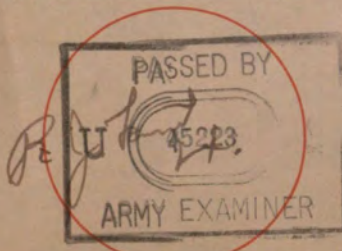


Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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MRS FLORENCE STOFF
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1 JANUARY 1945.

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SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.

FLORENCE, DEAREST:

A NEW DAY, A NEW YEAR, AND NEW HOPE THAT THIS THE YEAR. MANY THINGS HAPPENED LAST YEAR BUT THAT IS NOW SO MUCH ANCIENT HISTORY, LET US ATTACK THE PROBLEMS THAT THIS NEW YEAR WILL BRING FORTH. OF THIS, THOUGH, BOTH OF US ARE CERTAIN, AND THAT IS THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE DAY OR YEAR WE LOVE EACH OTHER, AND ALL ELSE IS SUBSERVIENT TO THAT EMOTION. BE PATIENT, MY SWEETHEART, ALL WILL BE WELL, AND SOON I HOPE.

THIS THE FIRST LETTER OF THE YEAR AND YOU WILL NOTICE I HAVE NUMBERED IT AT THE TOP OF THE BODY OF THE LETTER. PLEASE BE CERTAIN TO ACKNOWLEDGE EACH LETTER AND ALSO FOLLOW THE NUMERICAL SEQUENCE SO THAT YOU MAY BE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING ALL THE MAIL I SEND YOU. I AM KEEPING RECORD OF ALL THIS CORRESPONDENCE. NO MAIL YESTERDAY BUT I RECEIVED YOUR DEC 11TH V MAIL LETTER THIS MORNING. IT IS EXPECTED THAT WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER MAIL CALL LATER IN THE DAY. FOLLOWING YOUR SUGGESTION I READ THE INSCRIPTION ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF JIMMY'S PICTURE AND THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF ELEVEN. SPEAKING OF THIS PICTURE FORCES ME TO REMARK HOW WELL YOU LOOK. REMINDS ME OF THE TIME YOU WERE GESTATING WITH JIM, BUT OF COURSE THIS TIME SUCH IS NOT THE CASE? IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THAT THE THREE OF US HAVE TELEPATHIC CONVERSATION EACH DAY.

IT IS DISTRESSING TO LEARN THAT BIRDIE IS NOT DOING WELL, AND KNOWING HER AILMENT I SUPPOSE YOU FEEL AS BADLY ABOUT HER AS YOU DO ABOUT JOEL. IT IS TOO BAD ALL THESE THINGS SHOULD HAPPEN AT THIS TIME, BUT I SUPPOSE WE WOULD NEVER CONDONE ILLNESS AT ANY TIME SHOULD WE HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE PROBLEM. PLEASE TELL CHARLIE HOW SORRY I AM ABOUT HER. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MRS REESE THE OTHER DAY WHICH I ANSWERED PROMPTLY. NO WORD FROM BILLY SINCE I ARRIVED OVER HERE BUT I SUPPOSE HE FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO FIND ANYTHING TO SAY.

SEEMS HARDLY POSSIBLE THAT JIM IS OUTGROWING HIS CLOTHES BUT TEMPUS SURE DOES FUGIT. I WEIGH 166 AT PRESENT SO I GUESS I AM JUST A LITTLE UNDER THE WEIGHT I WAS AT THE TIME OF MY INDUCTION. HOWEVER YOU NEGLECTED TO STATE HOW YOUR WEIGHT PROBLEM WAS, SO PLEASE ADVISE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER. AS PER YOUR SUGGESTION I WILL CONTINUE TO WRITE SEVERAL V MAIL FORMS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENTED BY LETTERS WRITTEN OR TYPED. SUGGEST YOU TRY FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURE.

STAY WELL, DARLING, KISS JIMMY AND THE FOLKS FOR ME AND GIVE MY VERY BEST TO EVERYONE. DONT NEED ANYTHING AT THE MOMENT BUT WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED ON THIS SCORE.

AS EVER,

V...-MAIL

George
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