

Tuesday eve —
Feb 26th

George darling,

The weather man was wrong yesterday. It did clear up to-day and the sun shone ever so brightly! Jim and I went outdoors, took a short walk and bought some ice cream for Lawrence, who's coming along fine. We're both very well and hope you're as healthy as those pictures depict. You look very well, seem to be in good spirits and those snaps are really elegant. It's nice to see you and a bit of Paris at the same time. I must say you're having better luck with your camera than I'm having with mine at home. At present it's being repaired, after Jim threw it out of the stroller. He's too fast for me and does all kinds of devilish things!

Did I make mention of the chocolate
cake that he sat on? I bought $\frac{1}{2}$ a
layer at Chinger's and on the way
home he became restless and didn't
really mean to sit on it. Anyway,
the cake tasted just as good with
a groom but it wasn't fit to be looked
at. Just part of a day's routine.

This morning I found two of your
air mail letters dated January 28th
and Feb 20th. This latest letter really
brings you quite close to me - only 7
days since you wrote it and I'll answer
some of the questions you ask. The wooden
shoes haven't arrived as yet and when
they do I'll acknowledge them. I did re-
ceive 2 wooden bowls with garters and
wrote to you about them in yesterday's
letter. Charlie is a steady visitor and

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I guess he does ³feel better when he
talks his heart out. Hene still asks
about her mother and seems to be dissatis-
fied with the different answers. Jim and I
saw her Sunday morning and I helped shorten
her skirt a bit. Charlie is doing his best
with her and the house and in time he'll
probably marry again.

I'm glad the packages are arriving
and you'll find the latest ones have
things that you've requested. More are
being mailed this week and I do the
shopping for the other members of the
family both sides (as well as the selecting
of the items). The QVP is my local bargain
and one of these days I'll probably be
offered a job there for I know the stock
better than their clerks, the folks.

Jim is having his daily nap again,
rises early and the day is better ar-
ranged for both of us. His skin is

fine and when it itches him he asks
"mummy to scratch" It's difficult to relate
all the things he says daily but he's
growing up, have no fear. He loves the out-
door and really feels so free when I
turn him loose after we get out of the
apartment. I'll do all I can to get
away early in the summer or late spring.
If the weather permits, I may take the
car off the blocks and start using it
again, April ~~maybe~~ perhaps.

The folks are well and are quite
optimistic about the war in Europe.
They had a nice time at the affair Sat-
urday night and Harry and Sophie were
also with them. My family is well
and I believe Thelma and Mauriel went
to the country to visit Bess. Eleanor is
fine and Times offered \$75.00 per week as
a buyer out of town. She's holding out

for \$100.00 and ⁶ she wouldn't have too much
left after expenses and taxes are deducted.
By the way, I'm sending back ^(tonight) a blank
Dime to Farm that was mailed to you
last week. Also wrote a letter to the
Whitmans and told them I'd be glad
to visit them when you return home
and we'll make it another honeymoon.
Charlie received your letter and will en-
deavour to answer it soon. His best to you!
Your small letters these days are making
me quite happy and I do hope you've
not moved into Germany soon. Those
mine accidents make me nervous and
those Nazis have them all over the place.

I've sent you \$2.00 since Feb. 14th and
hope you get it all. Will send more in
to-morrow's letter. Please don't pay high
prices for perfume but do enjoy yourself.
Live for today and see what you can in
Europe.

At present I'm reading "Valley of Decision"
and so far it's excellent. To-night I'm
sewing again and expect Betty down
for a short visit. Jim's asleep now,
after his usual full day and my
evenings are well spent. You're in
my thoughts all day long and I send
love you, darling, with all my heart.
Please be careful and come home safe
and sound and soon.

Jim and I still miss you so
much and love you and adore you
more and more. Good night, sweet-
heart, until to-morrow. Love from
the folks, best wishes from all
the family and hugs and kisses from
Jimmy.

Sincerely,
Florence

Wednesday eve-
Feb 27th

Dearest George,

All is well at home and we're
doing fine these days. My spirits are
high and the war news continues to be
good. The last big drive is on and it must
end very soon and in my opinion the
Big Three have the date for the finale
all fixed. We'll both keep those fingers
crossed for an early reunion.

No mail from you today but I did
get a bill for my insurance policy.
I'll take care of that when it's due
and all my bills are paid up to date.

I called Herb Beckin about those stamps
and he'll mail the U.S. stamps direct to
you. He's unable to get the French stamps
as the market is cleared out on almost
every kind of stamp. His family is well

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and both Herb and Mildred send their
best to you. Herb was in Lakewood for a
visit recently and will probably write
you a letter soon. Also spoke to the
folks and they're well. Bob called
them to-day and will not be able to
come in this week-end. At present he's
having that front tooth fixed again and
expects a good job this time. My mom
spent a short time here this afternoon
and is fine, Eleanor is O. K. and will
be here to-morrow afternoon.

Jim and I are fine and spent a
normal day at home. In the morning
we went out at 11 p.m., did some
marketing and then had our dinner.
Jim napped and I read until my
mother came to visit. Later in the
afternoon I went up to watch Lawrence
while Betty did her shopping and

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both Jim and Laurence behaved very nicely while I read to them. Laurence is fine and just loves me Jim. We had an early supper, listened to the news again and Jim was asleep in his crib by 7.45 p.m. Charlie came in to borrow our step ladder and will mail this letter for me later in the evening. It's raining again now and snowed a bit late this afternoon. Winter is still with us and this spring will be most welcome when it does arrive.

You'd like the black and white checker zigzag coat I'm finishing off to-night and I'm getting a black skirt to go with it. These evenings are well spent and to-morrow night is my night off again. The weeks are flying and I have every hope that we'll all be together for good in the near future.

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Enclosed is \$3.00 and I hope you are
receiving the steady flow. Hope there's
news from you to-morrow but there
there's always to-morrow.

I love you so much, Jim and I
miss you all the time and you're
in my thoughts always. Take good
care of yourself and please don't worry
about the home front. All my love
and devotion to you, as always,
and hugs and kisses from precious
Jim. Love from the folks.

Yours always,
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