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My darling Johnny: —

Gosh oh gee, I can imagine your surprise at receiving this letter but honestly my mail has piled as a result of somebody's furlough! That sounds as though I'm "passing the Buck" so I'll explain.

A friend of mine in the U.S.A. (Soldier at that) received a 21 day furlough and he really kept me busy when I was not working! So all in all, I got behind! Excuse me honey—or would you rather save a spanking for me—say 20 months from now! As long as you do the spanking personally it will be quite alright! Okay?

As far as I know I answered all your letters (unless some were lost) with the exception of a recent one which I will answer tomorrow! I'm answering one now also. You say that every now and then you get "disgusted with the world!" I guess at times we all get that depressed feeling. Is there any special reason for this melancholy Johnny? Anything I can do? I wish I could do something to really cheer you up but probably by this time the depression is over! Let's hope so anyway!

Enclosed herein is a small picture of little me! I hope you like it! If ever my brother visits you, ask him what he thinks of it just for the fun of it! I'm sending him another pose! Do you think Walt and I look alike?

I agree with you that the Navy has good cooks! You really got me behind the 8-Ball when you said "some stupid people will probably vote for

Dewey¹!” I’m only 19 but have always Rooted for Roosevelt as my family is Democratic however I’m afraid that a 4th term may be dangerous and it may be poor policy for a democracy to take! However I like Roosevelt and think he’s swell but Dewey is alright [sic] too! Really, though, being a girl I guess I’m not too smart about politics! I’d like you someday to teach me more so that when I’m 21 I’ll be a good voter! Is that a deal or do you find such teachings as boring?

Seriously, though, if the boys overseas are willing to risk a 4th term being their lives are at stake, I guess the civilians should take heed and follow suit! Enough of politics or you may get angry with me! It seems “politics and religion” is a touchy subject! I think you’re right that Sinatra would easily win the presidential election if he were running! What a woman won’t do for a pathetic figure!

A few months ago I wrote you a letter in which I asked if you had any brothers and sisters beside the soldier in Europe! Did you receive that letter? I only have my brother and sister Dolores. Dolores has just started highschool [sic]!

You probably heard of the hurricane we had! Anyway, a few hours after it started our lights, radio, phone and everything went out of order! Our whole street was in complete darkness during the gale and for two days after! I then could really appreciate what you boys go through overseas with tents and candles! Trees were uprooted etc! Last week I went skating with Herm (soldier) and his friends! We had a grand time! I didn’t flop once, really! I enjoy skating, do you?

Sunday past we went rowboating in Central Park! I even took my turn at the oars and was thrilled! I hope they show the picture “Frenchmen’s Creek” to you fellows for it is swell! It doesn’t have anything about the war in it but concerns pirates in the days of old! Technicolor² and Joan Fontaine! It is a romantic treat!

Well honey I better bail out before you get tired of reading this—or are you already tired?

¹ New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey. Defeated Republican candidate in the 1944 Presidential Election.

² The most widely used color motion picture process in Hollywood from 1922 to 1952.

So long for now! Golly, a car just had a blowout and made me jump so the reason for the fancy “W” in “now!” I really have strong nerves—yeh!

S’long again with love and kisses!

Love

Corinne

Good luck!

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