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My Darling Floyd,

I'm so very anxious to hear from you and to know where you are. Today and tomorrow have been declared legal holidays so there isn't any mail delivered.

I heard over the radio today about the point system for release of Navy personnel. Naval male officers must have 49 points. This is figured at $\frac{1}{2}$ point for each year of age, $\frac{1}{2}$ point for each month of active service, and 10 points for dependents regardless of how many. That adds up to $43\frac{1}{2}$ points for you.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \frac{1}{2} \times 27 \text{ years old} & = & 13\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \text{ months} & = & 20 \\ \text{dependent (me)} & = & \underline{10} \\ & & 43\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

Enlisted men require only 44 points, enlisted waves - 27, and officer waves, 35. (I'm not sure of the points for the waves but we're not concerned with that anyway.)

Gasoline rationing is off starting today and all canned goods are off. The war won't be over for us until you come home for good and I wish I knew when that would be. Oh how wonderful to be with you again! I love you so much.

Tomorrow I'm going to can some pears. Mrs. Shew is furnishing the pears and the sugar and I'll get to keep half. I surely like that arrangement - very reasonable.

I've really enjoyed living in the house alone. It's very peaceful

somehow. I've been building a fire in the fireplace every night and I love that. I wish you could share it with me, Darling.

I still haven't heard from Ronnie. I'm frankly beginning to worry. I wonder why he doesn't write. According to my figures he has $33\frac{1}{2}$ ~~43 1/2~~ points ~~also~~.

Goodnight, my sweetheart.
Take care of yourself, please.

Your loving wife,

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