

Lippstadt, Germany
6 July 1945.

Therese, darling:

It is strange and oft times difficult for me to realize that I have a son who is almost three years old. Somehow my fondest memories of him are as a little babe, taking a bath, watching him on the cot next to his daddy, or watching him learn to crawl. I realize we had a wonderful time together in St. Paul, and memories of those 11 weeks are most dear to me. Yet, somehow that interval was rather too short as my memory perfects the first year of his existence. I praise myself when I think of what a fine boy you brought in to our life, knowing full well that he has inherited so many wonderful features from you. That cheery, ever present smile, that nimble mind, and all his energy are all yours, and I'm glad. Now your daily letters remind me that he is growing up, almost three, has already determined in his mind a list of things he'd like to have, and in short is making his dynamic personality a strong factor in our lives. It wounds the cables of my heart to read that of all desires his first is his daddy. I hope he will not feel slighted if I disclose to you that after his mummy, his daddy loves and desires him next best. We'll be a great little trio together, my sweetheart, and the day is not too far off when this life will be a reality. I've held out this long, and with the goal in sight nothing will get me down. Continue to be of good cheer, have faith in our love and devotion for each other, and with tempus fugit.

Mail call today brought your inspirational letter dated June 26th and your V-mail of the 25th, also a letter from Mrs. Siff. I am pleased my letters are reaching you in fairly good time, and they probably will do better when those addressed to your present address start coming thru. You do not mention receipt of any packages so I'll assume no more have arrived since you got the one containing the perfume. Be sure to list contents of each package you receive, so that I may check it against my record. I'm curious to learn if any of the items I sent were stolen or removed by customs inspectors. Also continue your practice to answer every question I ask in my letters. In yesterday's letter I forwarded you a \$20.00 money order.

I'm so pleased you enjoy all those snapshots, and there are several others enclosed. Unfortunately I had the time exposure lens packed the wrong way when I snuffed the last roll of film here and the roll developed into blanks. Hope to do better the next time. Will not have enough time to develop any more here, but I have hopes the next place will offer facilities for developing.

I had hoped to receive a letter from Bob or word from you as to his health since he was hospitalized. Have not heard from him since his letter dated June 21st, and I'm impatiently awaiting news about him, and his latest assignment, if any. I don't know how much you know about his stay in the hospitalization, but don't be tired about keeping me informed. Knowing all about my loved ones I have is the difference to me between existing and living over here. Hope all is well with him, and that everyone in your family and mine are in good health and spirits. You sound determined to have a good summer, and I know you'll do your damndest to bend backwards to keep everybody satisfied. I'm pleased all is going well up to this point, and have every hope that there will be no change in the course of events to upset the apple cart. Please endeavor to phone

My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines
will find you the same. I have been thinking much of late
of the future of our country and the state of our
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my facts occasionally giving and receiving the latest news and facts. Thanks for attending to the June 29th anniversary. My use of the 26th date was erroneous.

You mention a first war plan to purchase a movie camera complete with gadgets when I return. I quite agree with you that this is a must on our list. If you have any luck having this last 100 ft of film projected please advise how they turned out. Am awaiting some more snaps of you and Jim, especially those in the country. You know I was never a camera enthusiast, but I do appreciate the value of one as I travel about Europe. There is no doubt the pictures I sent you tell quite a story, but that story will never be complete until I've added my travelogue talks to them.

You never did advise me the extent of the fire damage to your mother's building. Perhaps a letter en route contains the facts, but if not give me some of the dirt. I have not replied to your mother's recent letter yet, but will do so after I complete this letter. I am not yet quite sure of the purpose for her having written me, but I've decided to give her the benefit of the doubt that exists large in my mind.

Many of the men in my age category are receiving much correspondence from home about the average limit spendable in the States. Drew Pearson seems to be the champion of we oldsters, and I sure hope he wins. Enclosed are a few letters addressed to the "York" magazine which will give you some ideas to embody in the letters you are writing. Keep up the letter barrage, honey, until they face me. We know this is our year, but let's help keep those infernals aware of the fact so that they make sure it comes true.

Your intensive interest in new stamps and first day covers gives you something to do, and I know some day will pay off in pleasure and cash. Have not heard from Herb yet about that mess of Nazi Commemoratives I picked up, but I should be getting an answer soon. I'll advise you what happens to them. I'm pleased all our finances are in good order, and that you are having a good summer at small expense. Do not stint yourself for anything you and Jim want or need. That's what the dough is for. You will have a pretty good bundle when we start again, and I think I'll manage to do all right when I get back to work. We have many plans for our future life, and it'll take some of our capital, so save any surplus you have now, and the future will take care of itself.

Hope this finds you and Jim in excellent health, and be assured that I'm just fine and dandy. There isn't much fun around here but writing you a daily letter is my supreme. Kiss Jim for me, and I'll kiss my only sweetheart in mind. Give my very best to everyone and keep smiling.

As ever,

George

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