

Belgium

27 February 1945.

Florence, sweetheart!

You can readily see by the happy look in my eyes that I was thinking of my only pen-up girl at the moment the picture was snapped. Since that is about all I do these days and nights when I am not pre-occupied with things military, taking my picture at any moment would find me the same. It is easy for a happy person, one so deeply in love with the sweetest girl in the world, to be able to take this repetition, and keep smiling, mentally. I know you are doing the same, and soon, I hope, we will be smiling thru all this together.

Received your air mail letter dated Jan. 27th and a V-Mail dated Feb. 9th, also a letter from Mary, Phoenix, Arizona dated Feb. 17th. This latter letter surprised me with the haste with which it arrived via air-mail. Mary has been advised by Uncle Harry that Joe had visited me here. However she's a most peculiar breed of mother, and I have seen many types. She refers to her son not as a son, but as "Cousin Joe." What sort of soul or heart is this creature? Wants me to persuade Joe to write her, as if I cared about that. I suppose I'll answer her in due time as I have in the past, but I am certain she will be slightly disappointed in my lack of literary ability to describe the facts as she wishes them related. "Cousin Joe" - what a brain!!

Your snapshot taken in the snow depicts you in good spirits, and I'm glad for that. However I'm impatiently awaiting more recent shots, and in spring sport clothes. I even hope to be able to smell the odor of some of those perfumes I sent you. Send some of Jim without any snow-suits on so that I may see how tall and healthy he looks. Goodness knows he looked fine and handsome in all those wintery-scene shots you sent me.

No packages to-day but there's always to-morrow, and with the number of parcels you have sent, including Eleanor's and the fables I should be well-stocked when they arrive. I think Jules Riche also wrote about sending me a bundle. Will advise when they arrive. I know you will acknowledge them I sent you, but

27 January 1912

Dear Mr. [illegible]

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please do so in several letters, as it is always possible that one of your letters may go astray. Incidentally, advise if all my letters up to date have arrived in this numerical series. Instead of acknowledging my letters by date please refer to the number at the top of each letter. I keep a chart on your mail just for this purpose.

I sent Sam, Kay and Anita a package containing some Belgian and French souvenirs; also a lighter for Bob. Please let me know, if possible, if they liked all the items I selected for them. Also located a source of some perfume for you and will buy several bottles for you in a day or two. To-morrow is pay-day, which makes it easy, see what I mean. There are about six or seven packages en route to you since Jan 3rd and up to and including 14 Feb; also one to the folks. Please advise when received and condition of the perfume and crackers -

How are all our good friends doing these days. Bill Rohlf has not written yet, and have you heard from the Drabness, or your bosom-pal, Eleanor? Did Maurice arrive, and if he did, has Helma changed any? Is your sister working, or living like the Duchess? How is Bob and Fran these days? Is my man and pup worrying very much about Bob's present flying experiences? There are many more questions I ponder over and over in my mind but no doubt you will have the answers in your letters en-route, long before this letter reaches you.

Hope you and Jim are sunning yourselves after a long winter hibernation due to the extremely rugged winter you've had. Stay well, my dearest, keep smiling, have fun, and try to find a summer place for both of you. How are you and Jim managing with meat these days? Kiss the little night-owl for me, and I'll kiss you in mind, with all my love and devotion,

Always,

George.

It is a very common thing to find a person who is very kind and generous, but who is not very intelligent. I have known many such persons, and I have seen the results of their ignorance. I have seen them waste their money and their time, and I have seen them suffer from the consequences of their folly. I have seen them become the victims of their own weakness, and I have seen them become the objects of pity and contempt.

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