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Wednesday, 22 Aug 45.

Florence, Dearest:

Loving you for most of my lifetime has been the brightest chapter of my life, and you will agree I have had some chapters in my years. Looking back the last 8 years have passed quickly, and yet the 21 months I've been away from have seemed longer than all the years I've spent on this earth. Endlessly I'll continue loving and adoring you, for what you are and what you mean to me and ours. Alas your fears about being the black sheep in either or both families. I'm sure you are merely nervous and nervous to have written that. But black sheep or not you are my only sweetheart and dream girl, and I'm certain our future life and happenings together will help to bleach the color of your want. With that reunion in Brooklyn drawing daily closer I became more and more impatient at the delay. Be of good cheer, a little more patience, and that big party you and Jim are planning will really be a memorable one.

I have been impatiently awaiting your letters describing in words and immensities your reactions to the Jap proposal of surrender, the war ending period, and finally the announcement of peace. It may interest you to know that your reactions mirrored mine, just as I felt they would. I need hardly add how thrilled and happy I was to read your V-Mail letter dated Aug 11th, and your air mail letters dated Aug 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, all of which reached me

to-day. In addition I received two letters from Bob dated Aug 12th and 14th, as well as a July 30th letter from Beanie Eddle. You are probably as happy as I that Bob missed the boat during the war, but you must admit he was born under a lucky star. I hope he doesn't get "occupation." However whatever his deal from here in, he has no complaints. As I wrote you on or about V-J-Day there was little celebrating done here, but honey, will do our share of celebrating when I get back. May I suggest that you start looking around for a new evening gown, as you will surely need one. I think my Dux will fit me, and I intend giving it some more wear before I get a new one.

Delivery of to-day's very late mail brings promise that perhaps our mail service will improve from now on. Gen. has seem to be doing all night at your end, and I'm pleased that you still find so much of interest to read in my letters. I hope there's no doubt in your mind about my ability to relate hundreds of additional anecdotes and experiences when I come home. I acknowledged your envelope containing the 6 first day covers, and thanks again. You cannot imagine how pleased I was to read that you sent the Cardemans a package. I know they will appreciate every thing you sent. In a previous letter I offered additional suggestions for several other bundles. The cost is nominal, but the effect on them will be enormous. I intend trying to get back there before I leave the ETO. also want to thank you for sending me these mercurina and stuff. Will advise when received —

The money remittances reached you in pretty fast time, and I'm glad the June bond also arrived. I've canceled my bond allotment as of the end of August, so you still have a July and August bond to receive. After receipt of the '35. and ³ to checks, there is only a \$25.00 money order enroute. Will send you some more dough after pay-day.

Your frequent including the menu of a meal strikes a receptive chord. There have been few occasions on which food was lacking since we reached here, but lacking. There are some choice items I have missed severely. Green vegetables, salads, fresh milk, fresh fruit, edible bread, cake, lums, fish, dairy products, sea food, and water sans chemicals are a few of the items. There has been plenty of meat of all kinds and smells, so my pretty sweetheart, please remember to fill me with these strange delicacies I've mentioned. also, when, as and if you cook any thing, please do not neglect salt and pepper. It seems so unwise to begin seriously thinking of napkins, table cloths, sheets and pillow cases, and a private bath room, but I'll try to be practical about them when my way of life includes these luxuries. Do you still make shrimp canneries? oh man - with rice!

after a shenan I went to the movies to-night to see Constance Moore and Glennie O'Keefe in "Earl Carroll's Vanities". A fast moving enjoyable show, and the evening only marred by a shenan. Luckily one of our trucks drove by and deposited us in front of the picture

Picture scheduled for Friday is "Keys to the Kingdom"; and I've heard it's a swell show. I may go to the USO show to-morrow night, but with many letters awaiting reply I may forego the show.

Your letters indicate that Jim is growing up, having a grand summer, and that Romeo and Juliet will survive despite Jim's rough treatment. He seems to have fun with you and Eleanor, and his tag is also a vital part of his joy. Do you suppose you could I will be able to do his Xmas shopping this year? If only this outfit would get orders to sail before Nov, so that I could get discharged on or near my birthday. Otherwise I'll have to wait until Nov. 10th before making application. The army will not permit it any sooner. In any event I feel certain this is "our year" and I'll be with you within the next 3 months or so.

Stay well, sweetheart. Kiss Jim for me, give my very best to everyone, and I'll kiss you in mind. Hope my mom and pap have reduced their worries since V-J Day, and that they spend some more week-ends with you. All my love and devotion,

as ever,

George

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