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
Apr 13, 1943.

Hello Sweetie,

Well here I am back from Town sitting in the big chair listening to Lowell Thomas and trying to write a letter to my Darling.

When I finished writing the letter to you this afternoon, I got the car out and went shopping. And I bought a hat + a pair of shoes. I got a yellow hat and a pair of luggage tan shoes and oh yes I got a blue striped blouse I paid 79¢ for the blouse. I've got few blouses now. You see, Darling I always wear shirts and blouses ^{to work} and I don't have so many blouses so I'm getting stocked up. Did I tell you I'm going to sell my goat suit? Some girl who works on machines is going to buy it from me. I'm swelling for \$1.50. I'm glad I don't have to get stuck with it.

But any way to get back to my clothes. My hat is one with a high brim and it's kind of a silky material. I think

It's real good looking and I'm sure my darling will like it. You know Sweetie, whenever I buy I keep my mind open to the fact that you will like it too. You see when you come back I want to be dressed like you want me too. And my shoes are kind of a pump with a round toe they are real cute . Good drawing huh?

When I finished my shopping. I was hungry so I went to Walt's restaurant and I had meat loaf. It was very good. Remember, Darling, when we went there? It was just before you left. It was on a Saturday, and that evening we went to Cozy Corners and had Chicken Poprikosh. Darling, what good times we always had to-gether. For being married as long as we had and for going to-gether as long as we did, we certainly did enjoy each others company. I think, Darling the reason why that is, is because we have so much in common. It's seem to like so many of the things each

other likes and like to do the same things and another thing I think is because we love each other so very much. When you stop to think, Darling, we certainly did go through a lot of tough luck before we got married, so this little bit of separation ought not be too tough on us. Of course I'll never get used to the idea of us being separated. We were always so close. He never did any thing the other didn't approve of. And we always went every place to-gether. That's why sometimes I feel just a little bit lost without my Darling. But of course that's only natural when two people have been as close as we have.

But I feel pretty good to-day. I always do when I go out and buy myself some new cloths. Now all I need is a new dress, purse + gloves and I shall be all outfitted.

Are you going to try to get in to see Genievre for Easter? Or don't you think you can get a pass.

Last night, I and Ida went to that chicken supper. It was pretty

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To-morrow it will be just a month that you left - 15th of March. It sometimes seems like a year and sometimes like a day. It's a good thing I'm working, the time goes by so quickly. It seems as though I hardly turn around and it's Friday (pay day) again. I hope your time goes by that they are playing that song I close my eyes and I can see your face. and that's just what I can do. Sometimes I can just close my eyes and I can just imagine you are right next to me. Smiling at me.

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Well, Darling, I must be getting ready for bed. I have to press my skirt & blouse and put my hair up. That will take about an hour. And I want to get to bed early to-night. I haven't been to bed before 11 for almost a week.

So, I shall say so long, my Darling, and I'll dream of my sweet soldier husband.

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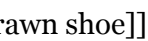
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