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Thurs. 7

Dearest Husband;

I just received two of your letters today and was sure glad to get them. I just live to get your mail, anymore. I hope you are getting my letters all right. You should have them by now. I hope.

I just ~~came~~ came home from the show. I went with your mother. We saw Rita Hayworth & Fred Astaire in "You Were Never Lovelier." It was swell. Pardon the writing but I'm kind of tired & I can't seem to write straight. But I guess you can read it. Honey, I wish you would write a little bit plainier. Sometimes I have trouble making out your words. I am smoking a cigarette while I am writing this. I smoke Luckies now. I like them a lot. I eat ~~lunch~~ <sup>lunch</sup> lunch every day when I can with Shirley Hamilton. You don't know her, she is rather new. She & I

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get along swell. We lend ~~each~~ each other  
money & have lots of fun together. She  
is supposed to be engaged to a soldier. He  
is a private at Knox. Real cute. I saw  
his picture. She & I are going to the  
Thanksgiving Day game. That is unless we  
change our minds but I don't we will  
change them. She said her boy friend  
might go along, but I doubt it. We ate  
at William's today. And guess what? How  
I know this will shock you. I had  
my picture taken at Stewart's on our  
lunch hour. I hope they are good. If not,  
I don't have to take them. I still have  
my hair fixed the same way. By taking  
my pictures, it caused us to be a half hour  
late and naturally, unlucky me, I ran right  
into McDowell when I was coming back. He  
just smiled & didn't say anything. Wasn't  
that nice? I'd bet he felt like killing  
me.

I am taking your pictures with me tomorrow  
to show to Shirley & the girls. By the way  
Shirley told me today that she was telling

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Eddie, her boy friend about us and he said that we should go ahead + get married right away. He wants her to marry him before Xmas but she doesn't want to. She wants me to meet him. She lives with 3 other girls + they all go with soldiers. She wants me to go over to her house + meet them all. But I don't think I will because they might think I'm trying to meet a soldier. And heaven forbid that. I'm only interested in one soldier + you know who that is. Don't you? Awght I miss you so much. If I could only see you for just a minute even. Did you tell your mother that you were thinking of marrying in training? She told me tonight she thought we should wait until you get your wings. My mother thinks so too. What do you think? I am not in favor of waiting the way I feel right now. You never leave my mind for a minute. I adore you. I want you so much it makes me feel all funny inside. Do you feel that way too? I don't know what I'll do if I can't see you

at Texas. I hope you can come home & I  
go to see you. Honest I'd come running if you  
sent for me. I'd do anything for you.  
You are the only person in the world  
who could ever make me feel this way.

Darling, I'm so sleepy I've just got  
to go to bed. Please write me every day if  
possible. I live for your letters. Don't  
forget me & love me always. I'll always  
love you. You're so sweet & good. I hope I  
deserve you. Write me how you feel. Don't  
forget to tell me how you feel about getting  
married. I want to know your honest opinion.  
Well, good night, Darling.

Yours wife always.  
Lafene





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Fri. 2

Dearest Sonny;

I received your letter today + was awfully thrilled to read that you had your pictures taken. Honey, I sure do want to see you in your uniform. I'll bet you look awful cute. I took your pictures to work today + showed them to the girls who haven't seen you. They thought you were awfully good looking and very cute. Don't I know it. You are my little angel pie. Swate, I'm sending you a song hit book and a joke book. I guess you'll get this letter first so you can expect them. Hope you get enjoyment from them.

Do you remember my telling you about my girl friend Shirley Hamilton? Well she has decided to marry the soldier after all. They are to be married in a week. He will have to leave for overseas almost immediately.

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They are going to be married in name only if you know what I mean. They aren't going to be together at all. I wouldn't like that would you? They just want the satisfaction of knowing that they are married. I think they are silly. She is still going to the football game with me. She'll be an old married woman "in name only" by then. What will I be?

Let's get married real soon <sup>(I choose)</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>it</sup> matter what anyone thinks. By anyone I mean our families. I know they won't like it, don't you? But let's use our own judgement. We are old enough to know what we want. At least I do know what I like & love + want very much. Do you? Well, time will tell won't it, angel?

I sure do want to see you. I keep imagining what you'll look like in your uniform. I can hardly wait. Be sure + send me a picture right away. I'll send you my picture as soon as I get it. That

is if they are <sup>(3)</sup> good. I hope they are.  
For you.

I am listening to the radio right now. Some orchestra in the Bluegrass Room is playing. The singer just sang "my devotion" + got the words all wrong. Isn't that horrible? The orchestra is unmentionable. Now they're playing "Dearly Beloved". They sound tired to me. Maybe I just don't appreciate their style.

Say, do you get to read "Lil Abner" + "Jerry + the Pirates"? If not tell me + I'll cut them out + send them to you. Guess what? Unmentionable caught Daisy Mae in the Sadie Hawkins race. Do you remember Unmentionable? a ~~fun~~ fascinating creature don't you think? It never has showed what he looks like. He must be gruesome.

I stayed home tonight + washed my head. Your mother called me + your aunt from New Haven was there + I talked to her.



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Sissy came down + called Jerry. She stayed quite a while. It's about midnight right now. That obnoxious orchestra is still going strong. Right now they're in the middle of "Amen". It sounds more like football practice. I must like it. I'm listening to it. Arent I dumb?

Guess I'll close now, love. Getting sleepy. I'll write again tomorrow. Don't forget I love you more + more. Will marry you anytime + anywhere. Don't forget me. Dream of me all night + think of me all day. I love you more + more.

Always yours  
Lorraine

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11/16/42 Mon. 3

Darling Sonny;

I received three letters from you today and was so thrilled. I have been walking on air all day. I waited to see the mail men this morning before I left for work. I didn't have to be there early because today is Monday. When he handed me 3 letters I almost dropped over. I feel so happy.


I like the idea of your sending for me in a short time. Honestly, I'd hitch hike down just to see you & be near you.

Be sure & give me a little time to get things ready if you do decide to send for me. I am certainly unprepared now. I have to get some more clothes & luggage. I haven't a piece of any kind of luggage. But I don't think you will be sending for me that soon do you? I have decided that we could very easily get along on what

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you will make as a cadet. you won't  
have to have clothes because the army  
gives them to you + I have enough to do  
me for a long time. However both my  
mother + your mother thinks it would be  
very unwise for us to marry during your  
training period. Mother says you wouldn't  
study as hard as if we were single. She  
thinks we should wait. Your mother must  
have guessed what our plans were, unless  
you told her, for I didn't even mention it.  
She thinks it would be better to wait also.  
However that is for us to decide. We are  
old enough to know what we are doing  
don't you think so? The entire situation  
is yours to make. I am willing to do what  
ever you think is best and is best for you.  
I want you + want to marry you so bad it  
is like torture being away from you.  
But if you think we should wait, I will.  
Honey I want to do what you want to do +

what will be best for you & your future.  
I wouldn't want to be a hindrance to you.  
I suppose by now you are classified and  
will know what you can do. Remember it's  
up to you.

I was sorry to hear about your friend  
George M. washing out. That was too bad.  
I hope you will be made a pilot because  
that is what you want so bad. Every time I  
see an Army Air Corps officer I think of you in  
your uniform. Gosh, I can hardly wait to  
see you. I'll bet you look gorgeous.

Sorry, would you like to have an  
identification bracelet? They are sterling silver  
and have a plate on front where your name  
& number is engraved. I'll illustrate   
That is a rough, very rough idea. On the  
back of the name plate you can have  
something sentimental engraved. All the girls  
are giving their husbands & sweethearts one.  
I want to give you one but I don't know

if you'd wear it or not. Would you like  
one from me? I'd have something sweet  
engraved on the back of it just for you  
to see. I'll get the snapshots Wednesday.  
Isn't that wonderful? I'll send them to  
you right away. I hope they are good.

Thursday + Friday I'll get the proofs of  
the picture I had taken. As soon as I  
know if they are good, I'll let you know.  
Maybe they won't be so hot + then I won't  
take them. If they're good I'll send you  
one as soon as possible. I want to keep  
you reminded of me. Do I have to?

I'm glad you got one of my letters.  
Hope they make you feel closer to me.  
Guess I'll close now. I'm getting tired.  
Write me lots of love letters + let me know  
as soon as you're classified. Maybe I'll  
know in your letter, even before you get  
this. Lots of luck.

Love + more love  
your wife Lorraine  
XXXXXX  
millions more

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Dearest Sonny;

I received your letter today & was so glad to hear from you. You said in this letter that you were mailing my air corps insignia. Well, of course you know from my other letter that I have received them. Also you asked me to send you a song book. You should have the sent you sometime this week. I hope it arrives safely.

I am mailing you a box with some books in it. I hope you like them. I think they are very good from what I've seen of them. I'd like to read them myself. Sure hope you enjoy them.

Oh Sonny I took the proofs of my picture back today & told them I didn't want it. I've decided they weren't

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any good and I'm going to have my picture made over. When I finally get one I'll send it to you. But I want a good one. Do you think I'm picky? After all I want you to have a true likeness of me.

Do you know that I haven't been to the show all week? I've been home every night and I will be every other night this week. Isn't that ridiculous? I'm sure a home body aren't I? There just aren't any good shows in town. Tomorrow the pictures change but I want to save my money so I'll stay home. I might go with your mother some night next week.

Shirley + I have decided not to go to the football game. We can't agree on a place to meet. She lives in one end of town + I in the other. So we've called it off. I'm glad. I didn't care about going anyway. It's no fun unless you have a date and

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the only date I'd have is you. So I'll probably spend a quiet day at home.

I didn't spend a penny of my pay yesterday. I saved \$10 and of course I had to keep out enough to eat on and for carfare. Don't you think that's remarkable for me? Because you know how I used to squander my money. I'm getting so stingy. I hate to spend anything on myself. I want to save it all so I can look nice when I see you. You won't know me I'll be so glamorous.

(I hope)

Sorry I dreamt of you the other night. I dream of you every night but this dream was clearer than the others. I can still remember it. We were sitting on the sofa in my living room and every time we started to piss or anything, someone would walk through. It was so realistic. That was exactly how it really was, wasn't it?

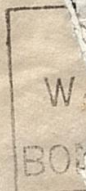
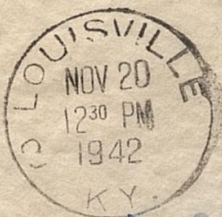
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Know what my favourite song is? "Every  
Night about this Time". I just love it. When  
I hear it, I think of you. It has such  
lovely words. I think it's in the song book  
I sent to you. I'm almost sure it is. Read  
the words + see if you like them. Sat. night  
I'll write down the songs on the hit parade  
and send them to you. So you can keep up  
with the outside world.

Sonny I sure do love you. I just  
can't wait to see you in your uniform. I'll  
bet you look handsome. I'm wild about you.  
Let's get married as soon as possible so we  
can be together always. I want to see you  
so much. It seems years since you went  
away. Angel I sure hope I can see you  
for Xmas. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you  
can come home? I'll pray that you can.

Write me lots of love + remember I'll always  
be waiting for you.

Millions + millions of  
kisses + hugs  
your wife  
Lorraine



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Mon.

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Darling Sonney;

I received three letters from you today + that book that tells about the pilot, navigator etc. It's very interesting. Thanks a lot. Angel your letters make me realize how much of a soldier you are getting to be. The next times I see you, you'll be the army all over. Please keep a little corner of your heart for me. I'm keeping my whole heart for you.

I love you so much. Whenever you want me to marry you I will do it. Because I can't stay away from you ~~not~~ much longer. I just can't do without you. You are on my mind all the time. Honey doll you'll never know how I love you.

Oh, don't have a choice bit of dirt for you. Remember Remember my telling you of



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Shirley Hamilton, the gal whom I eat with every day. The one who can't decide whether to marry the soldier or not. Well, tonight on our supper hour she told me that Eddie, that's her soldier's friend, told her about an affair he'd had with some old girl. I told her I wanted to hear all about it (you know me) & she told me. He said this girl used to hang around the boys all the time & he said she was ready, willing, & able & who was he to pass up the opportunity. That was a couple of years ago. Shirley asked him if he took advantage of the situation more than once & he said sure. He used to pay his brother's & his brother's wife's fare to the movies so he could have their apartment to himself & this girl. Boy isn't that hot? That's the first time I ever ~~my~~ heard of that really happening. You used to tell me about it all the time but I never found out myself. He must be some boy don't you think? Shirley said she's glad

he told her & is honest about it. I in your  
case never did any thing like that. How? you  
don't stay away from  
all strange men & don't even look at them.  
You'll probably be tempted but just remember  
that you will be cheating me & that I won't  
marry you if I find out. So beware!  
Edna was at Sarah's house all day Sat. while  
she was at work. Her girl's friends were home  
too. Sarah said she guessed he would  
mess with one of the girls all evening so he  
wouldn't get bored. Can you imagine that  
I don't know what kind of a romance that  
is. It sounds funny to me. What do you  
think? She said she knows he loves her  
so it doesn't matter. He even writes to other  
girls & is supposed to be engaged. It  
be crazy. I sure am glad we're not like  
that. We'd never last doing things like  
that would we? You too jealous & so are  
you. Remember how jealous you were of Al.

Josh we would be mad in, he. if we  
did all the things that crazy people do.  
I love you too much + I know you feel the  
same way.

Henry - hope we can get married real  
soon. Do you think it would be very long? I'm  
so damned restless. I feel as if I'm living in  
a suspended sort of world. The only thing  
I fear is that I would keep you back if  
we were married now. I want you to keep your  
mind on your work + maybe you would  
worry about me all the time. However, I  
am ready + willing if you are. I sure would  
like to be married as soon as possible. I  
think it would be wonderful. I don't want  
to be in your way. You wouldn't even know  
I was there. I'd be that inconspicuous. I'd be  
very quiet + not even bother you any more.  
Maybe I would be a help to you. Well  
we can decide these things later. Good night.

I'll go to bed now. I'm awfully tired.  
Yours with admiration  
your wife L. N.

I think I'll  
say good night.

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Fri. 6

Dearest darling Husband;

I received three letters from you today & I could hardly wait to tear them open. I was so anxious to read your wonderful words. I stayed home today because I don't feel as well. I still feel funny from yesterday. So I can write you a real long letter & tell you how much I love you.

Darling you said my letters don't sound as if I loved you as much & that I don't seem eager to marry you. You also said you wondered if I was still cold and ~~was~~ emotional. Well Sonny, you sure do hurt my feelings. You know I want to marry you more than anything in the world. The only thing that could change my mind is you. I am ready & willing to come & marry you whenever you say. My mind is made up &

nothing can change it. I will come no matter  
what anyone says. No one can make up my  
mind for me. I know definitely that I want  
to marry you & I am going to. So I hope you  
won't think I am a child & don't know my  
own mind. Just let me know in advance  
when you are going to send for me because I  
have to buy underwear & a lot of other things.  
You might have to send me some money because  
I have a lot of presents etc. to buy for Xmas &  
I won't have much left. But don't send it  
unless I tell you I need it. I hope I won't have  
to get it from you because I know you will need  
it. Honey I sure do hope you hurry & send for  
me. I am just dying to see you. The only joy  
& happiness I ever had was when I was with  
you. Now that we're so far apart it seems  
that I am in an entirely different world that  
doesn't even have a meaning. When we are

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married I'll go with you wherever you are  
sent because I don't want to be away from you  
anymore. I love you so much I just can't  
bear to be away from you. Sorry I just  
simply can't wait until I see you again. I'm  
so glad you still love me. And was I glad  
to hear from you that those San Antonio  
girls aren't pretty or cute. I was afraid that  
you might fall for one. But of course everyone  
knows that Kentucky has the most beautiful  
girls in the U.S. (Haha) Do any of the boys  
in your Squadron think the Texas girls are  
cute? You know Ann Sheridan came from Texas?  
Is she just one in a million or an accident?  
I'm glad you still look at my picture. I was  
looking at yours last night + Oh gosh they  
made my feel so bad I had to put them away.  
I just wanted to feel your arms around me  
squeezing me in one of your super violent  
caresses. I wish you could send hugs +

things like you can send letters. Wouldn't  
 that be wonderful? We would burn the  
 lines up wouldn't we angel? Sonny I think  
 Feb. would be wonderful to be married in.  
 If you think we could be married then why,  
 you make all the arrangements & I'll come  
 as soon as you send for me. Don't worry  
 about Mother & the family stopping me because  
 if I want to come mom won't stop me. She  
 knows we love each other so she wouldn't  
 stand in our way. Your mother won't object  
 because we were talking about it the other  
 night & she doesn't seem opposed to it. So  
 you make the plans darling & I'll come to you  
 as fast as I can. If you want to get married  
 sooner than Feb. it's just fine with me.  
 The sooner the better. I wish we could get  
 married right now. That would be the fulfillment  
 of the dreams I am always dreaming. Sonny I  
 wish you knew how much I really love you.



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I'll get some fascinating nightgowns & pajamas  
& all kinds of things you'll love. Just wait until  
we're married. I'll prove to you I'm not cold  
& unemotional. You might think I am but Sonny  
& I'm not. I thought you said that I wasn't  
before you left. Don't you remember how emotional  
& used to get? God I hope you don't think  
the girls down there are more emotional than  
I am & go out with them. Oh Sonny please  
don't make me feel bad by saying things like  
that. I love you so damn much & you never  
leave my mind one second. You should just  
see how I stay home nights & don't ever go  
out. That should prove I love you & am not  
interested in other boys. You are the only boy  
in the world I love & if we ever get mad  
or anything I am through with love & boys.  
You are the sweetest dearest guy in the  
whole wide world. I'm so proud to be engaged  
to you. Very few girls are engaged to pilots.

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The pictures I took yesterday will be developed Mon. so I'll rush them to you Mon. night. I might get some more films + take pictures Sun. so you can have a lot of my pictures + then you won't forget me. I just can't wait to see your pictures. I know you're handsome in a uniform. I don't see how a handsome wonderful boy like you could like me. It just doesn't seem possible.

The only thing I can think of right now is our wedding plans. Honey, what would you like me to wear when I marry you? How do you think a light blue dress, black sandals, black hat, a real silly little hat, + a black bag, would look? I was going to get a black dress but I don't want to be married in black. I might get a black dress anyway just to wear when we go out. You can show me all the sights + night life. Won't we have a swell honeymoon? My fingernails are so nice + long I hope they stay that long for our wedding.

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Honey please write some more about your plans for us. I love to ~~see~~ hear them. They make me creepy with joy & excitement. You sure are wonderful to me. You already have our best man picked out haven't you? Oh you're such an angel. Honey I just can't wait. Please make it soon. I'll be a nervous wreck waiting. Sorry the only thing that worries me is the idea that I will interfere with your studies. Do you think I'll be on your mind so much that you won't study as you should? I don't think I will. Because if we're married that will be an inspiration to you. You'll know you have to succeed or else. What do you think? Be sure & tell me.

Well I'll write more tomorrow. I liked your long letter. It was wonderful. Be sure & keep telling me how much you love me & want to marry me. I want to right now. Loads of love  
your adoring future wife  
Lolene

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Sun. 7

Dearest Sweet Husband;

How are you today? Did you have an exciting Sunday? It is raining & cold here. The weather is just miserable. I stayed in all day & read. I said that exciting? I wish you were here so we could do something real thrilling together. I sure am bored. What I need is some night life and with no one but you. When I see you again let's go out every night.

Honey I love you so terribly much. I could just love you to death. When we are married I'll probably never let you go back to the air field. I'll just want you to stay home & love me all the time. Will you do it? I'll be willing to wager you won't need much encouragement from the way you talk in your letters. Ah Sonny! I can just imagine what our next meeting will be like. Let's don't act too awful in public. We'll have to curb our emotions until we get some where alone.

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I wish you could just look in my heart  
& see how much I love you & adore you. I don't  
think you will ever know. I want to marry  
you so much. That is all I ever think of all  
day long. My mind is certainly not here but  
with you. I keep planning what to wear when  
I come down to marry you & I can't decide.  
Each time I make up my mind I change it  
again. So I don't know what to wear. I guess  
I'll just surprise myself at the last minute.  
Honey I don't care what I wear just so I get  
to marry you very soon. Feb. just seems an  
eternity away. But I hope the time flies by.  
Just think, you have been gone just about a  
month now, haven't you? I suppose we'll have  
thought it. Sonny how is it that you have  
to train for 9 months? I thought it was seven.  
Is that a new rule or something? I'm glad  
you have to train longer because the war might  
be over by the time you get your wings.

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Do you still want to marry me as much as  
ever or are you just lonesome for feminine companion-  
ship? Maybe you will be disappointed after  
we're married. Remember I'm awfully skinny &  
I won't be one of those curvy girls like Betty  
Trable & Rita Hayworth. Do you think you'll be  
~~too~~ disillusioned? Sorry I'm only kidding.  
I know you want to marry me. Remember all the  
guesses we used to have because I wanted to so  
much & you would always have an excuse?  
Aren't you sorry we didn't this summer when  
I begged you to? That's what you get for being  
stubborn. Don't try to back out or I'll wear down  
& force you into matrimony. I hope we don't have  
any more disappointments like the other times we  
planned on being married. I sure would like to  
marry you & not just waste all this time dreaming  
about it. Look at the time we've wasted. Sorry  
do you honestly think we really can be married  
this time & that there is no stumbling ~~block~~ block  
in our path? I am just living on the idea



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that we'll be married soon. Let's do it if it  
is possible. Look, when you went away we didn't  
have any idea we'd be married while you were  
in training did we? We were going to wait until  
you got your wings. What made you change your  
mind? Was it because you wouldn't bear being  
away from me? (No hope so.) Sorry I don't care  
what made you change your mind but am I  
glad you changed it. I just can't be away  
from you. I feel so strange without you. Like an  
orphan. And I definitely do not like  
the person. I don't like shows anymore. I just  
like you. I can't enjoy them unless I'm with you.  
I've only been to 3 since you left. And you know  
how I loved shows. I love you so much I just  
can't live without you. If you said you didn't  
want to marry me, I know I'd just die. Sorry  
darling, I love you & want you so much I'm just  
about to explode with love. Please love me as  
much as I love you. We sure will be a happily  
married couple won't we? I love you more than anything.  
Good night angel. Write some more tomorrow.  
Your wife  
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