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My Darling:

I got two letters from you today. One of them only 8 days old. It seems amazing that I could have something that you had such a short time ago. I'm sorry mail to you isn't so good, but it really is understandable when they have to carry in so many supplies etc. Anyway I have been writing quite often so I hope they all catch up with you eventually. It is wonderful to be able to send you sentences that you will sometime read. & it's very wonderful to get letters from you reminding me that you love me and that we're both looking forward to the same things. But I would so much love to sit with your arm around me and talk for hours.

Your standins won't be leaving until the month you mentioned so I guess it will be the month after that that you'll be available for assignment to me. It certainly does look sure about them though, of course I've never actually seen your name on the list as we work in numbers rather than personalities. However I'm working on that angle a little on my own. Look. Birthdays are just days so don't fuss about mine. You've already brought me what I want most in the world, and everything else is very unimportant.

Becky is going into the WAAC in a month or so if she passes her physical next Monday. She made up her mind in an awful hurry but of course I'm all for it—if I didn't have you Junior—but I guess it wouldn't quite be the WAACs either. Did you know that you only have to have 50 hrs to be eligible for WAF training! Now do you know how much I love you?

We discovered at the office the other day that Col. Leagues birthday is the 25 & Capt. Van Deren's birthday is the 26 & mine is the 27 of May. We were quite astonished. Col. League is going to get a quart of Bourbon and 3 long straws for us to celebrate with. Capt. V. Deren replenished his liquor stock the other day & the bill was \$93.00. It seems fairly obvious why the Army is always in debt. Although I guess he has a private income.

I don't know whether you'd appreciate Maryland this year or not—it's still cold here. Although comparing it with newsreel shots I saw of Amchitca<sup>1</sup>[sic] maybe a little spring rain wouldn't bother you to a great extent.

I saw Frank Capra today he's a Lt. Col.—had to go to his office to coordinate a paper. He looks just like his pictures. Did I tell you that Thornton Wilder is also at the Pentagon. It's amazing how easy that building is [sic] navigate in if you know the exact room you're looking for. Nobody knows who's two doors away from them so it's no use asking for information.

Are you feeling OK, sweet do you think the calcium pills are helping any? Please, keep up your very sensible habit of going to the Doctor if you're not feeling just right. It's too risky under such awful conditions to let anything get a hold on you.

So Red finally got back. Is he planning on being replaced too. It will be sort of tough on them if he's not. They were married after we were, weren't they? Don't you feel like an old married man. Hospitals here will take your name but won't definitely promise anything. (Edna, Becky's sister, is having a baby—I didn't inquire myself.)—Or do you think I'd better put my application in now for 1944 or 45? I used to be a girl scout you know, & I took the motto very seriously. Besides I'll have a terrible time trying to be firm with you—I just don't seem to be able to any more.

I think your ideas are wonderful and also that our future life will be exactly what we make it—so let's try very hard to make it as wonderful as it may well be. I know the war will make is [sic] a lot more appreciative and being appreciative will keep us young.

I love you terribly. I don't think there's been an hour since you left that I haven't thought of you and how wonderful it would be to have you close to me again. I hope we aren't the type people who need to be separated often in order to keep nice to one another. It seems to me that neither of us make the best use of time we do have together. Lord knows its been short enough. We should make an effort to—or maybe we've just never had time to learn that. We're both usually upset from the minute we say hello—because we know what it will be to say goodbye again so soon. Anyway it will be marvelous finding out what it's like not to say goodbye.

I love you—Pat. [Transcription ends]

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<sup>1</sup> Amchitka—One of many islands of the Aleutian Island chain in western Alaska.