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My dearest Johnny: —

How is my favorite man today? I hope you're happy and greet this letter with a great big smile!

Thanks for wishing this year to be the best for me, however I agree with you that next year will be tops for then we'll meet! I can't wait to see my brother and you, but I guess I'll have to. When I hear that you and Walt are coming home, I'll probably get so excited that I'll be unable to eat, sleep or talk properly!

Honey, I appreciate your telling me that serving at a U.S.O. in the Pacific is not as nice as I thought it would be. I think I know your reason for being against it! I do not know the addresses of your buddies, of whom I recently wrote you about (Baron, Carbon¹ etc.) for I do not write them. A former buddy of Walt's wrote me and told me to give this information to Walt so I also passed it on to you. Offhand I do not recall the accident in Hartford, where Carbon's father was a supervisor.

It's too bad you couldn't hear the records I sent Walt, honey, but if, as and when you visit me, I'll gladly play any and all my records for you alone. I'm changing my job now for I'm doing 3 girls' work and all in all, I have too much work and responsibility! My boss only comes down from his farm once a week and leaves all the office worries to me, so I'm at the point where I think I've had enough! I'll try for Private Secretary soon so I only hope that there'll be an opening. Now I do everything it seems.

My cousin Jimmy is really a nice kid but he always "gets me" when he calls Marines on board ship "Technicolor Soldiers!" He is a sailor and as a result does not like sea-going Marines and I get inwardly annoyed! Have you any idea what sea-going Marines do on board ship? Personally, I bet the sailors don't make those poor Marines feel at home! Jimmy is swell though and my favorite cousin, however he does like all land Marines, such as you, my brother and the many others.

His ship is in for repairs so he expects a 30-day leave, during which time he plans to marry my girlfriend! He is very self-confident but I wonder how he'll make out for she hasn't agreed! My friend told him (putting me in a jam) "I'll get married after Corinne" so my cousin looked at me and said "Oh, so that's my obstacle! Corinne, I'll fix it so you marry Herm whether you want to or not for you're holding up my wedding!" Of course, he was only joking! Jimmy is very persuasive and gets things done as he plans usually!

¹ C. Blodgett letter of 12/12/44 refers to "Carbone" whereas the spelling of the name in this letter is "Carbon."

I haven't gone out much lately, except to shows. An ex-Marine called me up several times whom I've met through business! He was with the 1st Division and a veteran of Guadalcanal, etc. Recently he broke his foot in a defense plant, poor guy. I think he's too old for me so I won't go out with him! He acts as though he's about 30 yrs. old and I thus consider myself too young. I wish it were you who called me for then I'd be thrilled!

Have you seen Walt yet? I hope so. What do you think of my cousin, or haven't you seen him? Everything is swell here but very dull! We've had snow for about a month now and the weather even dropped to zero.

Coal is difficult to obtain and boy, what a job it is when ordering! But we civilians survive! Am I kidding! Have you heard from your brother lately? I hope so. I'll "secure the butt" for now! Did I use the Marine expression right there?

S'long until later, darling.
God Bless & Protect You.

With all my love
& kisses,

Corinne

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