

Somewhere,
10 January 1945.

Flanerie, sweetheart!

The first snow of the year here brought back those wonderful memories of our honeymoon in the Canadian mountains. Those days of skiing and skating, the four and one half feet of snow, Mt. Savage, the frozen faces and thoughts of our hosts, your red flannel drawers, and so many small details reminiscent of that wonderful time flash upon my mind. The snapshots we took which never developed, our sleigh ride to the top of Mt. Royal, the snow-girt train ride(?), all these cause me to smile as I think of them. It was great fun and the beginning of our happy life together. Now more than ever do I realize what a perfect sweetheart and wife you've been, than all these trying times. I know I'm specially blessed to be your husband and sweetheart, and I have no intention of letting you or me forget that. There will be plenty more of those grand times together, and the present separation is only temporary, very temporary.

There has been very little first class mail in the post these days, but I always manage to score. To-day I received your V-mail letter dated 5 Dec, together with your package containing among other things the 23 Oct. issue of Time. Cannot advise when you sent the bundle as it does not have a post-office date on it. The package was in excellent shape, and am glad you are using corrugated boxes other than those sold expressly for overseas

shipments. The latter are the ones which usually fall apart en route. Among other things in this package was a can of grape-fruit juice. I suggest you do not send any juices as we are at present well supplied with this stuff; and I do not contemplate a shortage of this comfortable to our fruit days in France. The cookies are swell, the other items all right, and thanks so much. About 2 weeks ago I wrote a request for a package which you will please be sure to ship at your convenience. I also would like for you to ask Alan to obtain a wadded overseas cap with Transpotation lithon offered (Regular issue, if possible) size 6⁷/₈. Mine is quite soiled and I'd like another. Also remind him of the 2 ribbons I requested a short time ago.

Max Picasso's camera also arrived to-day and am I a happy person. Now I can take some snaps of me, my buddies, my civilian parents, and the scenery. Have six rolls of film to go with it and I may be able to obtain at home. If I can't, stand by, you may get orders from me. Agfa 116 which I think is Kodak 620, but you'd better make inquiries. Harry can get films if all other sources fail. I wrote Max a v-mail acknowledging the gift, but I wish you'd please add your own "thank you" to what I've already written. How is he reacting to the news that his son was wounded? Has he discussed the sale of any of our stocks with you?

You notice this is the 10th letter I've written since I commenced numbering my letters. Are they coming thru all right, and does v-mail still beat air mail overseas? No further word from Bob and I hope you will continue to keep me posted about him. Have not heard from Joseph Stoffis yet, but I'm hopeful. Received my 1945 bus card from Herbert addressed to Fort Snelling. I wrote him a short thank you note, and also requested a change in his address records. Still no word from Billy.

All is well with me these days, feel fine and lively, been working a little overtime, but that helps to while the time away. Sure wish I could make you just a little happy with a sergeant's rating, but I fear I'll have to sweat that out. It can only come from the goodness of the captain's heart since the job does not call for a higher rating, but the amount of work done. In any event time will tell, and if the war ends in the interim the wait will not have been in vain.

Jimmy must be keeping you on the ball these days. I trust you and he are in excellent health and spirits, as well as the folks, Joel and your family. Please keep me advised as to Joel's welfare and condition. Are you losing any weight these days, or have you managed to keep the few pounds you gained in St. Paul?

Nothing I need at the present writing, but will advise after I receive the other books.

en route. Packaged Cookies, A + P Cookies, (no salmon)
raisins, nuts (in the shell - roasted almonds or walnuts)
The resty have are always welcome. Should you
desire any more perfume or any of the other items
I sent just write and I'll endeavor to fill the
order. Please be sure to advise when all my
packages arrive. You have acknowledged only
the first package mailed to you Nov-7th.

Kiss Jim and the folks for me, I'll
Kiss you in mind with all my love and
adoration

As ever

George

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