

Samarbe in Belgium
29 January 1945.

Florence, dearest:

Looking at those snapshots of you and Jim received yesterday easily convinces me that my fondest dreams about both of you have been fulfilled. Both of you look so well, healthy, and for the future at least in good spirits. It is a happy, inspiring scene for my two sweethearts, and it makes me very happy to see both of you as you appear at present. Continue to maintain that same outlook, health and smile, and before long all 3 of us will be posing for such snaps.

Returning from Frank's home last night I found 7 letters awaiting me, but received none to-day. Three from you were dated Dec. 12th, Jan 12th and 15th, your long letter of the 15th describing the dinner party, guests, Jimmy, the movies, Don was typical of the kind of letter I look forward to daily, but I realize it is difficult to write a 5 page letter daily. As I mentioned above, the snapshots were grand, and I hope you continue to send them often. I forwarded 3 shots to you in yesterday's long letter, and I'll be sending more in a week or so.

Your French gustations are most interesting, but "no compree". The French grammar annoyed but the people here

Speak either French or English, very little French. However if you wish to continue practicing your knowledge of French its all right with me if you insert those sentences in your letter. I always understand the meaning of "amour."

You do not make mention of any packages received so I assume no more have been delivered. Did my mother like the bottle of perfume included in the first package? Keep me posted on these bundles past and future; also did you receive a bottle of perfume direct from Louis, shipped by Stans and Sturges shipping service? In the future Joe will forward perfume to you direct, so please advise what he sends. I will also continue to forward the wherewithal so that I can continue this service for you.

I want you to do several little favours for me. Pinus has been very kind to us, and as soon as you receive a bottle of perfume you do not prefer, I will thank you to present it to Mrs. Pinus for both of us. This is a "must" so please attend to it the first chance you get. As for the balance of the bottles you receive, use your own judgement, discretion, and business acumen if necessary. The other favour I want is a package containing 3 or 4 packages of smoked cheese, box of Ritz Crackers, box of Kraft Chocolate parleys, and some cookies. Do not send any salted nuts unless vacuum packed. Thank you so much, darling!

Johnny's coughing must be quite a problem, but perhaps it can be cured if you apply a strip of adhesive tape across his mouth every time he starts that nasty habit. I have an idea he won't do it more than once. However, I quite realize that he will start and stop these childish pranks before you can write me about them, and I reply, no doubt by this time he has been cured of this, but please do not instill any fear of you in him. Jim and I love you too much, and we want you to be our pal more than anything else.

Your description of the wonderful dinner prepared for all the folks, and the movies run by Don, must have the basis for a lovely evening, and I'm glad all of you missed me; because I sure mutually about all of you. It must be quite a relief to the folks to have Bob visit often, and I'm still awaiting a picture of him in officer's clothing. Don is a grand friend; perhaps he can help Maurice but do not place too many hopes in this.

Joel's condition sounds plenty discouraging, and I can understand the kid's distress. Since you have never been able to sway her puerile thoughts there is no doubt in my mind that your efforts this time will also be in vain. Sorry that the kid is getting the worst of it, but inexorable destiny manifests itself strongly.

now to the brighter side of life. I feel
fine and dandy, really happy up as a
result of the war news, and have every
hope the Nazis will be defeated within
several months. Sure hope Charlie has
been able to keep you part some of his
samples. The day is coming when I'll
need it, for only one purpose - VICTORY.

Stay well, sweetheart, kiss Jim for
me, and I'll kiss you in mind with
all my love. Adoring you, loving
you, dreaming about you, wishing you
to be the best sweetheart a fellow ever
had, keeps me hopeful and inspired

as ever,

George.

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