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Somewhere in Belgium
23 January 1945.

Florence, dearest:

As time draws close for the celebration of our wedding anniversary I appreciate more and more how kind Divine Fortune has been to us. Eight years together, united as one person, happy with each other and our life as sweethearts. There have been a few rough spots here and there, and only one separation caused by this world catastrophe. It is hardly necessary for me to add that only a World War could separate us. It is a great feeling to know you and I are in love, and that we are both sustained at present in this arduous interlude by our mutual erotic feelings. Insofar as I'm concerned one of the things I'm fighting for is to get back to your loving arms. You sound as though you have managed to carry on bravely up to the present, and I have every confidence that you will be patient until I return.

No mail for me to-day, and very little for the rest of the company. One of these days I should receive a batch of old and more recent letters but at the moment my tongue is hanging out for letters. Have read and re-read your letters of Jan 3rd and 4th, which arrived on Sunday, and I will dwell a bit on the various questions you asked in those letters.

Up to the present writing I have received only \$12.00 from you, but no doubt the balance will arrive in one of those delayed letters. Send me about \$10. more, as I hope to be able to purchase some perfume in Paris very shortly. Have written you

that my arches arrived in good order, so cancel
all traces. Have also acknowledged all packages you
sent. The latest arrived on Sunday last, and had
enclosed the Nov. 27 issue of Time. These packages are
quite a lift to the morale, and if not too much
trouble continue to send them. I'd appreciate your
sending such items as Coffee, Chocolate (drink), tea bags,
Cookies, salted Ritz Crackers, A.P. Chocolate covered candies,
licorice sticks, maple sugar candy, and Charlie's samples.
I have plenty of 116 films, and can get all I want. Do
you need any films? advise size you use. Send some
late snapshots of you, Jim, and the folks, both mine
and your sisters. I'd also appreciate your sending me
a copy of the stock quotations (only Stock Exchange) at
least once a week, preferably Monday's newspaper (Times
or Herald) in air mail letter, not in a package.

You have only acknowledged receipt of one package
and I'm anxious to know if you received packages mailed
on Nov. 29, Dec 29. 2 on Jan 3 and one on Jan 6th.
Be sure to advise condition of packages and your
reactions to the contents. I want to know if the
perfume is the legitimate stuff, and if my selection
meets with your approval. If you have already written
about any of them disregard this query. Also did my
folks receive the bundle I sent them.

Among Xmas gifts I've received so far have
been subscription to Reader's Digest from Eleanor,
a package of goodies from each of the following; John
Hancock Lodge, John Hancock Fellowship Club, 1939 Meeting
Assn, and of course all those sweet boxes you sent.
In previous letters I advised you of all these

gifts. It was a grand gesture on Betty's part to turn that check over to you, and the next time I write him I'll thank him. I wrote him several weeks ago, but he has yet to reply to any of my mail. Please get him on the ball.

I endeavor to write mom and pop at least 2 or 3 times weekly. Please ascertain if they get my mail. Bob mentioned something about mail not coming thru very often. Have you heard anything about my notary public status? It seems to me that the Income Tax Div. should have refunded that money on my 1943 Tax Return. Have you heard anything, and do you think you ~~go~~ can get any information from their office at the Custom House? Please advise about this; the amount due us is approximately \$120.- and I'd rather you had it in the bank or War bonds. I'm anxious to get that financial statement you wrote about; and also whether or not you sold any of our stocks in the recent bull market. We do not have to submit an income tax return this year, but perhaps you can help pop with his.

Your medical report on Jim sounds excellent, but please advise his actual weight and height. I was tickled that he and Dr. Casner are now friends, and that Jim is no longer frightened by him. Do you suppose you could send me as optimistic a report about yourself? I think you should be having a physical check-up one of these days. Are you and Jim having some fun these days, are you getting out occasionally, and are you seeing a movie at

least once weekly? Has is Jack coming along, and do you think it about time you advised what his ailment is? Bidie must be very ill or you'd write a little something about her. I sure feel sorry for her and Charlie, to say nothing of Glenn. Did Maurice ever get home?

Now for chit-chat about me. I suppose you think that when I mention in my daily letters that I'm well, I'm merely writing this to humor you. This is far from the fact, honey, because I am in excellent health, spend anywhere from 8 to 12 hours daily in headquarters, and live only to get back home to you and Jim. The recent war news has been a real tonic to our hopes of an early end to the European phase of this war. With a little more patience I'm sure we'll see the end of Germany's hopes for world domination.

Have written Bob a long letter, and sent it to pop. Please ask him to forward it to Bob when it is received. No word from Pincus in over 10 days, but no doubt due to the delayed mail situation. If all my snapshots develop I believe I'll have some swell pictures to show you of some of the places I've visited in France and Belgium.

Stay well, sweetheart, kiss Jim for me, give my very best to everyone, and always remember I love and adore the sweetest girl in the world

as ever,

George.

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