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Dearest Johnny: —

How's my sweetheart today? Are you still mad at me? I hope not or else I'd really feel blue. I'm answering a letter from you just recently received and this one is similar to the one previously received. In short, you ask "What's wrong? Why the delay in writing? etc." I think I explained this before in my letter which you probably have by now. Nothing is wrong for I still think an awful lot of you and I cannot wait until you come home. It's just that the peace news had me too excited to write or do anything hardly! Prior to that, during the battle for Okinawa I was a nervous wreck, listening to the radio, reading all the papers. I thought the battle would never end. Being in a battle is tough, but you'd be surprised how hard it is on the homefront, especially when there are dear ones engaged in the battle. You'll think I'm a sissy but I'm sure there were many more like me.

Gosh, Johnny, I'm very happy that you and Walt had some pictures taken together. Please send me them as soon as possible, or send me the negatives and I'll have some pictures made. I can hardly wait!! Which camera was used? The 116 Box camera or candid?

I can understand about your mess duty. Every time anyone decides to do anything alphabetically, I also get stuck. A – B etc. Poor us!! Marry me, Johnny, and I'll do all your mess duty. Nice of me? I'll take care of you. Doubt me? Don't become frightened!!

What does "wallet need a survey mean?" Do you mean you needed a new wallet or some part of one? Anyway I'm glad Walt helped you out either with a new wallet or whatever it was that you needed! My brother is a sweet kid and I can hardly wait for his return (P.S.—I am getting stupid. I just reread that part about the "survey." I understand now. You needed a new one). I suppose you and Walt will get stuck with occupation, darn it!! But I suppose they need "old salts" over there for the first few months eh? I do hope you'll get home for Xmas though, however Walt does not expect to come home until a year from now.

You know, Johnny, I don't know what to send you or Walt for Xmas. People say we shouldn't send chocolates or this or that. My mother had sent Walt quite a few boxes of candy, some of which I think were bad by the time he received them. Any suggestions? Please help me. Walt likes fruit cake, which is in season now. Do you like that also? Or perhaps you'd rather something for your personal use. Let me know. If only you boys weren't in such a hot climate.

My cousin George is home now, the one that was wounded on Okinawa. The first day he came home he didn't look so well. He was so thin but now he's beginning to look like himself again. In fact, George just left here a little while ago as I was writing to you. He has a date with a pretty girl across the street. He heard that I've gone out with a Coast Guardsman and he was quite taken by surprise. He said, "You better get a Marine or else!" He's really a swell kid. I showed him your pictures and he said you look familiar. Perhaps someday you two will meet and then he'll be sure. He has 100 pts. How are you with points? I should say, you have about 55 – 60, right? The Marine Corps lowered their points to 70. Keep your fingers crossed.
Well, honey, so long for now and I'll let you know as soon as I get the books from you. You're very sweet to send me them.

Love & Kisses,
Corinne
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