

February 1.

Dearest June:

Well, my sweet, this month has certainly started out right. I received two letters from you: #16 & #17. They are out of order as I have already received one #20 sometime ago. But it isn't quite as bad as it has been for instance I received one from Lurline yesterday written Nov 2.

Anyway these last two I received make my list from 1 - 20 complete with the exception of #19. #18 came in yesterday along with the little card about the little kitty missing someone.

I was glad to receive the clipping about the Rice boys and I hated to hear that Joe Price was killed. I remember watching him play. Ben will be sorry to hear that too.

I'm glad that I cleared up the mystery of censorship of your letters and while I'm on the subject I will clear up another. C. I. O. is as you guessed European Theatre of Operation. It includes the United Kingdom (U.K.) and also Africa & Italy.

About missing you: I only wish that I could tell you how much I really do miss you.

I have just come from the Post theatre with Mick. He is homesick for his Eleanor. By the way I believe you asked about her. I've never seen her in person. I missed her when I was in New York, but he has a very good picture of her and so I will describe her to you. She has brown hair a little lighter than yours and I believe dark blue eyes. She is about five ft 9 inches I believe. Fact is she is a pretty little gal.

I've heard "Star Eyes" and I also saw the picture it was from Helen O'Connell (sp?) (Jimmy Dorsey) sang it in the film "By Hook or By Crook" with Red Skelton. In the states I believe the name of the film was "I Dood It." I haven't heard "I Speak Low" though.

We get to hear Benny and Fred Allen and Charlie McCarthy but it usually is sometime after the same program is broadcast to the states. You see B.B.C. (British Broadcasting Co.) does not advertise anything over the air. There is not a single commercial at any time so you see how impossible it would be to broadcast direct from the states. You would be surprised too to hear how much shorter the programs are with the commercials taken out.

I was so glad to hear in number 18 that you are going on with your music. When I get back be

ready to play for me because I'll want to hear all of the songs.

About the flowers I sent to Mom: I asked you in a previous letter to find out if they arrived and now I see that they did. They were supposed to be roses but I guess roses are pretty rare just now so I guess the others were O.K. Mom has already written thanking me. I wasn't sure she would get them that's why I asked you to find out for me.

That just about takes care of your recent letters. You see I'm trying to do better about answering questions.

Shirley called me yesterday. He is busy getting settled at his base. We hope to see each other in London soon. It might be hard for Land to get off but I think he'll be able to get in. If not I'll go over to his base.

I've written a long letter to Alvin; mailed it yesterday. It has been some time since I last wrote to him. I always try to write a long one to him to make up for the long time in between.

Yes, ~~that~~ (not censor) "Pistol Packing Mama" has caught on over here as I told you before. You hear it quite a bit. Still the most popular are I believe

"Kiss me", "My Heart Tells Me", "Victory Polka"
and "There's a Ship Sailing Home". I like them all.

I guess I've run on long enough, Sweetheart
I hope I didn't bore you. I'm bored so much myself
sometimes I feel like my letters couldn't be anything
else.

I'm sorry I neglected to tell you about the
first Lt. I was glad to get it.

Bye now. be good and don't work too
hard

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