

Belgium  
14 March 1945.

Florence, dearest:

These Spring-like days have the tendency to make one more romantic and homesick than usual, but I'm bucking on to myself quite firmly and with determination. I know you are going through the same phase at present, but I'm sure we'll come through smiling. One of the happy factors about being so deeply in love with you is the realization that no matter what I am undergoing mentally you are probably right along side of me. That's the way love partners should be, and, happily for us, we are. Keep your good health, be preoccupied with Jimmy, and don't worry. I'm in excellent health, my spirits fluctuate, but on the whole my perverted sense of humor will see me through this deal, and then, after that reunion in Brooklyn, we'll really adjust ourselves to a long, happy, joyous life of love, life and prosperity. Up to this point I have been able to take it, and I know the future will be no rougher.

Things brightened up a bit at mail call to-day. I received quite a potpourri of letters and package. Your letters were dated Dec. 9th, and Feb 18th and 19th. One from Eleanor Dec 8th (please tell her), one from the folks dated Dec 4th, one from Jack Miller Nov. 28th, another from Pinus, Dec 11th, and 2 V-mails from Bob. Feb 28th. There helped to clear up some of the unanswered questions, but did little to bring me closer to news from home. Bob's letter being the latest yet received from anyone assured me that all was well on your front. He is pursuing the practice of sending all his mail via 2 and 3 page typed V-mail forms. He must apply a great deal of time to this effort but I sure appreciate it.

I had hoped the mail would bring a confirmation of your receiving that third parcel sent you the same day the other two arrived, but I'm still in the dark. If you have already written about this advise again as a previous letter may be delayed en route. Also advise if Jim's bombing set arrived, and the first class packages mailed from Paris. Sent you another registered package the other day and that should reach you in about 3 weeks. Keep me well posted on these bundles as they represent lots of time, effort and funds getting them together for the sweetest wife in the world. Have located another toy shop for Jim, and will probably send another package in a few days or so; will advise as usual.

The bundle received from the folks to-day contained no date, so I know not when this was mailed. Please endeavor to date packages sent to me. It contained, Candy, coffee and Gisco, and I'm sure appreciate of their efforts to keep my good friends well stocked. Since I participate in products resulting from the use of these items I guess a two-fold purpose is being utilized. It is now possible for them to get a little coffee on their ration, so with our few pounds and what they can obtain

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Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the  
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. [Name]  
[Address]

I think you can resist from drinking coffee and tea, especially Nescafe, save this for yourself. Also save those large chocolate bars for you and Jim. I get some bars on my PX ration. I never cocoa, evaporated milk, smoked or jarred cheeses, any kind of tinned fish, crackers, jellies, cookies, fig newtons, and the like are always welcome and a delicacy, especially that smoked cheese. Even I look forward to that with salted crackers. Now that we have coffee and cocoa there is a shortage of milk, but occasionally we manage some from a neighbor with a baby under 2 - I see Miss Wallace would hurry with that quart of milk. He's planning everyone in the ward - or wants to that effect.

Your letter of Dec 9th discussing the transformation of my bar to a toy-bar for Jim sounds like an excellent idea. At least the little boy will not be having his foot on a rail, but are you afraid the itchings of the various stock exchanges will tend to palliate his mind? or do you want him to grow up and be a gift shop salesman? He must really be off the beam though to have endeavored fighting Santa Claus, no doubt by next time he'll know better than that. I never act this only give to show me that you are having your hands full with him, and I'm inclined to be thankful that you have so much to keep you busy these days.

Uncle Harry's letter was another attempt to again thank me for tracking Joe down, but believe me, darling, all I did was to write the kid two or three times. He was so glad to be able to converse with someone from home after that long silence that he came running to me. I am glad though that he writes Uncle Harry, and I wish you would suggest this to my father. No doubt Joe loves his mother, but I think he would prefer that Uncle Harry reply directly to his letters. In other words do not, Mary, write for both of them. It is only necessary to read one of her letters to realize she knows not whereof she speaks or writes. Perhaps my father can put this to Uncle Harry with a small degree of subtlety, but I'm not betting on it. I know what pop thinks of her.

Thanks so much for the enclosed money, and now I have so much I don't know what to do with it. Will refrain from perfume purchases until I hear more from you about the receipt of packages, condition and my selection taste. This is no promise however, as I can hardly resist when I go by the perfume shops. Do you think my man would like a bottle for Mother's Day?

Since I'm missing some portion of Jim's growth would it be possible for you to take some moving pictures of him this Spring? Perhaps Billy or Don would be a bit co-operative some Sunday. If you are forgoing on using the car this summer I suggest you have it well taken care of first. Grease, oil, motor, batteries, tire and even upholstery and paint-job should be done now, or else the car will deteriorate too quickly. You know the usual business, and I think it's worth the cost and effort. Hope you are able to



obtain enough gas to keep it running. Give the insurance business  
on it to Liddle, and perhaps he can fix you up with the joint  
job. It's been done before. Have you heard any more on the  
renewal of my notary public license? And did you sell any  
securities lately? The values of my postage stamps are  
booming but I think they'll be high priced until after my  
return, so I'll talk business with Herb then.

Now that Helena has Maurice around I suppose the  
tension has eased somewhat. Is there any hope for his being  
kept in the states, or getting a discharge? Or is it still impossible  
for him to differentiate between facts, hysterics, emotions and  
lies? I leave you must have been pretty much upset by recent  
events not to have returned to work in over 2 months, but  
I sure hope she begins to get a break soon. Her Dec 11th letter  
mentioned another unhappy experience with a "Don Juan", and  
I begin to believe we will have to get a shot-gun for her.  
Can't you fix her up with Charlie Kellum, and maybe he'll stop  
annoying you? — — — — — Boy, that would be a swell romance,  
and your mother could invest in a liquor business, and I  
could obtain my needs at wholesale prices. If this idea does  
not appeal to you, why just pay no attention to it. I'm merely  
tossing to be suggestive or maybe you are working on that already!  
It must be easy for you to see what the Spring is doing to me.

I'm fine and dandy, feel swell, going to visit Frank  
to-night and between Jim's and the folks' package it'll be a big  
night. They sure appreciate everything, and I'm awfully glad to  
be able to sit around in a living room, and live, enough  
though there have been times when we were warmer than the  
stone, but they too had a sense of humor, so we managed  
well under the circumstances.

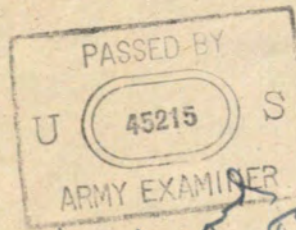
Hope you and Jimmy are in excellent health and  
spirits, having fun, acting as the spirit of courage and strength  
for the whole family. I know both of you can do it, and I'll  
continue to do all I can to inspire you by my unbiased,  
unadorned and unusual love and devotion. Stay well,  
write often, and don't let Jimmy boss you around. I'll  
give him & Paul company punishment to say nothing of a  
court martial when I return, or maybe make sergeants  
out of him. Kiss the rascal and the folks for me, and  
my best to everyone

as ever

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