

Linz, Austria
Tuesday, 21 August 45.

Dorlene, Sweetheart:

Leaving the romance and culture that is Salzburg, and returning to the monotony of the army was not desirable, but I had no alternative. I truly had a delightful time seeing the sights there, took a few snaps, and the music I heard helped to put me in a good frame of mind. Upon my arrival at the office I found your Aug. 4th, 5th, and 10th air mail awaiting me. Also a letter from the folks dated Aug. 7th, and one from Bob of the 4th. I need hardly add finding your wonderful letters just about clinaxed the week-end. I've read and re-read your letter of the 10th, and I guess I'm just as happy about the turn of events as you are, and you seem to be positively thrilled. It won't be long now, honey, and this is still our year.

The folks around me in their letter that they had a wonderful time over that week-end, and that all was well with you and them. Naturally I'll not mention anything about their laden arms, but I'm glad they do not come in empty-handed. These week-ends spent with you and Jim are truly a tonic to them. I know it has given them much courage in the past, and will continue to do so as long as they visit. Thanks so much for your attention to them. I realize only too

well that, so much company over the week-end
gives you "bean-camp" relief, but that's lots
better than being alone. It's only a matter
of time before you have your beagle around
to sit the fence for us. Meeting those friends
and relatives at the Congress must have been
a surprise to all concerned, but it's a small
war.

I'm mighty pleased my letters are
reaching you in fair time, and the past few
days has seen an improvement in our mail
service. I almost forgot to advise that the
envelope containing the first day Canada
arrived to-day, in good shape. It was dated
August 13th. It seems that August 10th brought
you quite a collection of letters and checks. I'm
glad you received the \$40. check, and the \$5.-
Frank Claim. The latter is just found money. Frank
has become a prolific letter writer to you and
me, It is just his way to try to keep our
morale high until we have our reunion under
the tree that is growing in Brooklyn. Strangely
enough I wrote you yesterday a list of items to be
included in these packages to Belgium. The
first one you sent was swell, but eliminate
coffee in the future, they can get some in town.
Meat or fish, bacon or cheese are more
desirable items instead of coffee. Send any
seemable clothes, as I ordered yesterday, and
any shoes you can spare, even Jim's. If they
can't use them, there's always a relative or
neighbor who can. The rate of 14¢ per pound is
cheap compared to the tremendous keep you

are giving our good friends Frank has 7
of those Canned T.C. insignias as per my request,
and I may ask him to mail them to you.
Thanks so much for forwarding my requests to
me, and I'll acknowledge it as soon as received.

The moving picture I wrote you about is
an old style Pathe $9\frac{1}{2}$ mm moving picture
camera, which we will probably use a trade-
in material for a modern one when we buy
one. There's a long story behind its acquisition,
and I prefer to relate it some cool, winter
evening when we have little else to talk about.
Fear not, my dearest. I'll tell you all the stories,
and some you won't even believe.

Your Aug. 10th letter advises me to visit
Salzburg for the music festival, but since I
just came back from a 3 day visit to the place,
I guess one again our telephonic minds functioned.
I've written you much of what happened there in
my 2 previous letters, but enclosed herewith
is the ticket stub from last night's performance.
Under separate cover I sent you the program
yesterday. The enclosed snafu carries a legend
on the reverse side. You can readily see how
"leathery" I am at present.

Jim's rapid approach to his third
birth day is ever reminding me that he's growing
up, but fast. I'm proud that he's got a
wrinkle now, but don't let him run the
show yet. There's no doubt he and I will
whomp it up when I get back, but you better

Give me some lessons in raising children.
Rames and Juliet will probably appreciate
the significance of "the Power of the Fifties".
theory, but I suppose Jim is not too cruel,
yet. Does he wear my ETO ribbon with the
2 stars thereon?

Herb asked me to get some Austrian
stamps for him, which I did. I'm going to
tell him to send the check in payment for
them to you. Should you receive any
remittances from him you'll understand
what it's for. Please advise when you do.

No official directions on the 38 year
men yet, but it'll be coming then in short
order. I may have to wait until Nov. 10th,
but will try to push it along as much as
possible. Capt. Asay promised to help me.
Capt. Howard leaves for home and discharge
on Thursday of this week, but I wouldn't
say good-bye to him, or even give him your
phone number when he requested it. I have
no use for that character, but that's just
another story.

Stay well, sweetheart, tempus fugit,
Keep smiling, I love you truly, Kiss Jim for
me, and I'll kiss you both in mail. The
song "Goin' Home" is all I can think of besides
you — our day is a-comin', dearest.

As ever

George

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