

Monday aft -
Nov 20th '44.

My darling,

Jimmie and I are fine, keeping
our spirits high - very determined
this time, and the folks are well.
We're expecting Bob in tomorrow or
Wednesday and Jimmie and I will be
so happy to see him. I know how you
feel and am so very sorry you're not
here now to see that third brother.
I'm just hoping and praying that
there'll be an early re-union for you
both and all this bad dream will
soon be forgotten.

In this morning's mail I re-
ceived your November 4th letter
and I enjoyed our date immensely
everything tasted delicious and the
show was so enjoyable with you next to me.

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There'll be plenty of those swell dates
with you again, Darling George, and I'm
looking forward to them quite eagerly.
I also enjoyed the rest of the letter
immensely and when I receive that
parcel from you I'll acknowledge it at
once. You're still my ever loving, kind
and most thoughtful husband. Thanks
again, sweetheart. So happy you're getting
more of my mail and I hope to mail
another package today or tomorrow.

Yesterday I didn't write to you be-
cause of many reasons, some of them
not too good. I'll go back to Saturday
afternoon when we were still in the
country having a good time and rest. Jim
and Jess, my and myself got back from
Monticello and prepared supper for the
children. Then we tucked them in, had
our supper and sat down to knit
and relax for the evening. Then we

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got a phone call³ from New York.
Thelma called to tell us about Joel.
The news is very bad, George, and Joel
has a very short time to live. This
time I have a good hold on myself
and am doing all in my power not
to get upset internally so don't worry.
It started with a cough a few weeks
ago and we were told it was the grippe.
Joel is still home, has no pain, sleeps
very little and is just a least breathing
sight. He hasn't changed but is still
very sweet and Thelma just doesn't
want him hospitalized as yet. She's
in a terrible state and I cannot
help her no matter what I say or
attempt to do. Bess is here only
consolation now and so we all
drove in yesterday with the babies

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and they're all with me now - even
Luke, the dog. I really don't mind
all this now and just keep occupied
with the babies all day while Bess
stays with Thelma on and off and
sleeps there at night. My mother
and Eleanor also alternate and in
a few days we hope Thelma will be
sensible and have him hospitalized. In
the meantime, Maurice has been notified
in Belgium and we hope he gets here
soon - if his C.O. consents to a
emergency furlough. We're all doing
our utmost to bolster Thelma's spirits
but it's quite a tough job this time so
if for no other reason, we all hope
Maurice comes in just to console her.
Sorry I have to write this terrible
news but I know how concerned you are.

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Jim and Jan are playing nicely here
and I get a kick ^{out} of back of them,
especially our precious oil. Jim teases
Jan a bit and thinks he has the
run of the place but I don't let him
take advantage of anyone. We've been
indoors all day because of the rain
and Alf and Bess went to Thelma's for
a short time. They're here now and
I'll see Thelma and Joel again in the
evening. Bess and I went there last
night and I returned home at 9.45 p.m.
When I returned, Alf helped with the
unpacking and straightened up the mess
of the kids - toys - supper dishes and
dresses.

I called the folks early this morn-
ing and Alf and mom are fine. They
know about Joel and feel quite badly.

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mom may be here to morrow if the
weather clears and they're both so
happy about Bob's homecoming soon.
Meyers called this afternoon and was
so elated over that letter you wrote
him. His best wishes to you and he's
writing you this week. I wrote you
a V-mail letter a few minutes ago
and don't know if you'll get it sooner
than this letter. Also got your new
A.R.O.# and your short message of love
and if I want antiques. No I?
I'll send you \$5.00 in every letter be-
ginning with this one and I'll just
leave it to you.

Jimmie is sitting on my lap now
and supper time is almost near so
I'll continue with the news to-morrow.

My dear Mr. Garrison
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.
and in reply 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. W. Alden

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There's so much to tell you and all I can think of is I love you, I love you. Jimmie loves you too, Maddy and never forgets you no matter where he is or where he goes. Hurry home to us, dearest, but always keep in mind that we'll be patient for a day or another year if we have to.

All my love, devotion and affection for the very best sweetheart a girl ever had. Hugs and kisses from Jim and love from Bess.

Yours forever,
Florence

P.S. Did I mention that My, the babies and myself may go back to the country on Saturday - after we see Bob.

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