

Dec. 23, 1943

Hi La Verne,

Got the letter today. So will write tonight as some nights I just barely can write to Sis. It isn't the time, it's my ambition.

Glad to hear you make some friends at Sioux City. A New York girl, too. Does she talk like I do. They all generally think I'm from New York when they first hear me talk. So both of you are in the dark as far as knowing where your husbands are. It took 3 months to find out where my brother was. So don't give up hope. I wish to God I had eyesight. I'd either go to Cadets or gunnery school. But that one blinker of mine just don't blink right. My brother who is a gunner is in Idaho. I think he'd like B-24's but he wants A-20's. Says they are faster & more fun. Just like him. Don't care for anything.

So you called up Son's best man at the wedding. That's a wonder

he didn't look you up. He should have. I hit 3 places on a 15 day furlough. Sure cost me in travelling. But I had a good time. As far as meeting buddies are concerned, a boy here who is the one I spent last New Year's Eve with in the guard-house is here. I probably told you about it. Never again. He is as crazy as ever so I stay away from him.

Well, I hope you find out when Sonny is back. It sure is awful being in the dark. I've been in it since I've been in the army.

It is bad that I can't make it up for the holidays. We are really stuck in this hall. I hope you like what I got Sis. I hope she has it by now.

Well, guess I'll close & you can send Son's address. I'd like to drop him a line.

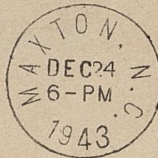
Be Good,

Val

Do you
still need
after
Lansdowne?

P.S. I like big X-mas trees, too. We have one in our mess hall. The place looks more like an officer's mess.

H. C. Valentine
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To Mrs. Geo W. CANARY
4601 W. JEFFERSON
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KENTUCKY

From

W. C. Valentine

(Sender's name)

5177 W. Glades Rd.

(Sender's address)

AL0630 W.P.M. No. 14

Feb 3-5-40

(Date)

Hello La Verne,
Received your Valentine card & was
happy to receive it. I am fine & getting
along sweet also hope that you are
the same.

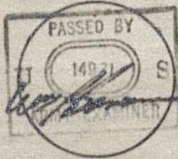
Will write to Sonny later on.
Have to catch up on a few letters. Keeps
me pretty busy once I get behind. There
isn't a heck of a lot to say so that
makes it twice as bad. How is Sonny
getting along these days. I hope he is
O.K. I suppose you're still doing what
you've always been doing. Take it easy.
That's the only way. I will do that yet!
Dad tells me you have some sweet Embroid-
ery. Would like to see it someday.
Well, La Verne, guess I'll close so
be good. Give all my regards

Sincerely
Dad



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To MRS. G. E. CANARY, JR.
4601 W. JEFFERSON
LOUISVILLE 12,
KENTUCKY

From 16150538

Pat. P. Valentine
(Sender's name)

51st TCW (Slide Base)
(Sender's address)

AF0650 1/8 PM NY

March 23, 45
(Date)

Dear Pa Verne,

Italy

Received your letter today & thanks. Am fine & happy you are also. Say Pa Verne, can you get your sister to send her letters airmail. They get here a lot faster. Yours took 6 days.

I read about the flood & am happy that it didn't touch your place. Glad Sis got the picture & candy. We set O. K. at times. I lose or gain like the weather. That was thought full of Sonny to do that. After all his married to you. Trouble with me is I can't worry much.

I was slightly inebriated when I got Sis the candy. Went to the P. X. with another boy, so figured I'd get her one since her birthday was coming up. Was mail order.

Say Pa Verne, how can you & Sonny write so much. I rack my brains to fill a V-mail. Glad he writes often. Haven't heard from Sis for a few days but expect one any day now. Until then I can't write as my gift of gab is it there anymore.

Well, be glad & take care of yourself. This all my regards to Sonny's folks also. Bye now

Pat