

15 January 1945.

Flourence, Sweetheart:

Another day closer to the time when you and I are one again, and yet it seems hardly possible for two persons so much in love to be anything else but one. This being separated, and as far apart has plenty of undesirable features, but it cannot be said that we do not love each other as much as ever. of course we are lonesome for each other, but even that will be solved in the near future, and I'm hopeful that the defeat of the Germans will be soon. In the meantime you must carry on, be a mother, father, teacher and pal of our little son. It's a big job, I know, but you're a big, pretty girl, and I'm counting and betting on you. So, carry on!

Had a banner day at mail-call to-day, receiving your package with the Dec 17th financial page, and your V. Mail letters dated Dec. 28th; 30th; 31st; and Jan 1st. Also a letter from Ben. Naturally, I prefer your long letters, but in due time they'll arrive too. Everything in your package was sweet, but suggest you discontinue juices and salmon, as we have plenty of that stuff in the army diet. The Paper and Time magazine are most welcome, and the package arrived in perfect shape. I've been very lucky with my bundles, all of them arriving not

damaged. Still awaiting some of yours, one from Det Cochran, and another from Bob.

Ben's letter said nothing, and in order not to continue corresponding I'll neglect to reply. Please attempt to explain how busy I am, which at the moment is the truth, but never too busy for you. I quite understand how you feel about Bees, her present treatment of you and Jim, and that she's your sister, but somehow I have nothing to write her about. However following your suggestion I'll send her a little token. Small bottles of perfume are extremely difficult to obtain, so I guess I'll send her a pair of wooden shoes, if all right with you. Advise what you want me to do, and I'll hold off pending advice from you. I'm still awaiting Helma's address.

about 3 weeks ago I ordered some perfume mailed to you by the Stars and Stripes Shopping Service. They have sent me a receipt for my money, and I wish you'd advise me when the stuff is delivered. I know it takes a long time to ask a question and get the reply, but please try to answer all queries. I'd even suggest you answer some questions in more than one letter to forestall the possibility of a letter going astray, or being delayed for a long time.

Patiently awaiting word from Bob.

as to his present set-up. As far as you and Jim were away during his recent leave in the city, but perhaps he'll be able to get home week-ends for the next few months. Perhaps Jim will get used to seeing his Uncle around in place of his Daddy until I return. I sure hope so.

A funny, but none-the-less unfortunate incident took place yesterday which very vividly demonstrated the necessity for you and the folks not to worry about me. My company had its first casualty yesterday, and when you read on you too will be slightly hysterical. One of the boys went to a Zoo, and among other things attempted to feed a bear, who seemed docile enough. However in taking the offerings out of his hand the bear inadvertently bit the end of the soldier's finger off. I don't know how seriously hurt the fellow is, but it gives you a rough idea to what extremes soldiers in my outfit have to go in order to become a "war casualty". I knew this, he does not get a Purple Heart for this evening action; and I'm sure the poor guy will be ripped as long as he meets a member of this company forever after.

One of these days when you send me a package please include (wrapped in a tin can) a bottle of SHEAFFER'S SKIPP (blue-black). Yesterday's letter included a request for

a bundle, so if this letter arrives in
time include the ink.

Your descriptions of Jun, the snow,
yourself, and the country all sound
grand. I'm glad you are managing to
keep busy. You neglect to advise about
Jed in detail, but my imagination completes
many of the thoughts in your sentences.
Hope the rest of your family is well,
and keeping in good spirits.

I'm fine and dearly miss all
of you very much, and you particularly.
Give my very best to everyone. Keep
smiling, and continue to write those
elegant letters,

as ever

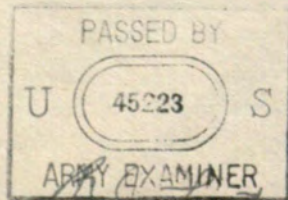
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