

Monday afternoon
Nov. 6th 1944

Dearest Sweetheart,

Among the circulars and bills
To-day I got that swell of swells -
That treat I'm always dreaming of -
A batch of air mail from my love
You've heard that letters build morale
For fighters far from home, but pal,
I tell you, to a waiting wife,
They are the very breath of life!

The above verses are by Margaret Fickbuck
and hit the nail on the head. It was only
one letter I received today but, darling, it
was a honey and boosted me to high heaven.
Who's building whose morale these days?
We're both trying our best and I know
you've succeeded until now. I really hope
you're not worrying your head off about
us because we're really swell. In fact,
Jim and I may go to the country this week
upon Boss's invitation and the autumn
in any country is always so beautiful. We know.

Thurs. 21 Nov.
1888

Dear Mother

I have just received your letter

of the 19th inst. and I am

glad to hear from you

and to hear that you are

well and happy

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Your letter was dated Oct. 26th and I've
sent you a v. mail letter this morning that
was written yesterday. That diff. check you
mentioned I believe was for \$8.75- and when I
speak to Mr. Pinus again I'll check on it. Enclosed
is a form for you to sign. After almost a year
of depositing checks made out to you and me (it was
O. of J. for me sign ^(read me) your name until now) the manager
of the bank wishes your signature on this form.

So happy you're getting letters from home
and friends. If you can possibly get to a town or
city nearby try to buy some French souvenirs
but don't get marked. Winnie tells us of the lovely
silver pieces Mr. Shikman sent home and they cost
very little (from France). He's now in or near
Albany seeing and doing plenty of everything.

Jim is now asleep (its 1.45 P.M.) and we'll
go out for a walk when he awakes. Weather changed
and it's quite windy and cool (40°) but the
sun is shining. This morning I left Jim with
Betty and ordered the photos on Flathead Ave.
Also made a deposit in the Flathead bank and
Pop gave me the allotment check yesterday.

Understand you were at Kilmer in Jersey
before you left for overseas and I still think

it's a damn shame that we couldn't talk to one another. But things happen for the best (so they say) and all this will just be in the past soon with the balance of this bad dream.

Joe is fine these days and is still under treatment. Thelma takes him to the hospital about once or twice a week and the doctors say he's O.K. so far. He's being watched very carefully and seems to be in good spirits and health. — that's all about Joe. If anything develops I'll keep you informed. — meantime let's hope he stays well.

From a river map I'm naming and numbering the following places. Try to send the correct number (where you are) Le Havre - Cherbourg - Calais - Amiens - Rouen - Lille - Reims.

If you'd care for some Readers Digest, I'm sure we can get you some. I'll get some more. Hope you get more mail and packages.

Baby and I love you more than ever and still miss you every moment. We'll just have to be patient and wait for you. It can't be too long now. Our remembrance and all my love and devotion to my only sweetheart. Love from Mom and Pop and a kiss and hug from Jimmie.
Forever,
The Belcher

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