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My Darling Floyd,

I sent an anniversary card to Janice and Trimble today. Their date is July 31 and they will have been married two years. That will make four years and six months to the day for us. Just think, Dearest, we're going into our fifth year. They've been perfect years.

Today Gage and I went to Napa for our once a week shopping. It took us five hours to do all our errands and I'm exhausted.

Diapers are almost impossible to find and especially a brand called Curity which all the young mothers have recommended me to buy. It seems a shipment just came in today and, although there is a limit of one dozen, I found three dozen. At \$2.50 per dozen I am flat

busted until about August 7th when the allotment check comes. From then on I should be able to manage. How are you getting along on your allowance? This financial situation reminds me of college days. We've never had to worry since then.

I bought a big up-to-date ^{war} map of the Pacific area today so that I can keep track of where you are. Of course I'll have only a general idea. I'm keeping a scrap book of daily news clippings about the war in the Pacific and I managed to find both Time and Newsweek magazines today. In Time there is an article about the Iconderoaga's history up to January 21st when she was put out of the fight temporarily and sent to Bremerton for repairs. It said only that the "I" was back in action. That's the trouble - the

3. news is ancient history by the time it comes out in the paper. But I'll have a good scrapbook for references and it keeps me busy.

The peaches are beginning to be beautiful and quite delicious - just like we dreamed of them. I can't seem to eat my fill.

I miss you so very much, Sweetheart. All the little things that happen during the day I want to share with you. I'm looking forward so much ^{to} when we'll be together again to start our home. How wonderful it will be to have you near me always.

Take care of yourself, Darling, for Little Swag and me.

Your loving wife,
Melva