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Hamm, Germany.
22 May 1945.

Florence, darling:

Just as I have been waiting for
ever so long, *tempus fugit*, and with the
passing of time things seem to right
themselves. First the war came to an
end over here, then they decided to
discharge men 42 and over, to-day all
citizenship rules have been canceled, and
also to-day it was announced that
men 40 and over are to be discharged.
Can't you see the trend is in our favor?
Before long I hope some regulation will
take care of me, and then heavenly days
and nights. Our day, sweetheart, is
coming. It may be months off, but I
just knew this is our year. Oh for
the opportunity and privilege to whisper
words of love and adoration into the
ears of my pretty wife.

This is the first time since Sept.
10th that I can write a letter, say anything
I want, and not have the prying eyes of
the censor need my expressions of
love and thoughts. To you folks at home

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this may seem so natural, but all of us were to-day floating over the privilege of writing a letter, and sealing it with our own lips. Yes, sweetheart, the trend of the tides that will lead me to you and home have set in, I hope, so here a good summer, and if all goes well I'll be seeing you. Just a word of caution, never forget I'm in the army, and not always does the army do as one hopes or expects, so don't become over-optimistic.

No mail from you to-day, but I did receive a long letter from Bob dated May 17th. That's what I call fast mail service. I hope you are receiving my mail as quickly, and sure hope some of the packages I sent you also got there soon. I expect to have some snapshots for you in 4 or 5 days, those taken in Germany, but now that mail is not censored I'll commence sending you shots taken in France and Fort Snelling. Each picture has a legend on the reverse side, but note particularly the shot of the apple orchard. This was our first home in France, and the mud our bed, matters and spring. This is a prize photo, so please preserve it



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as well as the all the others I send from
now on.

I am quite determined to having and
send home as many souvenirs as possible.
Packages en route now have everything from
Circulars to Nazi flags, China and some
Bavarian pottery. I have half dozen
knives, stillites and bayonets, and many
other silly things. I know some of this will
no doubt annoy you, but I do want to
remember our good friends when I return.
You know what I mean.

Strange as it may sound, now that
I may write as I please, I have nothing
more to write about than ordinarily. Oh,
I suppose I could tell you some dirt
about our officers and some of the characters
in the battalion, but they will sound funnier
than they need. You probably have many
questions you want answered so pour
out your heart, and I'll try to answer.

Please note that the envelope I
use is a 2¢ surcharged 6¢ for air-mail,
these have a collector's value, and I'll
thank you to open them carefully with a
knife and save them for me. Did you
purchase that sheet of stamps I requested
a week or so ago?

Hope you and my favorite bundle
of 12 prints are in excellent health and
spirits. Kiss Jim for me, and I'll kiss you
both in mind. My best to everyone,
and all my love and adoration to
the sweetest, the prettiest, the most
devoted, the most understanding, the
most loving wife a fellow ever had.
My blessings on thee little lady, and
our dear son,

as ever,

George.

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