

Somehow in France
22 November 1944.

Florence, darling:

We've had some very fine Thanksgiving day celebrations but somehow my thoughts always go back to our first. You no doubt recall the exciting atmosphere of the Station Village room of the St. George with its candle-light, soft music, wine and two sweethearts newly fallen in love. As I eat my dinner on the morrow I'll be homesick for you, dearest, but even so happy in the memories of the past, and thoughts of our future happiness together. Knowing that you and Jimmy are well and carrying on like true soldiers I'll be better able to finish my job over here less a great deal of unnecessary worry.

Last night's mail call was really a banner one for me. Received a total of five (5) letters, of which you three (3) were dated Nov. 5, 6, and 7th; one from the folks dated Nov. 5th, and one from Bob dated Oct. 30th. This brings me up to within 2 weeks of current news, and I guess that's about as close as I can get from here. Pop's letter advised that Jim had received my birthday letter to him. This is the first time I learned that this letter arrived, since none of your letters acknowledged it. I proceeded to check the dates on your mail and discovered that I have no letters from you during the period from 24 Oct to 30 Oct. This probably accounts for the information about Jim's letter not reaching me before this. No doubt the mail you send during this period will catch up with me before long.

I gathered from Bob's letter that he graduates on or about the 20th of November. Hope he gets a leave after graduation, and that you have him and Frances over for dinner or a visit during his stay at home. I know you will not consider this too great a request from a man who is supposed to be fighting a war to make the world a better place to live in. Pop's letter seems to demonstrate a lessening of the tension since my letters are being delivered, assuring them and you that all is well with me. I know we are in the theatre of operations but being so far removed from the combat area makes it seem more like another camp rather than

the battle front you imagine.

As suggested in your Nov. 6th letter I will continue to endeavor to pick up as cheaply as possible any antiques I think you'd like. Have sent you one package containing a silver antique and some gifts. Please let me know when received and also what you think of it. Were we closer to a big town I could do better, but I keep trying. If I run short of money you may have to send me some, but this is different since I may not be able to get to a post office to cash a money order.

at least on two (2) different occasions I have asked you to acknowledge my letters by date. up to the present writing you have not done this. Please endeavor to do so in the future. I don't understand your reference to that place in Jersey, because I never ate there. As a matter of fact, talking about good things to eat, do you remember the two portions of Turkey I ate one Thanksgiving at the Pine View Hotel?

Thanks for suggesting sending some Readers' Digests out other reading matter. Please include several copies of the Digest and any other small magazines in your packages to me. By the way did you have the August 1952 copy of Life on hand for the article I recommended several weeks ago? The pictures sure are interesting.

If that dividend check was for \$8.75 instead of \$18.75 it must have been in error, as the Company changed their dividend rate. Please be certain to check with Purman. No mail from him in about 10 days. Did you receive the \$14.50 Class 'E' allotment check from the Government on Nov. 12? Also the funds I sent you via the War Dept. Finance office? Surprised you've received no check or advice from the Income Tax Division concerning my tax refund on my 1943 income. Advise when this comes thru, if ever. And when you will find the favor requested by the Flatback Savings Bank.

It was most encouraging to read about Joel's progress and I continue to hope that he has seen the last of any

the little front room was
as suggested in your letter of 18th inst. I am
in a hurry to get it as early as possible and
think you will be interested in the fact that
the building is now under the management of
the Board of Education and the work of the
Board is to see that the building is in a
state of repair and that the work is done
in a satisfactory manner. I am sure that
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illnesses. The kid is handicapped enough now without any further complications. Any news as to the whereabouts of his father, or do you think the world is so small that I'll run across him over here. Glad to learn that Bea phoned and I hoped she'd get in touch with you. Perhaps she can help to enlighten you. Your neighbors certainly are doing everything to prevent you from becoming homesick, and we'll throw them a special party on my return.

The folks gushed about Jim in their letter, and I can hardly wait for his and your latest pictures. If Ben ever forwards the camera I asked him for perhaps you'll get some late snaps of what your G.I. sweetheart looks like. For the present please be assured I have hardly changed in appearance, but no use kidding, damn deep I sure do miss you; - and very much. But, we've grown up, we know the score, and until my return we'll continue to do our part stoically and bravely.

Spending a vacation in the country with Jim was a good idea, and I hope you had a wonderful time despite your company. Give my best to Bea when you see or write her again, and thank her for me for taking you out of the city. I'm in the country too; the scenery despite the craters and shattered buildings is really lovely. But when this is over I don't think I'll be desirous of doing much traveling at least not the first month, anyway.

Hope you enjoyed a jolly Thanksgiving day dinner, and that Jim did not run you ragged all over the place. Kiss the little tyke for me, and have him kiss my sweetheart. Give my best to everyone, stay well, and write often. Until so-morrow, I continue to adore you

as ever,

George.

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