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my dearest Johnny:-

Well honey, how are you today? I hope feeling fine! I'm happy you like getting letters from me, and I can assure you that I feel the same about yours. I enjoy all your letters immensely.

In your letter, you said that you & Walt always ate spaghetti when out together the last three days of liberty in the States and I thought that was a swell idea! I wish I were with you both.

Your brother is in the States. I think he and his buddies are doing a swell job over there. Is he your only brother? In my family, I have one brother, who is the oldest, and a younger sister Deborah, who is 14. I always tell my sister that she's fat that right eye for by the time she is 16 - or 18 yrs. she'll be able

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to have fun for there'll
be no war (I hope) to in-
terfere with her life or the lives of
friends. This may be a se.
outlook but its the way I feel!
By the time the war is over
we girls in our teens^{now} (16-20)
will be given the go-by for
the younger ones. Oh well! I
at least will be given a
chance to learn to knit extra
well in the Old Maids Home!
Very Funny and how!!

Thank you for promising
to hold me tightly when
on the Scenic Railroad if and
when the day comes! Honestly
I'll really appreciate that
for I think I'll love it
then for more than one reason.
The reason I have this silly
fear of going on unpractised is
because once when with my
cousin (who is now a marine)
on the Scenic Railroad I nearly
fell out. He did too. It seems
the strap or something loosened
as we sped down. Maybe it
was the skyrocket but anyway
that feeling has stayed with
me. I'm really a pussy!

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You really struck home in your letter before me when you said that the boys are not glad to get away from the women and vice-versa!! Usually I would debate that statement but underneath I would know it to be the truth. After awhile everyone wants to have the companionship of the opposite sex! This war has accomplished one thing - if nothing else - for it taught men and women to appreciate the other. Honestly, I think you fellows should be given credit for all the sacrifices you've all made! Gosh, are that I in a gloomy mood according to this letter. Really I feel swell but I guess I just have a "serious" head on my shoulders. I'm even concerned about the presidential election and I'm too young to vote! What a person I am!

You mentioned that when you write at times you have a pretty shaky hand, ~~and you said~~ because you're thinking of me! Now I wish that were true but I think you're only handing me a "snow" job as our Marine would say! Right!