

Thursday eve
Aug. 18th 1945.

George, my dearest,

According to the latest news in to-dump papers, men of 38 or over can apply for discharge and may be released within 90 days. It looks as though we have a few more months of waiting and sweating out all those long weeks ahead. If you'll return sooner I wouldn't object in the least and Jim and I will still keep on loving you as much as always. To-morrow will be your 21st month in the army and perhaps Uncle Sam wants you around for an even two years. Has Bob written to you lately about his plans or doesn't he know them yet?

All is fine with Jimmie and me, weather is super duper and I'll try to relax from here on. We spent a quiet day in and out of the house and went to town after breakfast with the car. No gas rationing you know. After finishing with the marketing, I purchased a red silk jersey long sleeved blouse to wear with my tan suit. It was on sale at a very nice shop in town and it looks well on me. Jim was a little bored while I was making my selection and bit softly into my thigh. The racial does anything to get attention but he behaved after I put him in a corner. We both had our dinner of baked fish and vegetables and the kitchen too enjoyed my cooking for the first time. Yesterday I

started them on a new food and to do it I had to open a can of sardines. They liked the iddy biddy fishes and had more to-day. You'll love the addition to our little family. I should charge Bess board for her hitting for they sure do have good appetites. (Off mine gizzard)

No mail again to-day, no delivery, and I'm impatient for the morning and your letters of love. Hope my mail is reaching you in good time and that those stamps get to you before you move again. This is the only letter I'm writing to-night and what a relief Jim went to sleep early this evening and looks fine after being in the sun most of the day. All afternoon we sunned ourselves and broke up the afternoon by going for ice cream sodas. In a little while I'm going to lay me down in our hammock and read a book. There's a cute story from it - An old duke in England wed a woman 27 years his junior. The London Times wrote up the details of the wedding and at the end of the column wrote this. "The Duke gave the bride an antique pendant as a gift."

Well, dearest, that's all the news for now and as always I send you all my love and devotion. I do miss you terribly so do miss your C.O.'s ass and get home quickly. Hugs and kisses from precious and best regards from the family.

Yours forever,
Florence

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George, my beloved,

So ages since we kissed and caressed one another and I'm starting to count the days when we will commence with our happy life together. Oh what joys are in store for you and me and your return to the good old U.S.A. Time will pass quickly and please don't be too homesick, darling.

To-day I feel lots happier due to your latest letters of Aug. ^{21st} 4 and Aug. ^{21st} 5th. Also received free mail containing stamp envelope #5, negative envelope #3, enclosed back ads and Frank's letter of July 5th. You sound very, very homesick and homesick in both letters but I hope by now your spirits has changed and that you're gay again. Most happy to learn that you're getting ~~Vietnamese~~ music with your meals and that the food is good. It's still a shame that the G.I.'s here to get stuck with the most sordid pictures but never mind, you'll see only the best when you're a civilian again. I also enjoyed the latest snapshots of Nuremberg and the railroad scenes showing displaced personnel. You really have some swell and interesting shots for that war album. The stamps are all intact except 2 blocks of 4's that are stuck together. Again the free mail and air mail have arrived together. Also received an air-mail letter from Bob from Ephrata Washington. He's quite relieved and very happy for the folks - now he's

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worried about the army of occupation. If his good
luck continues, he'll probably be a civilian before
his brother George is discharged from the army.

About the New York Times I notice that the expiration
date is Aug. 26th and if you wish me to renew write
both by V. mail and air-mail - we may get here
faster than the other. Meanwhile I'll try to send some
latest newspapers to you. I enjoyed reading Frank's letter
and hope that nephew falls through. It never dawned
upon me that a simple letter of mine would cause so much
disturbance in a Belgium household.

Jimmie and I are very well and hope you
are the same, dearest Buddy. We had a pleasant
day and delightful weather. Drove early, had breakfast
and Jim was put outdoors by 9. 20. One of our neighbors,
across the street has a girl 2 months younger than Jim
and she inquired if Jim could play with her Roberta.
I acquiesced and went about my duties. Roberta and
her parents, the Goldsteins, live in a beautiful home,
really the prettiest one in Monticello and they're
very plain, Jewish people (a little on the monkey side)
He's a lawyer and she's pregnant and he's quite well off.
Well, Jim played there until lunch time and sure
had fun in a sandbox, ⁱⁿ an outdoor sandbox, swinging,
played with a rattle and a baby carriage and didn't
mind having Roberta around. Did I mention to you that
Jim wants only a baby brother? He claims that Jan
is going to have a sister and he's quite determined
that this is going to be a brother. Of course, I had no choice.

Memorandum
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
and have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

We're going to have quite a few. wow on that score,
if I haven't mentioned it already. The moon is turning.

As yet Eleanor has shown up yet and it's almost
10 p.m. If she doesn't come, this will be the only
week-end we're here alone but I really don't mind
and Jim seems to behave better when fewer people
are near him. He looks well these last 2 days
because of a new tan on his face and really gleamed
to-night. We had quite a time swatting flies and
his laughter is still ringing in my ears. During
the afternoon we sun-bathed in our back yard and
chatted with our upstairs neighbors and friends of theirs.
I also went to the library to return some books and
left Jim with them until I returned half an hour later.
All I obtained this time were a few magazines and a
book entitled "How to best Reprimand your Children".

Baby and I still love you with both our hearts
and know we'll be seeing and hugging you
very soon. Stay well, darling, and be careful. As
Mark, too, says, "Don't trust a woman".

As always all my love and devotion to the
Grandest sweetheart this side of heaven. Hugs and
kisses from Jimmie. Best regards from the family.

Sincerely,
Florence

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 and wondering how you are getting on.
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