

~~January~~

February 2, 1943

Dear Barnes:

This will be just a short little note to let you know that Bill was killed in action on Jan. 7th in Northwest Africa. It was such a shock & we still can't seem to really believe it. Bob & the rest of us are fine, but rather upset. The Dr. said the baby was fine & he expects that it will be just a little bit early now.

You'll have to excuse the typing as I've got an awful stye on my eye & I can ~~type~~ hardly see.

How about dropping a short line to let us all know how you are???? ARE YOU MARRIED AS YET???? I'M NOT. THINKING SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE WAACS AFTER THE BABY IS BORN. SURE DO HOPE THAT IT WILL BE A BOY. IF NOT BOB IS GOING TO NAME HER BILLIE JEAN AFTER BILL TOO.

Bob is taking it fine. Only she is greiving to herself & trys not to cry at all. Bless her little heart. Since this has happened we've become so close. That baby sure will be ~~a~~ spoiled one.

This is all for now. How about dropping us a line & let us know how you are, etc.

LOVE

Virginia
Virginia

Bob would like to hear from you even if you don't write. Bob wanted me to write to you & tell you.

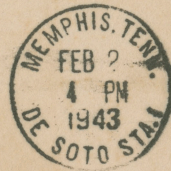
February 2, 1963

Dear Barbara:
This will be just a short little note to let you know that
Bill was killed in action on Jan. 17 in Northwest Africa. It was
more a shock to me than I can really believe in. Bob & the
rest of us are fine, but rather upset. The Dr. said the baby was fine
& he expects that it will be just a little bit early now.
You'll have to excuse me typing as I've got an awful eye
on my eye & I can't hardly see.
How about dropping a short line to let us all know how you are?
ARE YOU HAVING AS YET? I'M NOT. THINKING SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT
JOINING THE ARMY AFTER THE BABY IS BORN. SURE DO HOPE THAT IT WILL BE A
BOY. IF NOT BOY IS GOING TO NAME HER BILLIE JEAN AFTER BILL TOO.
Bob is taking it fine. Only one is getting so nervous.
The hospital we're staying at is close. That baby sure will be a spoiled one.
This is all for now. How about dropping us a line & let us
know how you are, etc.

Love
Barbara
Theresa

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