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Thank you my darling

For wishing me a very happy birthday. I wish I were spending it the way I did my last birthday though. That was a marvelous party we had on that day. It was even more marvelous afterward, at the dance, and later at your house. You were so very beautiful that night in your gown, Honey. You are the only girl I have ever taken to a formal dance, and the only one I ever will take. As I remember it though, we were quite tired before the evening was very far along and had to sit out quite a few dances. And there were a lot of people there I guess because we were jostled around quite a bit. For me, though, there was only one person there – YOU. The very most beautiful girl there. Gosh, Darling, thinking of the things we used to do together makes me awfully sad and lonesome for you. We did have so very much fun in the little time we were

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able to spend together that, looking forward to all the time we will spend together once I am back, I can see that ours will be a lifetime of the utmost happiness. It's always comforting to look forward and think of this.

I also think that it won't be very much longer, relatively speaking, before I will be back with you. The war news sounds better every day Honey, and I look for the European war to be over by the first of May. I think, and hope that this will be true. Then, if Russia will enter the war against Japan, I can see this part of the war over before the year is out or in the first months of next year. I hope my vision into the future is as good as I think. It would be so wonderful if my next birthday found us together. That would be the best birthday present I could ever in the world get.

You did send me a birthday present you know. Two letters which arrived here today, numbers 7 and 8. Both short, but you warned me they would be until

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you graduate from school. You should be all graduated and on your own now. Aren't you a big girl though Darling? I'm very sorry that I didn't even send you a card for you graduation, but I will send you my love and very many kisses, all payable on sight the next time we're together.

You realize, don't you, that the best of authorities warn men against marrying women who have a better education than the man has? Now you're a college graduate and I've just finished two years of work. Do you think our marriage could ever be a success if we were married while this deplorable situation existed, or do you think that we should wait till I graduate from college and not take any chances? Lay that pistol, down Babe, I was only fooling, honest I was.

The research work you are doing, or is it field work? Seems to hold quite a bit of interest for you. I'm very glad of that because you seemed to think that you would have a lot of trouble finding a job in which you could be interested.

It's very nice that Miss Bolles

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complimented you on your excellent insight into the problems and reactions of children, although I'm not at all surprised because you know the old saying, "It takes one to know one", and you are still a little girl in so very many ways. What with some people mistaking you for my daughter, and other intimidating indirectly that yours is the pure mind of a juvenile, I'm beginning to feel that I'll be accused of robbing the cradle. Now, Now, Darling, you reach for that gun once more and I'm going to be forced to close this letter very abruptly, just be at ease my sweet and remember that you shouldn't be offended by a little honest teasing. With your insight into the problems and reactions that you possess, Michael couldn't possibly have done a better job of selecting a mother, I know that I could not possibly have done a better job of selecting a wife.

I haven't heard anything about that new job the Colonel was telling me about. All I can do is bide my time and hope for the best. I think that I will soon know one way or the other. I finished that sketch

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he wanted me to do of him. I did it while he was unaware of what I was doing, but, since I was about thirty feet from him, the likeness was not too good. You could tell who it was but it wasn't an exact likeness. He was quite leashed when I showed it to him though and had me make an envelope for it and reinforce it for mailing.

As far as that statement I made about your head being on my shoulder and my lips on yours, it is not as impossible as you think it is. If you'd like to make a little bet that it can't be done, name your price and I'll show you how it can be done, with no discomfort or craning of necks. Wanna bet?

Did you see anything you liked when you and Susie were shopping for her wedding gown? You'd better be looking around trying to find the gown you want Honey, because you won't have very much time when I get back, you will have an absolute minimum of time in which to do anything before you find a Mrs. Tacked on before your name and the name Maurice tacked on after it. You'd better be all ready, and used, to signing

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your name that way.

Mail seems to travel amazingly fast up here, something for which I am truly grateful. All your letters are reaching me in 9 or 10 days, and they are all arriving here consecutively which is the most amazing part of it all. That makes it just about three weeks from the time I write a letter till the time I receive your answer. It used to take more than a month at the last place I was at.

It is amazing how very hot and muggy it is up here though. There never seems to be the least bit of air to relieve it. At the 5th we always had a fairly cool breeze and often had clouds rolling down from

the mountains to form a nice sun shade. It seems an awful lot of difference I guess it's the unpredictable tropics though.

Well, Miss Shglock, I see you're going to hit up the school for a raise even before you go to work. More power to you Darling, every little bit helps a lot.

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We'll be all set to start housekeeping as soon as I get back. That I want.

What did you get as graduation gifts, Honey? Did Mrs. Osgood give you that frilly slip you have been promised. If she did, I expect you to wear it for me when I'm back, just to wear while we're in public because I don't think clothing will be a problem at all once we're out of the public eye; and I do expect to remain out of the public eye for about six months once I get back. Just letting you know what to expect. We'll have to make up for a tremendous amount of loving that we're missing now. You'd better be sure that Cherrywood bed we're buying is a good substantial piece of furniture. It will have to be because it is going to get a heap of using. "You understand, don't you" – he queried with his tongue in his cheek – "that all I mean by this is that I intend to sleep late in the morning?" It will be so nice to waken in the morning with your head on the pillow right beside me

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and your arms around me.

Goodnight now Darling, I have to leave you for the night now as much as I hate to. Won't you leave the blankets turned down on one side of the bed so I can join you in the dream I'll have tonight. Until then Darling remember,

I love you with all my heart.

Freddie