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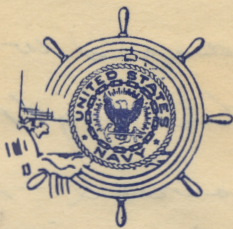
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April 4, 1945
Wed. Evening
Shoemaker, Calif

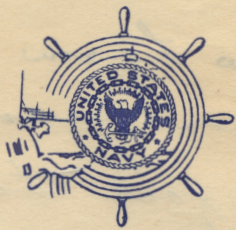
My dearest One-

The night before leaving Shoemaker. Tomorrow our draft shoves off and I'll be starting on my way to eventual overseas duty.

It has been nice here at Shoemaker but would of been nicer if you could of been here with me. Just 12 days short of two months that I've been here at Shoemaker.

Let me explain one thing to you, dear, and I know you'll understand. About four weeks ago at the USO dance in Pleasanton I danced with a particular gal and we got along good dancing and talking together. Future dances there I would

have a few dances with her. Of course, I told her right off the first night I was married - and showed her your & Sharon's pictures. In other words, I wasn't wolfing her but just enjoying her dancing and company - and she mine even though she knew I was married and appreciated the fact that I was. Last Friday night I again danced with her and later on in the evening she asked me how I was going back to the base and I said the bus. She said she lived on the base. (She is a telephone operator here and the ^{telephone} Company has furnished them with places like barracks to stay in here on the base.) and would drive me back to the base as a friendly gesture. She and her two girl friends and I drove directly back to the base. It was nice of her to give me the ride - and no harm done. Anyway last night I



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happened to run into her at the Ship's Service while we were eating, and told her I was leaving on draft soon. Frager, y/c was with me and casually suggested that if she had a friend we'd go riding in her car and go dancing. Much to my surprise she said "Alright, since you fellows are leaving for overseas soon, well do that." Anyway she got a friend telephone operator and the four of us went into Jan's and stopped for a bite to eat, then to a night club for a few drinks and dancing. She said she had never been out with a married man, before as well as her girl friend but she figured she knew me well enough and thought highly ^{enough} of my character to go through with it. I wanted you to know the whole story,
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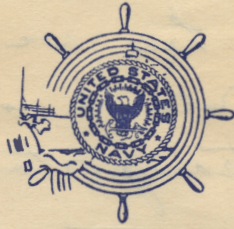
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Darling, and no harm was done. I consider her a good friend and she appreciates the fact that I'm very happily married. I know you will understand, dear. She means nothing to me except as I said she was nice and a friend.

I told her if she ever had a chance to call you long distances from the base while doing her work to do so - and that you would be glad to talk to her.

The reason I went into such length to tell you all about her is the fact that she's the only gal. I have ever seen out with - and now you understand all the circumstances. I'll never hold any thing from you as I love you so much and always will. You'll never have to worry about me, dear.

I had her take that suitcase of Bill Ronald's full of my stuff off the



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base to mail cod to you, because they won't let me ship any Government clothes, etc. off the base. I don't need that stuff. I sent home so you can keep it and if Dad wants to use any of it it's OK with me.

The Brownie camera is in the suit case as well as a roll of film I shot of friends and myself here on the base today. Please have them developed. I'd like to see them some time.

Well, darling, I spent all day today getting my gear in shape to leave. Our draft musters at 10:00 AM tomorrow in the Outgoing Draft Shed. Don't know exactly yet just when we'll leave

the base. From here we will probably go to Treasure Island in San Francisco for overseas transportation. Our ultimate destination is pretty certain to be LEYTE in the Philippines.

My new address will be:

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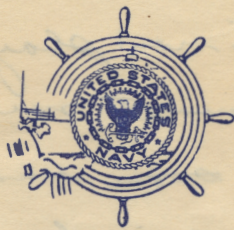
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you can start your letters rolling to this new address. After I leave the states it will probably take some time before our mails gets caught up.

Darling, it's going to be tough on both of us but we'll grin and bear it and pray that this damn war can end someday soon. I'm not worried about going out there - so don't worry to much about me, as I'll always take good care of myself. You be a good gal and keep your chin up, honey. Daddy will be home pretty soon to his sweet wife and baby and then we'll start our

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happy life together.

Tomorrow morning I will get up, have breakfast then ~~last~~ my gear sea-going fashion. I'm writing you this letter stretched out in my bunk. A radio is playing pretty music now by Jan Garber.

My cold is now almost completely gone and I feel pretty good.

Darling, keep up your good work at home. Take good care of yourself and Sharon. You work out things at home and be happy and have fun. Would be nice if you could take a vacation in Asbury Park this summer. Just always be true to me - and I'll always be true to you. Very few marriages click like ours and I'm proud of ours, arnt you?
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The radio is now playing pretty organ music. It's almost midnight so will close the letter soon and go to sleep. Will probably have a big day tomorrow.

Tell Mother, Dad and Ma and Ronald to be good and all be happy at home. Keep the home fires burning. We'll all be home for good soon. Give them my love, also a kiss for my precious little daughter.

Well, Darling, will say so long for now and till we meet again, all my love to the sweetest, prettiest gal, Mother and wife in all this world. I love you dearly and will think and dream of you constantly while I'm away. Keep your letters coming and don't worry about me. There'll have a big reunion soon. Till that day, my love is all yours.

Your devoted hubby,
Woody