

King, Australia
Thursday, 30 Aug 1945.

Flowers, Sweetheart:

although to-day brought no letters from you, my darling, or anyone else, I find myself in more of a letter writing mood than yesterday. There was no special reason for yesterday's ineptitude, unless it was chemical. Perhaps the article in to-day's *Stars and Stripes* that there was a good chance the average limit would be reduced again within 10 days, if all proceeded according to plan in Japan, helped to arouse me from my lethargy. Anything that will ultimately bring me to you sooner, even by an hour, is of interest to me. Should the age limit be reduced below 38 it will enable me to apply for immediate, and then waiting for the boat will be all between us. We know it's one year, honey, but if only *tempus* would fugit in a hurry.

As I mentioned above I received no mail again to-day, but one of these morrows will bring bear camp letters. In any event I don't have to do any letter writing to night, other than to you, my pretty wife, and that's a welcome relief for two reasons. One, because I can concentrate all my thoughts on you and Jim, and secondly, because it's too darn hot. I believe to-day is the hottest day we've had here in King, and wearing our woollen uniforms with tie hardly adds to our comfort. I've done practically nothing all day, and to night

I didn't feel like even going to a show. After shaving and washing down to the belt line (showered last night, and to-night's reserved for the Civil) I walked back to headquarters, where I am now writing you in the daily room or two devoted to my service with you. Following the completion of this I'll stroll back to the Circus, look at the sights, and thence to my bunk, and a few chapters of "Try to Stop Me." Hardly an exciting evening, but I'm only putting time in until I get home. -

Under separate cover to-day I sent you stamp envelope #6. Please acknowledge when received, and put the stamps away carefully, also will enclose an envelope in each letter for the next few days. These sets are the best I've picked up over here, so please be careful of them. Just place them in a dry, flat place, preferably with the other stamps. In a previous letter I believed I asked you to send the new 5¢ Roosevelt when issued. Also a few first day covers of these. Also sent 25 more 1¢ and 3¢ Roosevelts with the 5¢, or sooner if the 5¢ issue will not be out for a while. They are good trading material. I do not want any Douglas material. Thanks so much for the speed and care taken in shipment.

To-morrow is pay day again. But I guess I'll send you another money order. Sent you a \$50. order yesterday, which I hope reaches you in quick time. Buy Jim and

yourself something pretty for the money.
also suggest you purchase Jim a War Bond
(50-) when the new Bond Drive starts. also
continue to purchase our monthly quota
despite my having canceled my monthly
\$10.- bond. Other than what I have
requested in previous letters I suggest you
do not send anything additional. I hardly
expect to be here for Xmas, so there's no
point in sending any packages for that
occasion. As for my birthday, wait until
I get home. I do hope you do send Frank
a bundle or two of clothing when you get
home. also a Xmas bundle as suggested
recently.

I have my furlough all sent to
leave on Sept 6th or 7th, and will return
on the 21st. Am trying to get some food
to take with me to Hank to ease the
situation while I'm there. Expect this will
work out okay. To-day Vandenberg sent me
a large map he drew (air engineer) showing
the Odyssey of C & A in its travel thru
Europe. It's a beaut, but I don't want to
crease it, and in the rail container it's about
18 to 20 inches long. Fear sending it thru
the post, as it may be damaged. Boy, do I
have problems these days.

With the realization that home is
getting daily closer my mind wanders to
various dreams. To-day I had the legs with
their fingers hanging out disembodying over
mushy ice-cream pants - and pants. Do

they still make coffee and peach ice-cream.
How does life seem once again with most
of the rationing restrictions lifted? Over here
it seems to be getting worse for these
people - but they worked hard for it. I
could see the watch the bank gave me
for \$350 to \$400; but my conscience don't
let me. Hope I don't lose it enroute back,
but I guess I won't.

You and Jim must be having a grand
time since V-J Day, and I trust there's
nothing to mar the balance of your vacation.
It would be late easier to write if I knew
how everything was at home, but I have
every faith in your capabilities on that score.
Stay well, sweetheart, kiss Jim for daddy,
and I'll kiss his mommy in mind. My
very best to yours and my kinfolk, and
all my love and devotion to you. Keep
Smiling

As ever,

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