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Dear sweetheart:

Today I received your letter so very glad to hear from my Pete. How's Pete today? I'm just fine and so is everyone here. So glad that you got those pictures I took them in our back yard with my camera.

Yesterday I wrote to True Story. I hope they'll send them to me. What ever made you subscribe for them I never knew you read such books. (shame on you) but I guess you'd would of liked to have read them in your spare time.

You say you don't want to be cook any more. Well I hope you like your welding. Sweet if you get into welding will they still send you across. There so many leaving to go across and you hardly see any young boys around any more. All quite about 17 & 18 are left. Soon that they'll be going too.

What I meant, when I said I was going to the farm to go help zio Rose for a week not to kiss John or any body else. You know handsome your the only one I ever kissed and ever will kiss. (I hope) I never even kiss anybody at home except Mary Jane. So I don't get funny ideas.

So glad that I have a strong boyfriend & he likes to work. Don't I worry, do about me getting lazy because I worked since I can remember. When my mother died, I cooked for us and helped to do everything, I used to sew my fathers and kids stuff, but now I don't do as much

because mother does all that stuff but I still
do plenty. I'll never get married and have my
home, nobody will be able to come in unless
they take off their shoes first. That includes
you too. Will anybody that knows me know
I like to work, but they also know I ~~love~~ talk
too much and answer back, ^{if they get me mad enough} well, what can I
do if I was born that way.

Sweetie when are they going to give you a
furlough I know some boys that left with
you already got their two days. I hope I'll
be seeing you soon cause I want to give a big
kiss to my sweetie pie.

By the way whats this your going to move, ^{you} again
well if you do I hope to God they send you back
short Penn or Indiana someplace.

Oh I almost forgot to say its 6 months
I've been going with you (since Feb 6 - Aug 6) and
it seems just like yesterday. I can remember
that valentine you sent I almost fell over that
day when I seen ^{it} if was from your cause I never
was expecting it.

Well today is a swell day out and here
I go again nothing ^{more} to tell you except
Everyone says hello and everyone wishes
you good luck me too sweetheart later if it
Because I want to see you making home
when this war is over. ^{Love}
Your sweetheart's ^{your} Mary Marcella Antofanti
By the way dad asked where ^{you} they had sent you. he must
be getting to like you. he looks at all the pictures you send