

Tuesday, June 26th

Darling sweetheart,

To-day, as of many days of the past 2 weeks, the sun shone brightly, the sky turned brilliantly blue and the birds started to sing after the rain and stormy weather. So it will be with our days after all these bitter months of separation and worry. Yes, dearest, those silver clouds, golden days and love from morning till night will be ours for good in short time. I'll hold on if you can — so far so good and we're going down that home stretch right now.

Last night I wrote a V-mail to you as there wasn't too much to relate and there was no mail from my sweetheart. I feel different to night and mainly because I received four wonderful air-mail letters from you. They were dated June 10th, 14th, 16th & 17th and I'm still not completely finished with them. Before I fall asleep I usually read over your letters and feel as though I'm very close to you. All those pictures and grand and tell me an interesting story. Jim will certainly have the greatest help for a buddy once he starts telling his friends about you. And he's already convincing. While watching with Jim to turn yesterday I asked him what he'd like to have. Buddy is always first on the list, then came, a bike, water hydrant, toys, soldiers, cars and an ice truck. The list will get longer each day and by Christmas perhaps we'll do some Ymas shopping to gether for Jimmie. Here's hoping.

Thursday June 22

Dear Mother

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After supper to-night, ² I took some snapshots of Jim in the kitchen on his rocking chair. The kitchen was brilliant with sunlight so I hope these snaps will turn out well. Received the ^(100 ft) roll of film from Ansco and they really give swell service. I'll inquire around if a projector can be loaned and am anxious to see these movie shots. Another thing to get after you return, a movie camera complete with all gadgets.

You mentioned the Jacks having an anniversary on the 26th. As far as I know, I believe it's the 29th but that's not important. To-day I purchased and mailed a novelty farb six for mom similar to this  good finish and I set in some pictures of us in the locket part. For Pop I purchased a leather container for 6 or 8 snapshots - like a wallet. Also, I requested Eleanor or Thelma to send a bouquet on the 29th of this June so I do hope they have a pleasant anniversary. Let's hope it'll be the beginning of their good years and no more heartaches or worries about George and Bob. For one thing I'm very thankful, Mom and Pop had you and now you're doing everything that's wonderful in life.

Jim and I are still fine, miss you so much and at the moment wish even Mom were here with us. Not that I'm afraid to be with Jim alone, but the evenings are long and very quiet when Jim falls asleep early. The radio plays well until static interferes so I have to shut it off during the evening. Mom will probably be

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It off during the evening. You will probably be
 happy well with other visitors as I do to see
 fruit when his father calls later. Tomorrow
 you can see the evening and day and day
 the next one. But that is for you to see
 much and at the moment I wish to see
 you and I will tell you, I hope you are

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here to-morrow and I do hope she settles all her
affairs now so that she doesn't have to go back and forth to
the city often. We've been getting along fine and
you'll know it's incredible but it's due to Mom
being in very good spirits since we're here. And
I'm determined to have a nice summer for Jim's
sake and you'll be happy too. Did I mention the
neighbors upstairs. They're nice people just a mother,
daughter and new born baby girl. The daughter's
husband is with S.H.A.E.T., has 80 joints and is in the
service 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years - hasn't seen his daughter yet.
To-day they spoke to me and ^{were} quite concerned over the
infant. They discovered that the baby had 102° fever
and were quite alarmed - we know - so they called
the doctor. Nothing was wrong, they forgot to shake
down the thermometer. Thank goodness, those days
are just for us - the infant stage sure has its worryful
moments. You're 37 and still I envy - damn it!

About those stamps and first day covers -
I'm taking care of everything just like you used
to do. I'll make sure to get those two fine stamps
when they're on sale in Monticello - if not, I'll
order them. And I've already started a collection
of more pennies here for Jim's bonds. Financially
all is well and there is no need to spend much money
this summer except on necessities - no gambling for me.

Jim and I spent a quiet day and well we get
a sense the quiet will be broken. We went out
soon after breakfast, did our shopping early and called

[The page contains faint, illegible handwriting.]

I am not a little surprised to find
 that you have not yet received
 the money which I sent you
 some time ago. I am sorry
 to hear that you are not
 well, and hope you will
 soon be able to go on your
 journey. I am, dear friend,
 ever your affectionate friend,
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Bess at the hotel. We thought of paying her a visit but the rain changed my mind. The rain started at noon and continued until 4 o'clock. After lunch, Jim and I had a long nap and then for our milk and cookies. Not that I want to tease you, but the milk is delicious here, not unlike the milk in St. Paul and when you return it'll be a pleasure for me to give you a taste in our favorite drink. Anna Held will have competition - you'll be getting them often if you desire. The butchers are closed down for 2 weeks - that is the Kosher shops - but we get what we want.

There are more letters to be written and I must write to the folks again, to Hilda, the Whitmans and Bob. Although I started to read Inside Oscar, I haven't gone far into the book and it's so interesting and timely. Things I never knew about Japan are revealed and politics play the most important role. Those books you requested me to buy haven't been forgotten.

Good night, my love, and let's dream of one another and hope all our wishes come true. Jim and I love you so very much and are indeed happy you are our best sweetheart, Sal and Daddy. Stay well, darling, and continue to be optimistic. Our day must come soon - this year. All our devotion and love to you as always. Hugs and kisses from Jim and Mummy.

Sincerely,
Harold

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