

Saturday eve
July 27th 1945.

Dearest sweetheart,

To think I have a letter of yours in front of me dated July 20th ⁽¹⁹⁴⁵⁾, only 7 days ago, from you to me - Long & Monticello in such a short space of time. It's a happy letter full of Viennese music; a gay mood of yours after hearing a concert and the assurance that all is well with you. Of course you've not mentioned whether or not you sleep in a tent or not even but I surmise you've been through the worst already. It'll not be too long before you'll be on your way home and I'll tell of the latest I heard today. A very handsome young Swedia, this neighbor Yello's son (I mentioned him several times) came in last night from the coast. I met him today and after chatting a few minutes he mentioned that a new ardele came through (in the ~~canoe~~) dated July 26th that men 36 and over are to be discharged. No official announcement to the public has been made yet but I'm writing to Stan to-night to enquire how true this is. If it's what we're waiting for - recipce - Norway so it may be over soon after all.

Also had more letters from my beloved dated July 6th and July 17th and young Frank's letter sent free mail. Haven't received the money order in the July 5th letter so I'll

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The many others who have helped to make
 this little book what it is. I have not
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probably get both on Monday. Will also let you know when that \$40.00 comes through from the War Finance Dept. Some more of the those first day covers came through to day with the Roosevelt stamps and Jim will sure love them when he's a few years older. Also had a letter from the folks, who are well and will be here next week-end if the weather is favorable. They enclosed in their letter a paid receipt from the Prudential Ins. Co. which I took care of on July 19th.

To-night it's raining again and most of the day was dreary, foggy and cloudy. We all awoke at 8.45 and Jim and I ate breakfast before the others. The news on the radio was most surprising today. A B-25 bomber crashed into the side of the top of the Empire State Building this morning and quite a few casualties resulted. All of the crew were killed, fire broke out on five floors and we'll know the extent of the damage in to-morrow's papers. The fog was the cause of the accident, so it seems.

Jimmie, Mom, Eleanor and I are very well and keep busy all the time. That roast beef I bought yesterday sure made a hit and we had a swell dinner, which I made with all the trimmings. We'll have enough for several days for no one turned up for the week-end - bad weather again. Mom and Eleanor spent the afternoon at the Congress with Bea and Jan and Jim and I stayed home and had a good time.

The day was very warm and sunny. I went to the
 market at 10 o'clock and bought some fruit.
 The fruit was very good. I also bought some
 vegetables. The vegetables were very fresh.
 I went to the bank at 12 o'clock and
 deposited my money. The bank was very busy.
 I went to the office at 2 o'clock and
 worked until 5 o'clock. The work was very
 interesting. I went to the gym at 6 o'clock
 and exercised. The gym was very clean.
 I went to the library at 7 o'clock and
 read some books. The books were very good.
 I went to the cinema at 8 o'clock and
 saw a very good film. The film was very
 interesting. I went to the restaurant at 9
 o'clock and ate a very good meal. The meal
 was very delicious. I went to the hotel at 10
 o'clock and went to bed. The hotel was very
 comfortable. I went to the office at 11 o'clock
 and worked until 12 o'clock. The work was
 very interesting. I went to the gym at 1 o'clock
 and exercised. The gym was very clean. I
 went to the library at 2 o'clock and read
 some books. The books were very good. I
 went to the cinema at 3 o'clock and saw a
 very good film. The film was very interesting.
 I went to the restaurant at 4 o'clock and
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the same at present. I will endeavor to do so as soon as possible. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, &c.
 J. M. Smith

We read almost all of Jim's ³ story books, nested
for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, and spoke of our dearest
Daddy. Now we miss you, darling, and love you even
so much. Time does go quickly but often I wonder
whether you've been away from us for 20 years.

Eleanor had a call from Marion, who was to come
up for the week-end. She sends her best to you. When
Eleanor came up yesterday she brought 2 York magazines
which you sent to me several weeks ago. Nothing new in
Brooklyn and Thelma is still at her job and
Maurice commutes from Mitchell Field. I haven't
heard from Bob yet but I expect some news from him
this coming week. Hope all is well with him and
that he gets every break.

That's all for now, my love, and as always
I love you with all my heart. Stay well and
soon we'll be in each other's arms again.
Jim looks fine, is still the precious babe and is
growing up so quickly. I'm sure anxious to see the
look on your face when you see that little rascal
again. It'll be quite a thrill.

All my love to you, dearest and hugs
and kisses from Jimmie. Best wishes from Mom,
Bess and Eleanor.

Sincerely,
Florence

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and
 wondering how you are getting on. I hope you
 are well and happy. I have been very busy
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, &c.
 J. H. [Signature]

Sunday eve -
July 29th '45.

My darling,

Jimmie and I love you more and more, more
you more than you'll ever know and just can't
wait until you get on that boat. We'll probably
mark ourselves up into a frenzy when we get
the official news about the discharge of men 36
years and older. So until then, dearest, we'll try
not to get too happy. We're all fine and dandy and
hope you continue to stay well and optimistic.

Had a nice Sunday and am looking forward to
to-morrow's mail. Your letters are always a source of
much happiness and thoughtfulness. Lately they're so
damn romantic that I'm actually pining for you.
With those beautiful mountains, Shambh river and lovely
mountains you're surely in a most enchanting place and
how I yearn to be with you! This morning I walked
to town alone for the newspapers and thought of you
walking along side of me. You're on my mind constantly,
darling, and I'm happy for that. Jimmie stayed
with Eleanor and Mom and when I returned they
were all on the porch, waiting for me. We read the
latest news, lay in the hammocks and chatted until dinner
time. Bess called to tell us that Jan had a slight
cold and Mom went to help Bess with him. In the
afternoon I drove with Eleanor and Jim to Loch Sheldale
to visit Miss Abrams and visited Harry for 2 minutes.
They're all fine and their boy is quite handsome,

They in all fine and better day is quite common
 to visit their friends and friends of a minute
 of time. I have seen them and find the best
 of all and that I hope to see them soon. The
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 letter from you in the morning and that it
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 looking along with you. You are now in
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well built and well behaved. We didn't stay too long and from there I drove to Sackett Lake to see Ben jar and to pick up those Angora bitters I wrote about in a previous letter. Jar is feeling better and was quite cheerful when we saw him. Jim stayed outside his room and understood he wasn't to go near Jim. He also collected the bitters and had them kept with us in the house. Jim loves them both and is self-appointed guardian, protector and father. We've named them "Romeo" and "Juliet" and they sure are adorable with their white coats of fur and light brown spots on top of their heads. One of them made a sis about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch away from this letter and the other made a sis in my neighbor's house upstairs. I'm taking one home and hope he'll survive with Jim around. Poor Henry! I'm sure you'll love this letter, too.

Jim is sound asleep after taking a nice supper and watching the bitters lap up their milk. Eleanor and I are going into town for some ice cream and to mail your letter. Weather was fair today but not too warm.

Good night, dearest, and all my love and devotion to you as always. This is our year and I'll bet we'll be going together to that annual affair of John Hancock's. Kisses and kisses from baby and best wishes from all the family.

yours always,
Florence

On the 1st of June 1861, I received from
 your mother a letter in which she
 informed me that you had been
 admitted to the University of
 Cambridge. I was very glad to
 hear of this, and I hope you will
 be able to make a good use of
 the opportunity. I am, my dear
 son, ever your affectionate father.

I have not yet received your letter of the 11th inst. and
 am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you
 will soon be able to write again. I am very
 anxious to hear from you. I am well and hope
 you will be the same. I am very
 affectionately yours,

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