



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Hamm -
30 May 1945.

Flavence, sweetheart:

Patience and Hope are the two most important virtues for us to retain during the next few months. We know this is our year, and now that I am assured that you are not so despondent about the future I too will feel more optimistic. Such is the lot of lovers. One feels blue and down in the month, and the other naturally has the same feeling. Fortunately for us we fall out of the doldrums quickly enough, and I know the future holds many years of joy and happiness for us and ours. Loving you has been the bright star in my life, and I can hardly wait to get back home to practice what I feel.

On several recent occasions you have mentioned the possibility of selling your mattresses, but you neglect to mention how you are going to replace them. I suppose you have solved that little detail as you wouldn't be disposing of the old ones. In any event I am looking forward to a second honeymoon, and new, firm mattresses will sure help. It's not human for two people in love to be without each other for so long, but I

have every intention of catching up after I return home. Your snapshots convince me that you are still as young as ever, and what with the healthy life I'm leading we should be selling and buying new mattresses for many, many years to come.

To-day's mail brought your May 23rd air mail letter, also one from Bob of the same date. The improvement in your morale was easily discernible, and believe you me I was happy to learn that you were not so pessimistic. Sure this is our year, it may take some months yet before I get out but don't lose heart. So far we have not been assigned to the Army of Occupation, and even if the outfit was scheduled to go to the Pacific I don't expect they'll send an old man like me. Up to the present writing no one knows what to expect, so let's not try to cross imaginary bridges.

The snaps you sent were very interesting. Jan looks like Hy without a mustache. He's a nice looking guy, and seems to be built heavier than Jim. In the shot in which you are holding Jim, you look elegant. I notice the French jim, the back of the car, and that you are holding Jim quite firmly. Did he attempt to chivy up that lamp-post after posing for this snap? Enclosed are some more recent snapshots. I have been sending these snaps home at the rate of 6 to 8 daily, for the past week or so. Please advise



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whether or not they are arriving okay. As a little added attraction you find the enclosed photograph of Jimmy's daddy and mummy's sweetheart. As usual there is a story, rather humorous, attached to the photo, but please wait for the telling of the yarn. Hope you like it. Also sending one to the folks.

I'm glad something is being done about the painting of the car, and I hope you managed to work it out of the main ones being. Give the car all the attention it needs, and a little more. They'll be hard to get for a year or two yet, and we may want to do things before that. Be careful, and always be cautious with Jim in the car. You know how children are.

Bob's letter plainly indicates that every one at home is resigned to his going overseas, but as we well know no one will cease working until we both return. His leave is passing all too quickly, but every moment at home is precious. How well I know this. I sure hope you got some good news of everyone while he was at home.

As you probably know by now I have returned your aunt's camera, and will send all the 116 film I have in my next package. Since you do not acknowledge

any more packages I assume none has arrived in the past few days. Please thank El for refinishing the insignias but I want one given to my folks sure. My friend Frank is making one for Dan and Joe, who are now in the Transportation Corps, and also 5 others I want for distribution after the war. If I don't get back to Mechelen he will mail them to me the first chance he gets. Did I ever convey their deepest thanks for the stuff we sent them. In a letter dated May 19th he acknowledged three of my bundles, and insisted I tell you how nicely the dress fit, and how much they appreciated all you were doing for them. So there!

I am my usual cheery, lamourable soul, full fine, always dreaming of you, and visualizing how fortunate one is to be an American civilian, enjoying the American Way of life. There are no garbage cans in Germany, or Europe, these days.

Keep well, be of good cheer, have fun, kiss Jim for me, and always remember I love you. Give my best to everyone, and keep me posted

as ever

George

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