

Somewhere in France
14 November 1944

Florence, Sweetheart:

It is not because I do not have the desire to write you at length but facilities and time do not always permit. This however does not affect my thinking and dreaming of you every possible moment. It surely does not seem possible to be away so long from your caresses and love, but in a few days I will be celebrating(?) the completion of my first year in this man's army. I hope and trust that the very near future sees the end of this war, and a permanent reunion. Loving you as I do has done so very much to keep me going without too many complaints, and I know that I'll be able to continue, knowing that those at home are managing all right. So my dearest, be of good cheer, do all you can to carry on with a minimum of worry, and I'll take good care of myself.

As I acknowledged in V-mail letters dated Nov 12 and 13, your letters dated October 30, 31, Nov 1 & 2 were received in the past few days. Getting mail as recent as 10 days from home is certainly a good deal. I expect that with the use of our new APO number our mail will make much better time. You should have received the mail I wrote aboard ship by this time and I am anxious to learn the dates of the mail you have received up to the present. No packages yet and I am beginning to become concerned about those arches you sent me while I was still at the POE.

As you noted in your most recent letter the weather is hardly the most desirable, but we manage all right. Running a railroad of necessity requires our presence at the railroad station, and we do find plenty of mud there. However we are present being billeted in what was formerly a boy's school, and living conditions are not too rugged. It's sometimes trying to get enough water to wash but even that obstacle is being adjusted. It's amazing how men adjust themselves to conditions, but we'll never like them. Chow is passable but I'm sure that when I get mustered out of this deal I'll never eat Spam, Frankfurters and Stew again. As I mentioned in yesterday's letter, it would really be a treat to be able to mangle one (1) more Lobster, hot or cold.

Your description of Jimmy's episode with the bag of shrimps gave me quite a laugh. I suppose he is giving you plenty of such trying moments for which I am thankful, since it probably does much to keep your mind from worrying about things that never happen. These little stories you relate about events at home are ever so important for my imagination, so do not hesitate to elaborate on these things in your letters. I am patiently awaiting the arrival of some late pictures of you and Jimmy. Several weeks ago I asked Pincus to forward me a cheap camera and some films. I hope he is able to obtain them for me as I am certain it will be interesting to have some shots of my buddies and spots around the country.

You note that I endeavor to reply to your questions if they are not violating the censorship to which we are subject. Should you have any problems I can offer suggestions to, or any inquiries you think I can reply to, please do not hesitate to write. Mail coming from the states is not censored so if the questions are too pertinent I will just neglect to reply. At present there is nothing I need, and I am anxiously awaiting all your packages to enjoy the contents. Many of the other boys are receiving Xmas bundles and we have a little fun unwrapping the silliest kinds of gifts. Smokes, edibles, writing paper, stamps and cash are the most desired by the boys. The only practical use for the money is for gambling so don't send me any for that purpose. If I get the chance though I will try to buy some antiques and perfume, subject of course to your ideas on the subject.

Thanks for advising me that the bonds are coming thru all right from the Army War Bond office. Beginning with the 1st of Nov you should also receive a \$12.50 check from the Army, representing my Class E almt. Had a few extra dollars with me so I forwarded you some money thru the

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London, Westchester

It is not because I do not have the desire to write you as frequently as I wish, but because I do not always permit it. This I have not done for some time. I have been so busy with my work and my family that I have not had time to write you. I have been so busy with my work and my family that I have not had time to write you. I have been so busy with my work and my family that I have not had time to write you.

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As you noted in your most recent letter, the weather is really the most terrible, but I manage to get out for a walk every day. I have been so busy with my work and my family that I have not had time to write you. I have been so busy with my work and my family that I have not had time to write you. I have been so busy with my work and my family that I have not had time to write you.

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War Dept. Finance office. Be sure to acknowledge the money when received. I hope the office is continuing their monthly allotment to you as you did. ^{Not} mention anything about that check. Let me know how the dividend checks are coming thru, also the different amounts. There will be a War Bond drive soon and I think you should buy an extra one for us and also one for Jim. However you do as your available cash permits and anything you do is all right with me. I trust you are not neglecting your wardrobe these days, because you must look just right for those neighbors whose husbands could not pass the physical because they were employed in Defense plants.....

I am glad to learn that Joel is well, and I wish you'd let me know how Mrs. Kellner is getting along these days. I am not too optimistic about her so do not be timid about letting me know the exact score. Bob assures me that you and the folks are all well, but you might be keeping the facts from him too. I know that you are all trying hard to carry on, so do not fret too much as I am in excellent health; naturally I do not like this any more than any of the others but what's the use of griping. I still have to await my discharge before I'll feel like a free human again. Of this much I feel sure at the moment, and that is, I'll never complain again about the petty things that we Americans bitch about when some little thing goes amiss. I hope mom and pop are not too worried about Bob's impending departure to a theater of operations. It's inevitable once he graduates, so I just hope he gets whatever breaks the situation calls for.

You sound as though you and Jimmy are managing to be good soldiers, and my dearest I am counting on you to do a good job of keeping up the morale of the home front while Bob and I are away. This is no time for petty or minor differences, and I trust you will overlook some of the more disagreeable situations. Take good care of yours and Jim's health, and for Pete's sake go to a show or movies often. I'm glad you took a drink of applejack to commemorate our anniversary, and I'll finish the bottle when I return.

Several days ago I forwarded you a copy of Stars and Stripes together with a copy of the Chaplain's announcement of services. I want you to advise when this and my Xmas package to you arrives. Thanks for writing about Irving Goldberg, and I will write him in a day or so. I am surprised not to have received any mail from Dan, Jules or Billy, but perhaps their mail took a slower boat than usual. In any event everyone owes me mail so if they don't write I just save myself some effort which I can devote to writing the sweetest girl in the world, and now that statement includes England and France. Do you mind receiving V-mail letters several times weekly, and do the folks object to this mode of correspondence? Let me know so that I can guide myself in the future.

All the boys you met in St. Paul are fine and dandy; Harry and Ferdinand are doing all right and wish to be remembered. Have you completed your Xmas shopping or is everyone too disgusted to get into the spirit of the holiday season? War news continues to sound optimistic and who knows, Churchill may be right in his latest prognostication. If this ever ends I hope they decide to discharge the older married men among the first. Don't hesitate to express your views on this subject to the newspapers and to the politicians. They think only in terms of votes so let's talk to them in their own language.

I have not written Bob in about ten days because I figured he would not receive it at his camp. Give him my best when he comes home and be sure to ask him to write often no matter where he goes. Hope he and Fran are well and managing all right. Stay well, honey, kiss Jimmy for his G I daddy and I'll kiss you in mind, with all my love. Give mom and pop every assurance that all is well with the crown prince, and my best to all your family.

As ever,

George

