

Living, Australia
Friday, 31 Aug 45.

Florence, Sweetheart:

Patience has sent off so well for us in the past, and soon will do so again. In the interim these slight irritations caused by impatience awaiting mail from you are quickly relieved and overlooked when a letter reaches me. Today your letters dated August 18th, 19th and 20th reached me, and was I a happy GI to read all the wonderful facts you included. Of course your attempts to infer that I'm Lamerick is only an attempt on your part to cheer your own loneliness. There's no doubt I'm lonely and Lamerick, but darling I try so hard not to disclose my feelings to you or the folks. However it will all be over for me soon, so be assured that I'll be able to carry on until I'm back in your comforting arms.

I'm so glad my air mail and face mail letters are reaching you in quick time. Take good care of those stamps you received, and also all others I send you, including the enclosed. I have 2 sets over here that are worth from \$50 to \$125 each, they say, will send them to you in due time, and will note them for your special care and observation. Also thanks so much for the first \$200. to reach me, and I'll acknowledge each transmittal when received. No packages yet, but they'll probably get here the day after I leave for Belgium.

Jim's latest snap showing Rames and Juliet shows a striking resemblance to Eleanor. I guess our Jim is growing up, and his third

birthday should be celebrated with a gala party.
If you don't well surely put it on thick when
I get home. He looks very well, quite sturdy,
and no doubt in his eyes about not being
able to handle his two kittens. Your enthusiasm
about the colored film excited my curiosity,
but I'll be patient until I'm with you.

Your description of your neighbor's lovely
home reminds me to inquire if you whether
or not you have decided to live in a private
house in the future. I don't suppose an x-soldier
will be able to sustain a place as fine as your
neighbor's, but I know no home will be
as happy as ours.

Speaking about Lippincott I was awfully
glad to read about Eleanor's latest romance.
I truly hope this is not another of those ves-
tut August - cold-in-October - romances. As I
look back and deliberate on Eleanor I realize
her virtues out-balance her faults. A regular
guy, a little lard, some passion, and complete
understanding would change her life and
attitude. I even think some guy would be
getting a break. Don't tell her. But I'll be
pulling for her this time.

Although you said that camera
cheaply, I sure am glad you finally got
rid of that apparatus. I'll never forgive that
camera for not taking those wonderful
pictures of us on that memorable honeymoon.
That 120 box is probably just as good, and
I sent you a 620 box camera in a leather
case. The snips this one took have all
proven very satisfactory. In any event

you can always apply the \$10. - towards
the purchase of a post-war model.

To-night's dinner reminded me of your
desire for us to have a Chinese dinner at
Lum's - but soon. We had Vienna sausages
cut up in tomato juice with onions and
stuff in the sauce to flavor it. Having eaten,
as tired to, these "bleedy dogs", I drank coffee
with an orange marmalade sandwich. .
Believe you me, sweetheart, I'll be ready
to eat almost anything, once I get away
from this GI chow.

Latest letters from Blair indicates
that he's back in the States by now. He
was re-deployed to work in a redeployment
center in the States. Before sailing he was
promised a 30-day furlough upon arrival
in America. Have not yet heard from him
since returning to the land of the free, but
I should soon.

Under separate cover via air mail
I sent you an addressed envelope with a 3¢
stamp affixed. This letter is addressed to a
Jew's aunt in Long Beach. I wrote the
letter and want you to mail promptly. If
you are desirous to read please do so.
This woman, who worked in the place in
which the other character was to have gotten
Jim's leather pants, is Jewish. It is 6 years
since her American aunt heard from them
so I decided to lend a hand.

Thanks so much for the excellent
Mantecello publicity. It is my opinion,
however, that when people know and like
you, I have received my very best
publicity. I am glad though, that the
Bernsteins (or Goldsteins) were so kind to you.
I'll always be grateful to anyone who treats
you and Jim so nice.

It's been a long time since I
heard from the folks and Bob, but I
guess it's due to the delay in mail. Keep
their spirits high. Kiss Jim for me, and
I'll kiss you both in mind. My very
best to your kinfolk and mine. all my
love and devotion to you,

as ever,

George

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