

Tuesday night,
Feb. 12 1944.

George, my darling,

You're spoiling me with all these daily love messages and I love and cherish each one I get. Who, but you, my sweet George can ^{so} romantically express yourself although your mission is far from romantic? But, knowing you, I am always expecting something wonderful in each letter and one of these days I hope I'm not disappointed. From the latest news I've been hearing and reading, it looks as though the end of the war is still far off but I don't let my mind dwell on that unhappy thought. Your news is always the best and means the most to me. Loving you with all my heart and having Jimmie, I realize, is much more than other humans have so I'll keep my spirits up as long as I can. Physically, I feel fine and am full of pep again and "ready to go." Time is a wonderful element and I guess it applies to everything. Baby is a swell little fellow and how I wish his Daddy can see him soon. To-morrow it will be eleven weeks that you're away and already it seems like a lifetime to me since I've touched you and kissed you; but I'll wait patiently.

The picture you sent in Sunday's letter came today and it's simply one of the grandest pictures you've ever taken since we're married. How boyish and sweet you look and I know that special smile is

for Jimmie and me. ²Thanks a million, darling. I think you even look happy against that mil background. Mom and Pop will certainly be delighted to get one of these and I hope you've already received some of the shots I forwarded to you. There'll be more coming and if you don't want to keep them all just re-turn them to me for the album. If you want duplicates made, I'll have that done pronto, the numbers are on the back of each photo.

While preparing baby's bath last night, Jimmie leaped over the tub a little too far and I caught him in the nick of time - he would have landed flat on that curly top of his but Mommy came to the rescue. He loves his bath and even eats the soap - I should write that in to "Swan". He's eating very nicely and drinks a quart of milk a day. As far as his vocabulary, not too many new words have been added but he tries to pronounce the first part of a two syllable word sometimes. He understands what I say to him and only to-day went to get a cloth to wipe up a chair that he wet. He knew he did wrong and tried to correct it. To-day he had a grand time playing with Lawrence (I keep Lawrence in the play pen)

and Joel and they all enjoyed listening to the nursery songs on the phonograph. The weather was very beautiful but it was too windy to go out to-day therefore we stayed indoors while Betty did my shopping.

Thelma and Joel spent part of the afternoon here too and they're both well and get steady mail from Maurice (in England). During the day, my mother called ~~always~~ inquires about you, Mr. Pinus called and said he wrote to you last night, Min Lieber called and asked about the "Large Stuffs and Son" and I spoke to Mickey and Billy Rubel last night. I understand there is to be a ladies night at John Hancock to-night but it all boils down to just card games. I don't get the notices and Billy is going to ask Herb. Kersich to mail them to me in the future. Min and Billy asked me to try to make it but it's quite difficult to impose on Betty again and then I'm not up to it without you around, my beloved.

The allotment check came to-day and also an ad from Witty Bros. If you need ^{a coat} ~~one~~, just drop around and get one or sale. Your folks also

received a check for \$74.00 and called me early in the day to tell me. I'll get it this week and will buy a bond for us and deposit the balance. When I get the E. L. check I'll cash it and keep it for household expenses and I'm depositing the \$80.00 in the checking account. The rent has been paid this afternoon so all finances up to date are O.K. Your tax figures will be sent as soon as I get your letter ref. to same.

So happy you get to the movies so often and I wish I could do the same but it's quite difficult. ^{✓ Ben} Betty is very kind, offers to mind Jimmie any time but I can't impose too much. Expect to go with her to Truckman's again on Fri. night and maybe I'll have luck in getting some clothes. The days are getting longer, Spring is not far off and the set-up here is not as black as I thought it would be back in November. Baby and I are well, that's most important and we love you - everything else is just secondary.

Winnie got the card and thrilled to see you're name again. Herb is in 4F if I haven't written you about him already.

Until, tomorrow, pleasant dreams and my love and devotion to the greatest husband on earth. A kiss from baby.
Lovingly
F. L. Lavelle

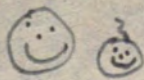
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