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Dear Sister,

I have been giving it some thought, and I wish to give you my opinion but after all I will let the final decision with you and will not say anything to Mother until you wish me too.

This war will in all probability last a year or two yet, and in that time both of you may meet some one else and then be sorry and wish you had your freedom. And when the war is over, Jerry may have to go to some foreign land perhaps for five or ten years, which would leave you practically the same as a widow financially. You would have a hard

of them have to live and
the things some of them
have to go through, is un-
bearable even to the strongest
and that is the result of
a lot of soldiers, from the
former war, who are now
at Catsville asylum of
whom I knew a few.
So my advice is better
wait than be sorry.

But you must decide
for yourself, no matter
what happens you are
still my loving daughter
and I will do all I can
to make you happy, and
for your general welfare.
After all remaining free
till this is all settled
will be no catastrophe.
I think you are educated
enough to see into

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time of it, and in loneliness perhaps worse, and when he would come back he may be changed so much that it would be impossible to live with him. A short absence makes the heart grow fonder, but a prolonged absence changes both parties involved to such a degree that living together afterward would be intolerable.

He may come back a physical wreck and be a burden on you the rest of your life.

If love does not last while single, the length of time till you can be permanently together, it will never last if married.

It seems his parents died while quite young, and that is not a very good back ground for a long and strenuous life, that he will have to live while on foreign soil, The life some

the advice I am giving
you, It is no trouble to
get married, but better be
dead than to get married
to a man you cannot
live with even if you
want to.

You only have one life
so cherish it and make
the best success of it
you know how we
just get out of it
what we put into it

Lovingly

Daddy.