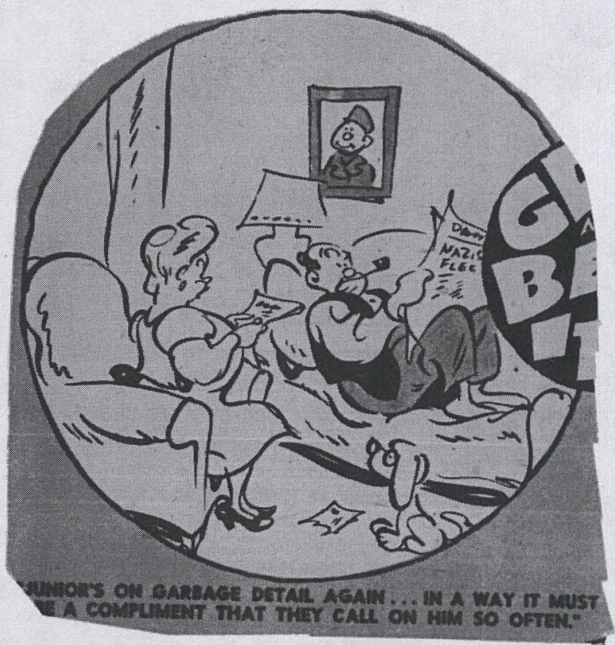
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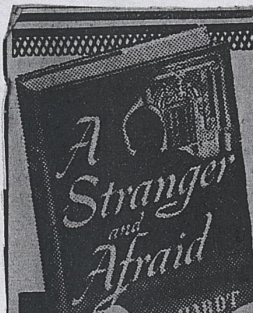


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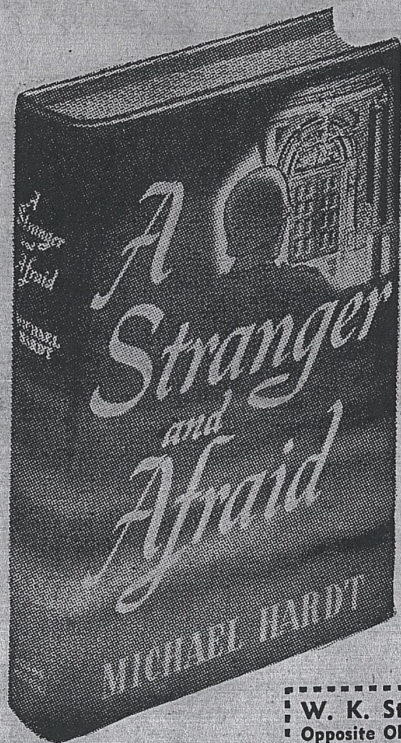
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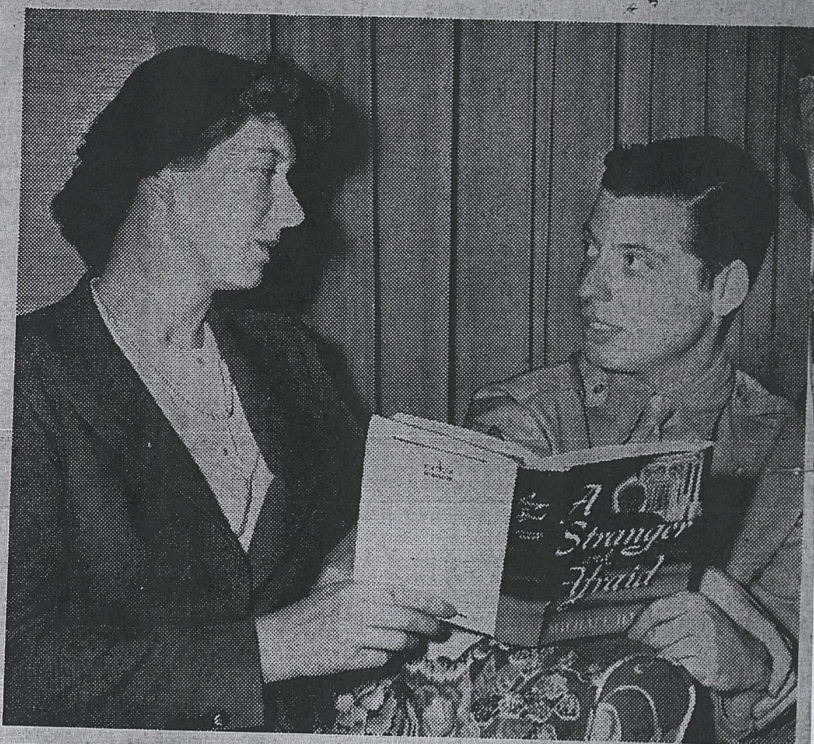
You'll Read Far Into The Night

A Review by
Mary Caperton Bingham

A STRANGER AND AFRAID: By Michael Hardt. 303 pp. Bobbs-Merrill Co. \$2.50.

Not since "Escape" had this reviewer read far into the night, with parched throat and unblinking eye, a book which comprises all the best elements commonly found in spy-mystery-escape novels about this war. But this is exactly what happened to me, and what will happen to anyone who is fortunate enough to begin "A Stranger and Afraid" by Michael Hardt. For this story of the refugee Count Florian Waldegg who, as Captain Obermeyer, returns from the United States to his native Vienna to participate in the underground movement is written with great verve and style, and in addition moves in a sustained crescendo of suspense and excitement to a good and artistically satisfying denouement.

The certainty of its treatment and the skillful exposition by which the various threads of the story are intertwined in a clear and consistent pattern make it seem impossible that "A Stranger and Afraid" is actually a first novel. Yet it is, and, in spite of the pseudonym under which it is published, it is the work of a talented young Louisvillian,



Gwen Davenport and Gustave Bruerer, co-authors of the latest spy-mystery-escape thriller, "A Stranger and Afraid," reviewed in the column to left.

Gwen Davenport, and her equally talented collaborator, Gustave Bruerer,

It would be cruelly unfair to the book and to the enjoyment of it which will be the lot of many people to give away an iota of its plot. But in the opinion of this still slightly breathless reviewer, "A Stranger and Afraid" is the best book of its kind that has been around here for a long time. The fact that it is written with literary distinc-

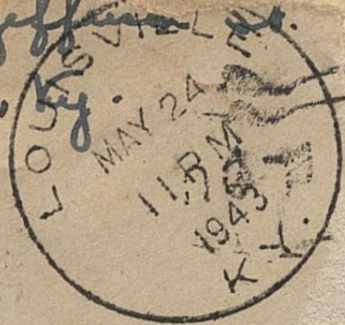
tion, that its authors show a marked ability to create convincing and whole characters, and that it is a first rate example of well contrived plotting, ought to indicate that we can expect more books of quality from the same source.

However that may be, we are delighted to have this one, and it is unnecessary to wish it success. That it is bound to have.

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1/2 is about two weeks or there at the most we will be together again. I know you feel the way that I do & its just plain old torture & misery to both of us to be apart. So lets pray that you will be sent closer to home & get a furlough. Then I can go back with you. Wont that be heavenly?

Angel pie, I read all day yesterday & the book is very good. Last night I walked over to the park with ~~the~~ Mom, Sis, & Mrs. Grieb. It was very dull over there so we walked out to the stand by Shawnee & got some hot dogs & beer. It was rather cool but the air felt good. There was a girl & a soldier sitting at one of those tables & we sat at another. They were necking & it looked awful. Then they got up & walked

May 26, 1943
Wed. morning

My Dearest Precious Sweetest Angel Husband:

Hello, darling, how are you this morning? The sun is shining & the birds are singing here in dear old Kentucky. I believe the nice weather has at last arrived. It has rained so much that there are floods all down in the Mississippi Valley & through the western states. We would probably have gotten some of it if the rain hadnt stopped. The Ohio is at a flood stage again. That makes the third time this year. I hope its the last. I keep thinking that perhaps the rivers will be flooded & you wont be able to get home. Some of the trains are stopped because of

3/ I see you again. I'm just dying to see you in your summer uniform. I know you are the handsome soldier in the air corps. God, I'm crazy about you. I can't exist without you. My whole body cries out for you. It just isn't the same since I've been away from you. My body misses your love making & caresses ^{intake} & it won't be normal or happy again until it feels your body pressed against it in a hot, fiery embrace. Oh darling, I love you beyond the deepest love that ever was. I adore you & I want you with me more than any thing. You are my whole life & I need you & depend on you. I'm lost without you & it sure is a horrible feeling. I want to end this torture soon. It won't be long now. Perhaps

2/ high water. But I don't think you will come through the flooded area. You have to come from a different direction. If the trains are out of service, angel, hop a plane & fly. It would take more than that to keep you away from me, wouldn't it?

Oh, Sonny angel, how I miss you. I think of you all the time. I'm so hungry for your love & kisses. When I see you again I'm going to love you from your forehead to your feet. Will you like that? I'm so much in love with you & I want you so much. Our love making was so wonderful & divine. We were so lucky to have found each other & to have fallen in love. I'm so proud of you & I can't wait until

8/ can save all you send me. We want to have a lot of money to spend. We'll need it any way for if you're moved closer to home I'll have to have train fare + rent. Good. I wonder if we'll have enough? I haven't hardly any of the other money you sent me. I spent it on what I needed Sonny. really I didn't spend it foolishly. But I suppose we'll have enough. We won't worry about things like that until we have. I hate to worry over those things. don't you? when we have our own home you can handle the affairs. But we got along alright in Sweet water, didn't we + I took care of the money then. Do you think I was too extravagant or do you think I spent it wisely? Well, angel, the mail hasn't come yet. I hope I get a letter. I have to iron some dresses + wash some sweaters. Bye for now. Your emotional wife believe

9/ over towards Shawnee. We didn't pay any attention to them so about 15 minutes later they came back. I said to Mom that the soldier + his girl were coming back. It looked so funny. I guess they were just tired of the atmosphere + moved when we got there, but it sure looked suspicious.

Honey, do you remember the boy who lived next door to us? That old funny thing who lived with his mean mother + old maid aunt. Well, he enlisted out at Fort Knox right after you left so he could stay here in Ky. He entered O.C.S. + his mother was bragging about how pull + influence got him in. He was just certain that he was going to stay at Knox. Well, Mom heard from the woman next door to them that he flunked O.C.S.

6/ I didn't go over to your house yesterday. I finished my noona last week as I'm not going over on Tues. anymore. I'll probably go over on Wed. or Thurs. Honey, I'm so thrilled to know that you agree to staying at a hotel on your furlough. I think it would be so much fun. We could stay at your house if you want to but we won't ever be alone. You know we will have to go out with your parents all the time & we won't have a second to ourselves. I want you completely to myself. After all, we're married & it's me that you are coming to see. How ever we'll have to see how much money we have. I guess we'll have to stay at your house or mine if we have it any money. So ^{ill} try to save as much of your pay as I can. Maybe I

6/ & he is being shipped out. So that just shows how smart he was. He used to be ashamed of his uniform. That's what he told Sissy's cousin. He said he hated the old thing. As soon as he got home every week end he would put on his civilian clothes. The same would have made a swell officer wouldn't he? I think he belongs in an objector camp. He hates the army so he shouldn't be in it. He must hate his country if he feels so ashamed to be a soldier. People like that make me furious. He is no more a real man than I am. I sure am glad that you are proud of your uniform & of being in the army. I couldn't ~~love~~ love you if you felt like that poor specimen who lived next door. He was a down right coward & sissy all his life & he still is.

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John hasn't arrived yet & hasn't sent but one letter since he left here. I don't know if he is even coming back. Sister is furious over the way he is acting & I think that romance has hit the rocks.

Angel. I'm reading a pocket novel I got for you but I can't send it because you are moving. I'll give it to you when I come to you or when you come home. Anyway it's called Murder in the Madhouse & is it immoral in some parts. It's about a detective who goes in a madhouse to find out who is stealing some bonds from an old woman. The has to pretend he's insane too & it's really funny. The ambulance driver who brought him to the asylum drank a lot & he & the other man with him kept drinking all the way to the madhouse. They got to feel rather good & the driver

May 27, 1943 L
Thursday morn.

My Dear Sweet Precious Angel Husband:

Happy anniversary, darling. Do you know that this is our 16th week of a heavenly marriage? It will be four months soon. June 4th. Isn't that wonderful? It doesn't seem that long. I wish I could be with you today so we could celebrate. We certainly will have to make up for all this lost celebrating when we are together again. I'm so impatient to see you. Each day brings you closer to me. I can't wait until I feel your strong arms around me. I won't be able to realize that you are really with me. I sure do hope that you get a furlough. If not, I'll come to you any way

7 I saw you last. I couldn't sleep last night & I thought of you all the time I was awake. Then when I fell asleep I dreamt of you. You never leave my mind for even a second. You are all I think about & dream of. I want you so much. I want to see you in your summer uniforms. I think they are nice don't you? They look so clean all the time.

I'm going over to your house today & spend the night. I washed my head a few minutes ago & I have to take a bath & get cleaned up. I'm wearing my summer dresses now & they feel so funny after wearing shirts & sweaters for so long.

The mail man should be coming along soon. I sure hope I get a letter from you.

2 no matter where you are sent. But I think you will be able to get a furlough. You've been in long enough & you have one coming. Be sure & send me a wire as soon as you find out where you are going. Mom doesn't care if you send a wire or if you call. It makes me feel funny to think you send your mother a wire & not your wife.

It sure is pretty here today. There must be a big picnic over at the park because the music is playing & there is a lot of noise.

I got two letters from you yesterday & you sound awfully glad because you are going to leave Utah. I sure hope you get sent to Tennessee or some place near here. That would be so wonderful. It seems like years since

5/ I just go around in a trance & do every-
thing automatically. I sure am tired of being
a half alive person so lets hurry & be together
again so we will both be alive. Wont it be
heavenly to love & live again in our own
passionate style? Look, I shiver to think
of it. It makes me so hungry for your love
& I realize how love starved I really am.
I'm just a shell of a woman waiting for
you to bring me back to life again. I
want this torture to end & only you can end
it. Oh how I love you. You're the man
of my dreams. You're everything that's
glamorous & romantic & heavenly. You are just
too perfect for me. I hope you won't realize
this & get tired of me. Will you? I know you
won't. We love each other too much. Your passionate
talker wife

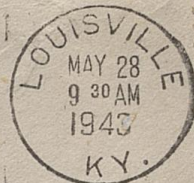
5/ saw three girls walking along the road. He
wanted to pick them up but his pal objected.
Of course the ~~book~~ detective was in the back
part of the ambulance. The driver asked his
pal if he ever picked up girls in an ambulance
before & the pal said no. The driver said it
was swell. He said you didn't have to rent a
hotel room, or find a woods, or any thing. He
said the girl could scream her head off &
if some one heard her, they would think she
was one of the crazy people in the ambulance.
Isn't that awful? I know you'll enjoy
reading it. It's like that all through the
book. Besides it has a lot of murders & is
rather scary. I haven't finished it yet. Do
you think you would like it? You like
stories like that so you'll probably enjoy
this one.

7/ I feel about you is so powerful it just can't be described. My love will last forever & nothing can make it burn out. It grows & grows every day. Each morning when I ~~wake~~ awaken I love you twice as much as I did when I went to bed. I'll try to show you by actions just how I feel when I am with you again. You're so wonderful & handsome. I'm so happy because I married you & because we love each other so much. You are my whole life & without you I am lost. Someday the day I left you in Biloxi, something in side of me died & it will never live again until I am with you & can love you again. I'm so hungry for you & I need you so much. I depend on you for every thing. Life is so dull & empty without you. I'm not even alive.

6/ Angel, I sure do love you. Your letters sound so cheerful any more. I'm glad you like what you are doing. It's a shame you have to leave your friends. Won't they go with you to your new field? It's really hard to say good bye to someone you like so well. Do you like these 3 boys better than the friends you had as a cadet? I think that you do, by the sound of your letters. They seem to be more sincere & dependable than Campbell & Green & the other ones. I think you will always find friends where ever you go because you have such a nice personality.

Sweet heart, do you still love me as much as I love you? I'm crazy about you. I love you more than words can say. The way

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4/ Honey. I guess I'll go to a fish fry tonight with mom + Mrs. Grieb. The veterans of the foreign wars are giving it. I'm not thrilled at the prospect but I don't want to sit at home so I guess I'll go.

The show that your mother + I saw last night was very good. But I can't say I enjoy shows anymore. I won't until I can go with you.

Are any of your friends being sent to the same place that you are? I hope so. Then you can go around with them until I get there. I sure do wish my allotment starts June 1st. It supposed to but the army is so slow that I don't expect it until I see it. But wouldn't it be grand if it really does come? I wonder if they'll take

May 27, 1943

Saturday

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My Sweetest Precious Handsome Angel Husband:

Hello. sugar foot. how are you today? I suppose you know where you are going by now. I hope it Tenn. because if it's very far away the train fare will take all our money. I imagine you will be sent some place close if you aren't sent to Tenn. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that you will get a furlough. I'll be awfully disappointed if you don't. I know you will be too. But you have one coming so I suppose you'll get it.

I came home from your house today + I've been lying around all day. It's hot + I'm so lazy. It feels so good to just sit around

I'm going in town this week & get some
two piece short pyjamas. They're so cute.
You'll really like them. I'm getting them
especially to thrill you. So be prepared for
a lot of thrills & loving. I'm going to keep
you emotional all the time. I love you so
much & I'm so impatient to see you again.
Sonny doll. do you know that we will be
married four months on the 4th, that is
next week? Isn't that a long time? I wish
we could be together that long. Maybe we
will real soon. It must be wonderful to know
you can be with each other every night & have
week ends to yourself & be together all the
time. I hope we can soon experience that
wonderful feeling. It's so much fun to eat
breakfast with you. Lord, I miss you.

in short & relax. Remember how I used to
always say when I was working, that I
would be happy if I could just take it easy
& be lazier than the devil. Well, now if
I just had you to lie around with me I'd
be content. We can do it soon when I am
with you again. We'll just relax & do nothing
but be lazy & make love. Will you like
that? Lord, I think it would be heaven.

Lillian has been over all afternoon
& she is as crazy as ever. She's just a
she-wolf. She can even howl.

I got a letter from you today angel &
it was so nice & long. I love long letters.
We won't have to write much longer. We'll
be with each other & let action take the
place of all these words. I can't wait.

as the devil to see you. I know you are twice as handsome now as you were when I left you. Do girls ever flirt with you? I bet they do. I don't see how they could help it. I'm going to put you through the third degree & find out if the girls liked you.

I know you wouldn't flirt at them but I know how the girls act about a uniform.

These girls here go crazy when they see a service man. Also I'm looking forward to hearing some of those juicy tales. I'll enjoy them more when you tell them to me. I can't understand how people can act that way.

John hasn't come yet & Sis hasn't heard a thing from him. I can't figure out what is wrong. Personally, I think the guy's got a wife & just wrote to Sis to pass time. What do you think? I love you & miss you. Your emotional wife laluna

I took it out of your pay this month. I hope not. We won't have any money to spend on your furlough unless my money comes. I haven't hardly any of the money you sent me. But we'll get along.

Honey, I'm going out now I'll finish it when I get back. I'll let you know how all the jerks acted. I'll be thinking of you all the time.

Sunday 30.

Good afternoon, angel.

I got home too late to finish this because I had to get up & go to church this morning. I had a nice time last night that is as nice as I could have without you. That was the funniest looking bunch of people I've ever seen all in one place.

7/ what a handsome + glamorous husband I have.
You really are ideal. You're every thing that
a girl could possibly want. And to think
that you are married to me. Oh boy, am I
lucky. I love you so much + I want you
more than words can tell. So lets hurry
+ end all this torture. I shiver to think of
all the fun we'll have when we're together
again. We can enjoy ourselves just sitting
+ looking at each other. Sonny I am so crazy
about you. You're wonderful + heavenly. Get
those hairs on your chest all brushed up
so I can see how cute they look. I'll
bet you have a whole lot by now. I'll
be so happy when I'm with you. I love +
adore every thing about you + I'm impatient

8/ They all got tight + I laughed until
I got tears in my eyes. Mrs. Grieb was
dancing with an old Jewish man who brings
her bakery goods. They were both tight +
you should have seen them. It was a
sight. Sister + Lillian had two funny
looking soldiers. They'd go out with any
thing. That's what the man shortage does
to these girls. Any thing in a uniform is
okay.

Honey. I'll be so glad to see you again.
Every time I see a soldier I realize how
lucky I am to have you. They are all so
sloppy looking. I haven't seen a nice
looking one in ages. You're so cute + good
looking. I hope you get to come home so I
can show you off to people + let them see

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4/ goes through all the motions & Sonny
↓ almost died laughing. That woman
is twice as nutty as when you were here.
Wait till she sees you. She'll probably
hiss you with one of her bear hugs.

Angel. Mrs. Brown came in the other
day to use the telephone & you should have
seen her. She is packing up getting ready
to move. She said to me. Your man is
in the army isn't he? is almost fell off
the chair. She doesn't say husband. She
says your man. We got so tickled. She's
as bad as Carrie. We sure know silly
people.

John hasn't come back & hasn't sent
a letter yet. So I guess he isn't coming.
His leave is up June 1st so he won't have
only a day or two even if he does come.

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Friday ^{into}
afternoon
~~evening~~

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My Dearest Sweetest Precious Angel Husband:

How are you today, man of
my dreams? I'm over at your house &
your mother & I are going to the show
tonight to see Errol Flynn in Edge of Darkness
I think that you said you saw it. I
hope it's good. This will be the first time
I've been in town to a show for about a
month. Isn't that awful? You can see
how changed I am because you know how
I loved shows & now I don't care if I
go or not. I'm in a rut. I just want
you & nothing else. You are the only person
for my existence. So hurry & wake up

3/ Last night we went to O'Brien & Carrie was telling us dirty jokes. She had us splitting our sides laughing. Here is one she told us. Mr. O'Toole came home from work & he said to his wife he couldn't go out another time if she didn't sew a button on his pants. She said she didn't have any thread but for him to go next door to Mrs. O'Riley & she would sew it for him. So he went next door. About 15 minutes later he came back with a black eye & all beaten up & his wife said my goodness did you fall down or some thing. He said no, he got the button sewed on but just as Mrs. O'Riley bent to bite the thread her husband came in the door. Do you get it? I think that's funny. But you can't appreciate until you hear Carrie tell it. She

2/ this poor lonely wife of yours.

Angel, I didn't get any mail from you today. So I guess I'll get a load of letters tomorrow. Isn't it wonderful to think that this time tomorrow you'll know where you are going? Gosh, I sure hope it's true.

Last night I got a book at the library called The Mississippi Valley in the Civil War. I want to settle once & for all Kentucky's standing in the Civil war. I'll let you know as soon as I read it.

We have been sewing all day. I'm making a checked gingham dress that has a gathered skirt & buttons down the back. I think it will be cute but it almost drove us insane. It sure is hard to make. Your mother made most all of it.

6/ get divorced. I feel sorry for them for our marriage is so successful. I guess those people were never really & truly in love like we are. Oh. I can't wait until I see you. I want to see your summer uniform so much. I know you're the most handsome soldier in the army. You are really good looking & cute & perfect. You're the model of what all boys would give their eye teeth to be like & to think you belong to me. Oh happy day. What did I do to deserve such luck? You're too too wonderful for a person I like you. But I guess you're lucky too, to have a loving wife like me. Don't think I'm conceited. Haha. Of course you have to admit I'm glamorous. Again Haha. But I love you that's all that counts.
Your passionate emotional wife
Lillian

7/ Sister went out with Lillian last night. They met some soldiers & had a good time. She saw my cousin Mary, whose husband was in prison & they were celebrating because he leaves for the army in two weeks. My other cousin, Judy, you don't know her, but she is going to marry a glider pilot June 15th. He's stationed at Bowna Field & she is only known him a month. She's supposed to be engaged to a marine but she isn't going to tell him anything about being married. I think it's a mean thing to do. Her mother objects to this marriage but she can't do anything about it. I've got nice relatives haven't I?

Angel. I'm so impatient to find out where you are being sent. I'm just dying to see you & love you again. Each day

7/ ears wiggle + your hair stands on end.
Will you like that? I'll do any thing
you want me to. I'm your slave + my
only aim in life is to make you happy.
If I can do that then my life will not
have been in vain. Any time that you're
not happy just let me know + I'll try
to put an end to your unhappiness. I
want to be every thing to you as you are
every thing to me. You are a perfect husband
+ I hope I can be just $\frac{1}{2}$ as perfect a
wife to you. Angel. I love you so much.
Let's never quarrel or be angry with one
another. We'll prove to the world that
marriage can be smooth + completely
happy. I can't understand why people

4 make me miss you more. I'm so crazy
about you + I want to be with you like
some thing awful. You mean so much to
me + I'm so eager to see you. I'm love
starved + nearly dead for the want of
you. It won't be long now + we'll be
together again. I can't realize that it's so
close. I hope you get a furlough as we
can go out like we used to + do all the
silly little things that meant so much
to us. I'm going to try to get some mid
riff pygones before you get here. I want
to thrill the devil out of you + get you
all passionate + hot + bothered. I'll make
you so emotional that you'll yell for
help. You'll never want to stop loving
me because I'll excite you until your

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