



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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King. Austria  
Monday, 6 Aug 45.

Florence, Darling:

I knew it was inevitable that mail would soon be coming there again, and to-day the sun really shone. We received our first batch of letters in almost a week. My share consisted of your July 22nd and 23rd air mail letters, one from the folks dated July 24th and another from Frank of the 27th. I need hardly add that life began anew for me as I read of yours and Jim's well-being, and the short accounts of his exploits and smart escapades.

It is good to see again learn that all goes well despite the inclemency of the weather. I realize there are more trying days than the war period was, as everyone is so inefficient. Your being away for the summer was a good idea, and I'm sure both you and Jim really benefitted by it. From all accounts Jim is jumping up, even to the extent of no more battles (?), and his intensity to leave is only natural. I'm sure you'll teach him well, and I'm looking to getting home some day soon to help you. Don't spoil him, and don't let anyone else do it either.

Letter from the folks was not as long as their usual letters, but I suppose their minds are not up to it yet. In addition I am of the opinion that a visit from Jack Weber did them

No great all japs remarked about being is that  
he "looked like hell". Now Jack always appeared  
thin and gaunt, but several years in the  
islands probably aged him. He's close to 44.  
In any event I'm sure they are mentally pre-  
dicting that Bob and I will look the same.  
As you can readily note on the enclosed snap  
I look far from being thin, gaunt, aged or  
even "looking like hell". I know having and  
dreaming about you has kept me young, healthy,  
and in good spirits.

From the tenor of your letter I gather  
you too are having difficulty with the mail  
situation. At the present writing it looks as  
though my letters from July 2nd to about the 10th  
which were mailed at Riffstadt have been delayed.  
It seems to me that the ALO servicing us around  
that time was proposing to move to southern  
Germany. I do hope that mail has reached you  
by now, and that the \$20.00 money order also  
was received. Since July 2nd I sent you the  
above money order, a War Dept money transfer  
of \$40.00, and after pay the other day I sent you  
a \$35.00 money order on August 4th. Please  
acknowledge receipt of each, and forward postage  
and stamp requests without delay.

The enclosed article on the G.S. having  
is very interesting, and I think you will agree  
with me that your letters have not been in  
vain. Something will be done, sweetheart, in  
the next few months, but you must continue  
to ply these Senators and newspapers with  
your letters. Even if you find it necessary



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To ship a letter to me occasionally, please endeavor to continue writing these average letters. Under separate cover I sent you film negative envelope #4. I guess I'll have about 2 or 3 more such envelopes to forward you.

The weather turned sunny again to-day, and it really was beautiful and warm. In the afternoon I was permitted to go to the baseball game, but no parents. Many of the players are former major and minor league ball-players and the brand of baseball is pretty good. I saw the 65th Inf. Div. play the 11th Airborne Div. Also at the game was John Keenan and Franklin P. Adams of the "Information Please" program. Included in the negative envelope is the 65th Div. newspaper describing the above program, which was scheduled to broadcast to-night from somewhere in Ling.

Returned to the office at 4:15 P.M., worked until 5, and then prepared to go to the theater. Stopped in the canteen office to chat the breeze with Capt. Asay, who is also getting home sick. He's also a bit concerned of what he's going to do when he gets out of the army. He's been in almost 5 years, and almost 31

years old. It's pretty hard to go look for  
a job when one has had no experience at  
any thing. I guess he'll solve his own  
post-war problems himself.

Although the movie had a John  
Garfield picture to-night I shipped it to  
write you. Having been stuck with all the  
recent pictures, I determined I'd wait until  
some of the other boys passed judgment on  
the film. It's possible, and if all goes well  
I'll see it to-morrow night. I'm on duty  
Wednesday night, but that's just a small  
opportunity to write letters.

All goes fine and dandy with me. I  
feel swell, love you for you and Jim,  
and still optimistic about this being our  
year. Stay well. Kiss Jim for his dating  
Daddy, and I'll kiss you in mind with  
all my love and admiration. My best to  
your mother and sister, as well as my folks.

Until to-morrow, I continue to  
love you more than ever,

as ever,

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