

198 Jackson St.
Youngstown, Ohio
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Dear Sweetheart,

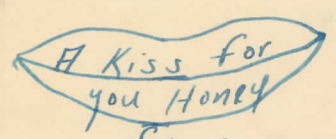
This is your girlfriend Mary. How are you honey. I'm feeling fine excepting I miss you so much and how I wish you were here. It is now 6:15 P.M. I have nothing to do except think about you. In this old house all day long studying my work for school.

The weather is swell although it rained last night like cats + dogs. I hope its not too warm there. I just was over Lombards and I called your sister-in-law and she was telling me aboutt you getting an engineering job, good for you, why don't you write and tell me about those things so I won't worry so much about you. Nevertheless don't work too hard. I bet you made quite a few friends there. Too bad about Jerry he's going to join the air corps. I wish him lots of luck. He's not in Missouri anymore so I can't even drop him a card.

Honey I recieved your compact Saturday and thanks ever so much. I think its so lovely. Your such a darling that I miss you more + more every day and I get to love you more + more too. If you get a chance don't forget to send your pictures, because I think I'll die if I don't see you as you

Pete

smile to me



From your darling
Mary

are.

The family is fine + say hello to you
Mary Jane says hello Pete and asks about
you all the time. Well I can't think
of any more to say. Its now 1:50 PM. Best
of luck in whole world and God Bless you.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, Your loving sweetheart
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX kisses for you. Mary
only and love more for you
Hello Pete,

How are you? I'm just as usual +
hope same of you. I bet your surprise
to hear from me. I was over Mary
Kornice + she was writing to you +
she ask me if I wanted to write to
you + I told her I would.

Joe Bishop + my brother said hello +
they wish you the best of luck.

We all miss you. Boy! but does Mary
miss you an awful lot.

Pete, do you know what Mary Jane
the baby always saying your name
Pete. Hello Pete that's all I have
to say. I wish you the best of luck.

Excuse me for writing on the same
papers, but I'm saving for defense.

your truly friends
Cecilia De Cato

P.S. Find me a good looking
army fellow there as I
I would write to him
as young writes to them.
And without him as some
like you.

brother was up the house Tuesday but I wasn't home because I had to practise for the play that we had on Wednesday at school.

My father knows all about you but he didn't say anything except that your not his friend and your older than I am, but I told him I didn't care as long as I love you that's all that matters.

Sunday your zio Filomena gave me a talking too for me to stay home and that your a very nice fellow

"God Bless You"

Your loving sweetheart
"Mary"

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kisses to you and I have many more
waiting for you

So-long darling just for now.