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Therese, dearest:

So - days improvement in the mail delivery was most pleasing since it brought me four recently dated letters. The one from you was dated June 11th, and the spirit of the letter was so catching that I can truthfully say it had the stimulating effect of six "Steingers" also received one from the folks dated June 11th, one from Bob same date, and one from Sophie written June 18th. It never fails the letters you least desire invariably are the most recent. However all the current news from the various home fronts sounds encouraging, and since I hear no complaints but a desire to be free and with you, I guess all's well for the nonce.

You sound most pleased receiving so many letters in one day and several of them made excellent time. I have all of your letters up to the 14th of June excepting the 8th and 9th. I'm glad you liked the photo, as I felt the photographer had done a pretty good job. The many snapshots should give you some interesting sidelights of places over here, and when I return I know I'll keep you interested relating stories about the various places and people. The enclosed says in an enlargement of one I sent you recently. Please cement the date on the reverse of this card to compare with the smaller snap.

Pep's letter was full of stories about Jim, the gifts you gave him, and optimism about discharges. I sure am glad you did his birthday and Father's Day up as well as you did, and thank you so much.

No doubt the cables I sent for Father's Day and their anniversaries any will also help keep their spirits high. I do hope they get a chance to visit you often during the summer. In any event keep in constant touch with them, and let me know what goes on.

Your reference to perfume finds me hazy on the subject. About a month ago I forwarded you a 2 oz. bottle of Churchilla Royal via 1st class mail, which you have not yet acknowledged. Since then however I've been trying to obtain another bottle for you. Up to the present waiting no luck. However Ray Weinberg is in Paris on pure and intends visiting Bonasolo and Melina en route. He is going to try to purchase another bottle of perfume, and also deliver a package to Frank. If the above facts coincide with what I've written you I guess we are in accord on the subject of perfume. I realize you have quite a stark but, darling, I want you to be the sweetest smelling woman and sweetest in the whole world and Brooklyn.

Another remark I do not quite follow is the one you made about Betty. I cannot understand why she should feel strange towards Bernie. Incidentally you are discussing Betty (nee Cohen) I hope. Does he know about the baby? or is that to be a bit of unpleasantness he'll have to go thru when he comes nursing home. Fritzie's husbands as well as many others are having the same difficulties these days - no discharge.

Bob and Fran are still sweating out each day, awaiting his inevitable orders. There's no telling what they will do with him since the Air Corps is not using many B-24 over Japan yet. They seem to be taking the future in good stride at present but no doubt the actual event will be an awful shock to them. Three years in the army and still in the States. Gosh, they ought to believe in God - after a deal like that.



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Our present living in Hippstadt is very much akin to a summer vacation. Oh, sure, I put in 8 hours daily at headquarters, but there's no such a time limit. Chow is served on time and plenty of it. Room is cleaned by displaced personnel, and our laundry washed and ironed by buscon German Starhildes, — and all for free. The town is quaint, small, and no place to go. GI movies are shown infrequently, but we have an outdoor beer garden behind the hotel, and the nightly "Kennechtlichkeit" is available for those who seek it. I drink a couple of beers nightly, but the stuff only bleats me, so I'm careful. There is also plenty of German beer and some schnapps, but the stuff is putrid. Trees, fields, gardens and orchards are in full bloom, and I can hardly wait to get at some pears and apples which are in abundance. Some of the youths also wear those quaint Bavarian suits, so to some jibs, so you see what I wear. I suppose I could have given you a closer insight to other days in the ETO when conditions were not exactly choice, but one must expect such things in the Army during a War. However I think we can be reasonably certain that life in the ETO from here in will continue on a higher scale than in France and Belgium.

These nightly heart to heart talks with you are like sunshine and rain to a growing tree. I continue to find a strong current of hope in your

letters, and I feel mighty proud to be able to
call you my sweetheart. Being in love, adoring
you and our boy, and patiently awaiting the day
we resume life in the American Way keeps me
in good spirits. Sure I'm homesick, but I know
it's only a matter of time, and then you and Jim
photostat you, Jim and me for the characters in
the enclosed picture, and you have a portrayal
of my fondest dream. It will come to pass,
darling, and this year too. Your letters to the
right people will help, and hasten the day. Don't
relax, keep up the good work, and continue to
punch those politicians around. One of the boys
received a news item in which Drew Pearson
predicted a lowering of the age limit to 37 in the
very near future. Where there's fire there's
smoke, and keep pouring the oil on the fire.

Stay well, sweetheart, kiss Jim for
me, and send some shots of the house,
backyard and hammock. Let me hear some
overdates and smart sayings that son of yours
picks off these days. My very best to everyone,
and keep smiling, with the knowledge
that I love you always

As ever

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