

No. 31.

Wheaton College
July 7, 1948

My darling wife,

Sweetheart, does it seem strange for me to call you "my wife?" To me it seems so very natural. How sure you feel the same way about it. And, you know, I want to tell you something. I actually believe, even now, we are man and wife. Do you believe that? It is true that we have not been united

in body and soul in
ship must be honorable
But when it comes right down
to it, really what is marriage?
Christian marriage is the uniting
of two hearts and two bodies
together by the all-mighty
father. How vast our hearts
already have united together
Sweetheart? Please for me
sign it, Dave, we always are
one and for always are
my darling wife. And if
the holy father has in mercy
joined us together, we soon
shall be joined in body as

Western College
July 5, 1848

My darling wife,

Sweetheart, about it
I seem strange for me to call
you "my wife"? Do we not
become so very natural to
each other that you and I
are one? You feel the same way
about it. And you know I
want to tell you something
I naturally believe, even now,
we are one man and wife. Do
you believe that? It is true
that we have not been united

in body and truly our relation-
ship must be honorable.
But when it comes right down
to it, really what is marriage?
Christian marriage is the meeting
of two hearts and two bodies
together by the all-mighty
Father. Have not our hearts
already been metted together,
Sweetheart? Therefore in
spirit, Dear, we already are
one and you already are
my darling wife. And if
the holy Father has in reality
joined us together, we soon
shall be joined in body as

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well. Do you believe it; I
certainly do.

Well, next Saturday is
your birthday - your
twentieth birthday. You
certainly are getting to be an
old lady - ha! Oh, how I do
wish we could be together
next Saturday. What a good
time we would have. I know
I'll be thinking of you all
day and wishing, ever wishing,
I could give you a birthday
squeeze and a birthday kiss.

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I'm so glad you're all well & hope
 you had a very good time in
 the mountains. I'm sure you
 enjoyed every minute of it. I
 hope you'll write soon & tell
 me all the news. I'm thinking
 of you all the time. Love to
 you all from
 Dad & Mom

77 But I guess I'll just have to
 save them until the Lord
 brings us together.

I praise Him for being so
 wonderful to me. I can't think
 of the wonderful thing
 He has done for me. Most
 fellows get only ordinary
 girls. The Lord couldn't
 find any girl in America
 that was good enough for
 me; so He has given me the
 most wonderful girl on
 all the earth - you. Really,
 I'm not good enough for

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you Darling and I certainly
don't deserve God's wonder-
ful gift. And I don't know
why He has brought us
together. But I do know
I am thankful and I do
know that I love you very
dearly - more than I ever have
loved any other girl. Sweet-
heart, believe me, you are
more to me than my very
life. And best of all, you
are mine - all mine.

Do you know what I wish

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Ms. A. 1. 1. 2.

Dear Mother
I have just received your letter
and I am so glad to hear from
you. I hope you are all well
and happy. I have not much news
to write at present. I am still
in the hospital and I hope to
be home soon. I have not
heard from you for some time
and I have been thinking of
writing to you. I have not
much news to write at present.
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I hope to be home soon. I
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you for some time and I have
been thinking of writing to you.

6/ for you. I wish you the
happiest birthday you ever
have had. Your birthday
should be happy; do you
know why? I know you
are all alone and you are
lonesome for your home and
folks. But you should be
happy - have the happiest birth-
day ever - because the Lord is
interested in you, because He
is leading you back to China,
and because I love you.
We have no reason for tears
because we have each other

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and because we have the Lord
who is leading our way.

So, Posting, happy
birthday and may the Lord
bring us together before
another birthday passes.
Do you think He will; I
do.

It is late and I must
close. Remember, I am think-
ing of you, praying for you,
and always loving you.

Your loving husband,
Bernie

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