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Florance, Sweetheart:

During the course of a conversation with an officer to-day, I was reminded of that beer place on 86th St, and immediately it brought to my mind one of the happiest incidents in my life. You, no doubt, remember the place I slipped the engagement ring on your finger to commemorate our betrothal. Needless to add I have been happy ever since, and look forward to the time when we will once again be able to visit this shrine of our love and devotion, to give vent to our feeling of gratefulness for the genesis of a happy married life. Looking back time has treated us kindly comparatively, and I feel certain the future holds more and greater happiness for us and ours. Be of good cheer, don't worry, and preserve the health of not only yourself, but also of Jim.

Received your Saturday letter and glad to learn that all is well at home. Naturally I realize you endeavor to eliminate any worries from my mind during my absence, but please, keep me advised faithfully, not so much because I want to worry,

for the sake of worrying itself, but because I am always concerned about you, Jim and the folks; and also I knew that carrying the whole domestic burden by yourself is also too much for you. So, if you have any problems, troubles or illnesses at home, please Confide in me; there is so little else for me to concern myself with at present. Draining Gaedberg arrived in camp with his wife, but I fear he will be very disappointed as he will not be able to get passes like we had been accustomed to in the past. New rules and regulations for our outfit, and there is practically nothing that can be done about it. I was keenly disappointed that he did not get around to seeing you, but I suppose his problems were more important than my desires. In any event it was good to learn that he had talked with you and that all was well when he left D.Y.

I forgot to weigh myself last night so I did it to-night; however no scale stub to verify my statement. When I left home I weighed 172 lbs. stripped, now I weigh 166 dressed in my uniform. The few pounds are off my little tummy, and I am glad to have lost it there. I suppose though that most of this weight was lost last week on the range; so have no fear about this.

Now I want you to do me a favor. In the clothes closet you will find a pair of my arches in the moccasins I

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believe. Please have them recovered, and hold until I advise you when and where to forward them. I believe my own arches will prove more comfortable than any the army will build into my shoes; so please advise that this will be done. Also, did you attend to Mager's wedding gift yet?

My brother, Sam, certainly has no comprehension of what he is doing, but I suppose there is little that one can do, so let him live his life as he wants to. I hope the army misses him, as his burn back certainly would be a terrific handicap. Certainly hope Ben is rejected for any reason, and can fully appreciate his and Betty's plight at present. At least we are over some of the rough spots. It seems so long since I left home that I cannot comprehend Jimmy's wetting his diapers yet, but I guess I have forgotten he still is a baby, and I only hope I see him real soon; but then I feel sure of this. Hope by this time, all those letters I wrote you while on the range have arrived, and that you are up to date with all the latest news about me and my exploits. Please advise as soon as your

and Jimmy's presents arrive.

Received a letter from Mr. Wm. Marks of 40 Hall St. to-day, and although he has not forgotten about me in his desires to be of service, I guess there is little he can do for me. He also enclosed a N.S. Treasury bond coupon for \$5.⁰⁰ as an Easter present. Was that not thoughtful? If ok with you I will hold this in reserve should I run low in funds. I am writing him and Danny to-night. Please do not forget to mail my annual Report (John Hancock) as I am endeavoring to arrange a big Masonic meeting soon, and need this as a selling point. See what I mean! Am writing Dan to obtain some information for me along these lines, so please ask him not to delay the reply, or get someone to do it for him.

Hope you, Jim and the folks are well, and continue thusly. Every thing is ok with me, and I continue to love and adore you faithfully. Hope you have a very happy Birthday, under the circumstances, and I'll phone you Sunday if at all possible. Kiss Jim for daddy, and I'll kiss you in mind.

As ever,

Rg.

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