

Sunday eve —
May 13 1945

Dearest sweetheart,

This past week has been a most eventful one from beginning to end. Your wonderful, long, sweet letters each day, the ending of the European war, gifts coming in since Thursday, your perfume which finally arrived from Joe, more snapshots of you and the realization that you may be with us soon! Or do you have to serve the army for four years more before you get that score of 85? Our meeting is certainly a long way off if you have to attain that score before you receive a discharge. In the interim, I'll not worry about things that haven't happened yet.

Jim and I are fine and really had a swell weekend. Since yesterday, we've both been in the go and the house just fly. My mom made a delicious roast duck dinner for us and we really enjoyed every bit of it. Later in the day we went shopping along the avenue, bought several things, bought Jim his favorite drink, vanilla malted and drove home by 5.45 p.m. We also stopped in to see Eleanor, Ruby and his partners Harry. Eleanor is in the midst of making a rocking horse for Jim and it's a beauty! Jim will surely love that.

After I arrived home, Ben and Jan surprised us after a ride in from Monticello. They're in for a few days and are both fine and dandy.

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We had a real jam session most of the evening and finally turned in at 10.30 p.m. Broke early, all of us had good breakfasts and we dressed the bikes and went outdoors by 10.45 a.m. Weather wasn't too mild but it did clear up nicely during the day. The folks came by 11.30 and we all left soon after for Long Island. On the way, I dropped Ben and Jan at my mother's house. Had a very nice day at Kay's and I wrote you a v-mail letter from a gymnasium where we watched knits and a gym class go through their exercises. Arrived home by 9 o'clock and Jim wasn't too tired because he had a long nap in the afternoon. He's fast asleep now and will probably sleep late tomorrow morning.

Yesterday afternoon I received the loveliest red roses with a card from you. Your folks sent them and it sure was a surprise. Mom also received your flowers and you can imagine how thrilled and delighted she was with your wonderful thoughtfulness. We got Mom a lovely nightgown and a pair of hand-knitted earrings. I believe that Kay got Mom 2 pairs of hose. Uncle Sam got Pop 2 bottles of perfume which you sent for me and many snapshots. There are 10 small ones and the ~~same~~ ^{same} ones larger - 51 in all. Perfumes are "Chanel #5" and L'Oréal - "Le Toilette Blond". Thanks, sweetheart.

I didn't forget to write the Commercial Travelers about your policy and I requested a refund of \$5.00. Hope we get it.

Mr. Pinus called and is well. He had a letter from you and is answering it over the week-end. Also spoke to Sunny and all is well with her family. Her brother is on his way to the Pacific from England. Dan was here to see us today but we weren't home. I found a note in the door when we arrived home and he'll see us this week.

The car is fine and I made very good time out to Long Island; both ways from and to Brooklyn. I drove the Jacks home and the man from the garage drove Jim and me to our place to night. I expect to go to bed after I finish this letter and hope to dream of you, my only sweetheart.

Jim and I miss you so much and love you with both our hearts. We'll be brave and patient and just hope for that lovely reunion. Then our happy days will begin again and never cease. Stay well, my love and please don't forget that we're always waiting for our dearest daddy and sweetheart. All our love and devotion to you as always and hugs and kisses from Jimmie and his mother. Jim also remembered me today with a box of candy (from mom and Pop).

Always yours,
Florence

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