

Monday evening,
April 3, 1944.

Dearest Sweetheart,

Need I write you how happy I am about hearing of your more decent set-up and it won't be too long now when you will ^{all} own precious baby and mommy again. I'm actually meeting with joy since this morning when I received those letters from you describing your new camp environment and plans for my trip. It's all so wonderful and I do hope nothing will prevent our plans from materializing. Before the morning's chores were finished, I called the information desk at Grand Central about the trip. This is the information I received. Train # 37 leaves at 3.30 in the afternoon and arrives in Chicago 8.30 the next morning. Then a train on the Milwaukee Road # 5 leaves at 10.35 ^{a.m.} and arrives at Minneapolis at 6.45 - Round Trip ticket cost 74.15 plus 15% tax. A berth (I'm not sure if that's a compartment) cost \$6.95 plus 15% tax. The trip by chair car to Minn. cost about 2.35. No charge for baby. This is just a rough idea but I'll have Mr. Pinco check again when the time comes and I was advised to reserve tickets 2 weeks in advance. Here's hoping, my darling, George that I'll be with you before the month is up.

Baby and I are fine and dandy - in fact, Jim must think I'm a little daffy because I kissed and hugged him for you and me, about 50 times today. Also called Pop early in the morning to tell him all the news. He and Mom soup it's out of the

question that mom-walk the top with us. She will not leave
Puff alone and I even suggested taking her with me to Bess's place
if not for a whole week - just the week-end. I'll know her answer -
by to-morrow. Mom is quite thoughtful of Puff but not of herself -
you know that. She's really been very wonderful to help and me and
before I do leave on Friday I'll get her something nice for Easter.
I tried to get Puff some "Shiraz" from Charlie to-day but
he has none and can't get it. I didn't buy any real liquor before
April it seemed the liquor isn't good and anything with a name
cost too much now. Puff tasted the apple-jack (the great bottle)
and said it was too raw - Charlie said he'll gladly take it
back but I'm not returning anything, have no fears.

Enclosed find some snaps - these are the latest - and in
back of me I'm fasting \$2.00 for you - as requested. I've also
sent out your 3/10. of socks, washers, masonic book etc, under
separate cover insured. Also mailed Bob cigarettes. I had that
\$5.00 - copy you sent and I'll deposit it with in the bank to-morrow. I'll
also send all my checks to the checking account and withdraw some cash
for house money.

Got out early this morning to get shoes for baby - what a job that
is - no shoes no size - so I'm taking him again to-morrow to walk to get
a good pair at Bob's who has his size in white. He has run five and Allen
told me to day that he's in 100. The charge for putting of the car on blocks
is the same as rental in garage but I'll speak again to Allen this week.

Good night, my love, until to-morrow - and a great big kiss from
Jimmy. All the love that's in my heart is yours and I love miss you
and love you every moment.
As always,
Flora



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