

Aug. 30, 1944
at The Carter
(+ I didn't love it)

Merrill dear,

Your letter that daddy forwarded
to me today is very interesting & I do
appreciate your writing so often & such
nice long newsy letters too.

Joe Klein & a friend of his are
in the room now & are playing gin rummy.
You want to hear something - I was in
the lobby at the mail desk Sat. & I turned
around to go out & Paula & Helen walk up
to me - I almost collapsed. - It this way
Henry & Dore are here & have their shipping
orders - so the girls came up to be with them
as long as possible - The boys came in almost
every noon & stay til the next morning. But
we've had dinner with them several times & it's
been fun seeing them in N.Y.

M. B. is in England now
& Seymour is also "Somewhere in France" - he's
with Bloodgood!

Sounds like terrific scenery,
I'm glad I'm not seeing it as it is now.
The news the last several days has been

testific, I only hope it continues & you
stay safe & sound throughout.

Tell me, Merrill, I bet you're
learning lots they don't print in books -
it's a liberal education without going to
college - but watch those French women! -
Have you ever seen any? Also hang on
to the money - you may not be able
to use it there but it will come in quite
handy in the states.

Mam says to tell you hello
& to be careful. Am mailing you a
Xmas box of food from here at Mam's
suggestion - don't think we need a request
for Xmas packages do we? if so
write immediately with a request so you
can get it - & I remember correctly
you kinda enjoy mackerel & you said
you couldn't get candy & stuff.

Have you lost that weight you
gained, I hope not, cause you looked
better the last time I saw you than you
ever have in your life - gawiee welcome