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My Beloved Judy,

Nothing makes me gayer than to receive your letters written on Saturday regardless of the day I receive it. Your latest Saturday letter was written ten days ago.

Your statement of not having to spend many more Saturdays separated is enlightening especially with the continued good news of the progress the allies are chalking up. I look at the situation as just as I probably would a football game and strikingly you can probably notice a close resemblance.

During the first quarter of the game the opposing team, had the ball firmly and completely overpowered our team. Coming into the second half we began to hold our line. During the intermission at the half period the coach was able to point out our weakness and instruct us on the other teams behavior. We then came out on the field

with a strong line and a quick thinking backfield determined to tie the score and take the lead for the ball and victory. The third quarter started the ball rolling and we were on our way, now we are in the final phase or last quarter and as the minutes keep ticking away we <sup>hold</sup> possession of the ball. Deep into enemy territory with our trick plays, fresh players and the heavy team we have at our disposal. Minutes and seconds are running shorter as the hand on the clock is in perpetual movement. What's needed is the touch down play and we aren't asleep to the fact, in insure our final victory.

Talking <sup>that</sup> how I see the picture Don't you think that there is a similarity to the two?

Haven't heard the new song Goodnight Sweetheart wherever you are but I'm going to keep my ears open for it and when I do hear it I'll inform you of my opinion of the song.

read that I now have some relaxation by being able to go swimming and see movie pictures in the evening. Naturally it ain't going to last for the duration because we still have a job to be completed and the sooner it's done, it means that much sooner I'll be able to spend my life as I desire, which includes you as part of it.

I didn't go swimming today because

I've been going there three or four times in consecutive order therefore I figured today I would relax and continue to read your book *Valley for Decision*. Almost finished but not quite through as I like to read it slowly to absorb all the interesting happenings and attempt to locate other useful words in trying to increase my vocabulary.

I'm now for chow darling, therefore I'll say so long for now, with my deepest love to the loveliest and most wonderful lady in the whole world.

Yours forever  
Ben

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