

Wheaton College
Aug. 2, 1948

My darling Wife,

Dodo, guess what?

When I looked into my mail-box today there were three letters from you! Darling, why is it that you love me so. I cannot understand why this should be; but I do thank the Lord for it.

The first envelop I opened was a white one. And, oh boy, inside was a small birthday card that said "Happy Birthday Sweetheart - all my love to you." And it was signed "Your Blonde, Gee, Sweetheart & thought the card was really wonderful. I want to

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My dear Mr. [unclear]

I have been thinking about
you a great deal lately and
wondering how you are getting
on. I hope you are well and
happy. I have been very busy
with my work lately, but I
try to find time to think
of my friends.

I am sure you are doing
well. I have been thinking
of you a great deal lately
and wondering how you are
getting on. I hope you are
well and happy. I have been
very busy with my work lately,
but I try to find time to think
of my friends.

Thank you over & over again for it.
I am glad that you made it in-
stead of buying it. A bought
one is nice, but one made by your
own hands is so much better.
Where did you get that picture
on it. Can you send me another
copy of it or maybe the negative.
It certainly was a fine picture of
you. In fact, I have it out now
and am looking at it. If you'll
send the negative I'll have one blown
up too. Thanks sweetheart. You
know, you're such a swell girl
that I couldn't help loving you
if I wanted to. But best of
all I don't want to stop loving
you.
Darling, what if your brother

comes to the U.S. before I get to Sweden. Do you suppose you could finish training here? If you would come with him, it would be wonderful. You still would not be obligated to marry me unless you wanted to. If you explained to the hospital how you would be all alone, I'm sure they would give you a recommendation to a hospital in Chicago. Hospitals in the U.S. need nurses badly. Perhaps your training would not be quite as good; but, Dorothy, we'd be together. Don't make any decisions yet. Just think about it for now. Don't even answer me on this as yet.

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 to what it would be like to
 now I am not sure I can
 get a job for him, but I
 hope to try. You know, they
 have always found a way.
 If I get there you can be sure
 that we about our first day to
 gether will have to go shopping
 for a new one. Do you know what
 the new will be for?
 If I am able to visit you
 what do you suppose we would
 do for a job? Just think about it.

the time I'll but will be alone & you'll be in my arms. Then you'll have to make yourself ready (or if you wish, I'll make you ready) so I can draw that picture of you (Wow!!!). What do you say to that? We'll seriously have a lot of fun every minute we're together, want me?

Thanks, Darling, for those two wonderful letters, numbers 38 & 39. Of course you're lonesome, & so am I. In fact, we should be. People in love can never be happy until they are together. This fact is true with us too, Sweetheart. I miss you because

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If Roy should come to the States, when would he like to come? I am not sure I can get a job for him, but I'll try.

Yes, there is a good possibility of my getting to Sweden this Christmas. I have some ideas I hope to try. You know, they say love always finds a way. If I get there you can be sure that on about our first day together will have to go shopping for a ring. Do you know what the ring will be for?

If I am able to visit you, what do you suppose we will do on the first day? Most of

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want me? I'll not let

Thank you for those two
wonderful letters, number 387
& 388. Of course I'll not let
to see to the fact, I'll not let
be. I'll not let in I'll not let
happy with the one together
this fact is true with me too
I'll not let. I'll not let

I love you + you miss me because
you love me too.

I'm so glad you're up + around
a little. But do be careful. I
want my little Darling to be
completely well.

Hey, don't dream too much
about China + especially about
that five months until ---.
Remember, before the five months
your husband (me) has to do
something. Sweetheart, do you
think you'll enjoy that little
job of mine? You can't
imagine how I'm looking forward
to having you for my own.

Yes, I do miss my ring. I
worn it for so long that it
feels funny to be without it.
But someday I'm looking forward

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to having the ring back. What I want to do is trade "another ring" for my marine ring. If I had a choice of you or my ring I'd take the ring of course + throw you away. Do you believe this? I know you don't. Seriously, the ring means nothing compared with you, Darling. You are more to me than anything - even life.

Guess I've done enough chattering. Now I have to wash, then change into my pajamas, + climb into bed. So for tonight, Darling, good-nite + sweet dreams.

Your loving husband
Bernie XXXXXXXX O

to having the very best. What
 I want to do is to have
 a ring for my mother and I
 I had a line of you or my
 ring but take the ring of course
 + show you away. I know
 believe this? I know I
 about. I know. The ring
 waiting compared with you
 nothing. You are more to me
 than anything - my life.
 Give me the best
 everything. How do you work
 the change into of appearance +
 think with that. So far tonight
 nothing. Good - with + sweet
 your loving husband
 I know XXXXXX