

Friday, Jan. 14, 1944.

Flarence, dearest:

A soldier can't get everything he wants when he wants or needs something, but there is one thing he can't be deprived of, and that is his hopes, his dreams, his thoughts of home, and his love for his sweetheart. Every soldier has the same thoughts, and I'm no exception, other than the intensity and sincerity of my love is far greater than the average. I am one of those rare men who has found his shining light, and your reflections on me keep me well, happy, ambitious, and imbued with a spirit of true, eternal love. It is a beautiful feeling to dream about you, and to know that my dream meets yours somewhere, and there is a blending of feelings and emotions. Daily I thank my lucky stars for all this, and soon I hope to be able to express my feelings personally, rather than through the medium of the written word.

Although it is still raining here, the day was a most cheering one as I received four letters from you this A. M. (Sunday's - Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's) together with all enclosures. Since I have been paid by the Army, and since I now have plenty of money, please do not forward any more until further notice. Hope you are having no difficulty financially, and keeping a record of income for tax purposes. Also take care of those bond numbers, and if you receive the allotment check I wrote about, please buy another bond, if you deem it advisable. I don't want to tie up too much money in bonds as there may be opportunities when this war is over and we want to be in a position to benefit thereby.

Glad you said pop a salute if that apple-jack, and if he wants any more please take care of him. Charlie

1874

James M. Smith

A letter to the Hon. Secy of the Interior
Washington D.C. dated 10th Nov 1874
Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the proposed extension of the public lands in the State of California. I am sorry to hear that the same has not been successful. I am, however, confident that the same will be successful in the future. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
James M. Smith

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sure is a swell guy to keep you well supplied, but
don't buy much more for ourselves, as I think we
have a pretty good stock. Of course a couple of
additional barrels of good stuff is always a welcome
acquisition to our handsome stock, and I hope to
use every bit of our supply to celebrate the Victory
and the reunion of the Staff.

Your description of the little rascals antics
and escapades keep me amused and looking forward
to being with him soon. I know he must give you
plenty of tiring moments, and that the end of a day
must find you pretty tired. It's a tough job for
you to have to handle alone, but I'll do most of
the dirty work with the next few kids. As a matter
of fact, sweetheart, I can hardly wait to have those
kids running around me, and you by my side.
Continue telling me about Jimmy, yourself, and
I can hardly await the new snapshots. Still waiting
for that photo of you, so don't tarry, dear.

I am following your suggestion of writing
my mother a personal letter at home. It had
slipped my mind, since I address all mail
to the folks together; but knowing my mother I
am sure she will enjoy a personal note. If
you have any such suggestions please don't
hesitate to advise, as there are things I am sure
I overlook in this screwy atmosphere.

Scary to hear about Hy's induction, as I
knew how Bers will react to the situation.
after deliberating about the advisability of her and Jan
living with you I have come to the conclusion
that the set-up is not a good one for you and

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Jimmy, for the following reasons:

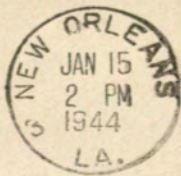
1. Bess will be chronically ill, and you will have to add worries about her to your present burdens.
2. Jen will disturb you and Jimmy, which will affect your own health and convenience.
3. Her in-laws will be constant visitors, and I don't think you will relish that.
4. The apartment will be too crowded; coverings, clothes, baby toys, strollers, bottles etc.
5. Pivotal of our affairs; and even transacting of our love and little world will be affected by her residence with you.

I hope she does not embarrass you with a request to take her in, but believe me, dearest, it would disturb me for her to take my place and bed.

I have long since realized that folks would be inquisitive about your income, and I am proud of you for being this a secret. Some people would prefer to see you struggle along, but I am happy that you can be independent of everyone. I know you too join me in this thought.

Glad you are reading all those letters, and I hope you can use those photo-film bags. Please don't show some of those papers enclosed to any one, and soon I will tell you the story about them. It is great if all our friends to keep in touch with you, and I appreciate them. Give my best to everyone, and I hope all are well. No summons to add to yesterday's, but I expect to leave here soon, but that will be for the best.

Stay well, darling. Kiss Jimmy for me
and remember I love you always.
as ever,
George



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