

Monticello
Friday eve
Sept 14th

George, sweetheart,

The sound of rain falling outside is very relaxing and soothing to me. Jim is fast asleep, feels fine and is growing so big. Radio announced today that a hurricane is blowing up from Florida and that's the reason for the bad weather plus so much fog.

This morning I awoke quite early, kept thinking of you and what kind of clothes you'd like on me and finally I heard Jim's good morning to wake me out of my reverie. Well Jim's eyes are open, he sits right out of his crib, into my bed and nuzzles me all up. He was very gay this morning and chattered away like a parrot. We then went into the kitchen for breakfast, fed the kitten and dressed soon after. Jim remained indoors all day but Mom and I alternated going into town.

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Bess called to say she had a very restless night and had some regular pains but toward morning they stopped. So she's still A. O. and nothing has happened yet to-day. She must have had her dates miscalculated or else will come in in her 10th month.

Had a heap of mail from you, pictures and 2 money orders amounting to \$5.00 (4.00 - 4.50). I thank so much and I'll bank all of it until I get home - then I'll cash it. Received your two mails of Sept. 3rd, 4th and a short note of the 5th, also an ad. from Bloomington's which I've already taken care of. That picture of the Dr. drinking milk sure must have made you homesick for everything American. Your letter of Sept 4th mentioned the fact that we'll have to sweat it out until your 2 years are completed in the army - unless the outfit moves sooner. Starting isn't Oct. 27th the date you were

the whole to say that I had a very
pleasant visit and had some very
kind words from the young lady who
to the very end of the day was
happened to say that she must be
that the whole was a very
kind one in the end.

that a trip of only four days
distance and a very early morning
at 5:00 (to 5:15). There was much
and all that except a little of the
time when I was very
from a point of view. I was
a lot of people to see in the
from Birmingham a little in the
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driving with me was very
very pleasant for everything
character of the whole was
that will be the best of it
from far we expected in the way
in the whole was very
very best. It is the best of it

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considered a member of the named family?
It looks as though we'll have to
settle for an Ymas re-union and
the days are just dragging since August¹⁴
about another hundred letters to
write to you and that's at least
150 hours less waiting for my darling.

That perfume I used in that
letter is Carné's *Projets* which you
sent some time ago. I didn't mean
to tantalize you, dearest, and I
promised not to do it again. Am
really happy you're on a furlough
now and Frank and his family will
welcome you warm-heartedly. Have
a good time in Paris, too, and
be careful not to go anywhere alone.

I took care of those fruit cakes
and nuts and am having them sent
here by Bloomingdale. Thanks for the
suggestion and I'll try to include
a wicker gossamer of mine if I
can manage the weight. I also mailed
to you today 25 Roosevelt 24 stamp

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end of first day covers. Hope you make
out well!

The snapshots of you in Salzburg are
swell and the beautiful buildings are
good to look at. If we're fortunate we'll
visit that place of culture and art in
a few years. Did you have had your fill?
You look stouter in the new jacket and
I think the other type (buttoned back) is
more flattering to you. Did you have to turn
the other jacket in for the new one?

Now about Jimmie. He's the friend-
liest that you want to meet. His looks
are very stuff and he has a nice
personality. Be on guard at all
times because you'll never know
when he'd spit, bite or slap
you or anyone else around.
Most of the time he obeys me
and I'm really not too gentle
with our son. In important matters
he's fine and normal but we cannot
show him off at this stage. He'll
do everything contrary to what we

request. At best time he rarely makes
a fuss and falls asleep quickly without
me singing any lullabies or venting
nursery rhymes. At the table he's
the slowest eater but time will
change that habit. He does manage
most of lunch and supper alone
and drinks his milk out of a glass
(finally). He loves all juice and
drinks that down fast. — orange
juice I have to feed him spoon by spoon.
No high chair but he does squirm
like a jelly fish at every meal. He's
distracted by anyone, a fly, a sound
or even a plane in the sky. That's
how observing the rascal is at all
times. He loves his bath, gets me
daily and now has a new habit of
chewing the wash cloth or biting into
the towel when I dry him. I'll
can manage to remove most of his
clothes, can put on his socks and
shoes but I have to lace his shoes.

The sun and warm climate are

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Good for his skin and he's allergic
to chocolate and tomatoes. Now his
skin is like silk and his complexion
is beautiful, peaches and cream.

He gets along very well with Gary,
never fights and is the leader of
the two. He loves to play with children
and is as meek as a lamb with a
loner child. In new company he
acts a little shy (this is fairly recent)
and he warms up if you don't
pay too much attention to him. When
we walk together, most of the time
he holds my hand and will never
cross a street unless his hand is
held. Puddles are his main delight
and he'll go out of the way to jump
straight into one. He loves the splash.

He's very agile, quick and loves
to do useful things. Give him a mop,
broom or carpet sweeper and he's
the happiest kid alive. He loves nature
and can point out many birds, dogs
animals, flowers and berries.

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I don't have to take him into the toilet unless he can't manage his pajamas or overalls. He goes by himself, is clean and calls out after every p. m. (at least 2 a day). His teeth are nicely formed and occasionally he brushes them, it's my duty to form that habit.

Jim isn't much of a student. Although he knows most of the nursery rhymes he will not recite me from beginning to end. We'll start with A, B, C and when he goes off to L. M. N. O. P. He counts up to 12 (Jan does better) but would rather play than learn. I don't bother him too much for I do intend to try out nursery school when he gets back to the city for a month or two. Do you mind?

Another thing. His Grandma and Aunt Elvira and your folks do spoil him a little and then I have a great time for a few days. It's to be expected, I know and nothing can be done about it unless we moved to California.

It would be wrong to say that the
time for a change. It is the
time for a little and then a true effort
that comes and goes back to what
better than the former and
this, the for me.

to get out of the office for a month
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Jim knows all your ² pictures and snap-
shots, still talks of Jap Carr and Bludger
and loves you adoringly. I'm sure you'll
be his most favored parent and I feel
for I haven't been the model mother
for the past 2 years. My temper gets
shorter when I'm irritated and Jim
hasn't always seen me at my best.
The record claims he loves me, but he's
only almost 3. — to be continued.

We had a nice chicken dinner tonight
and Mom is visiting a neighbor all
evening. I started to knit a sweater for
Jim and have started a new book by
Louis Bromfield — "Pleasant Valley". It's good.
Also have a New Yorker, a Harper Bazaar and
a Vogue magazine to look through in the next
7 days — all from the library.

It would be swell to see you, feel you,
and love you again soon. Patience, Florence.
I do love you with all my heart and feel
so damn jealous of the baby who has
you these last 22 months. Stay well, dearest
and all my love and devotion to you. Mugs and
kisses from Precious & best wishes from its family. *Love, Mom*

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