

Tuesday -
May 22nd

Dearest George,

The sunset is very lovely and the air smells so fragrant after a short, heavy shower early this evening. Rain drops always make a nice sound and is soothing to the spirit. By the way, our spirits are very good these days and I think I'm more relaxed since V-E Day than I've been in years. I guess you feel the same way too. Thank goodness, Jim just goes on as the previous rascal he's been since birth.

All's well at home and Mom and Pop are very pleased to have Bob home again. Of course, Bob says nothing or very little about the future and it's better that way. Maybe his good luck will hold out and the Jap war will finish before we realize it. The business men in Japan see the light and sometimes they even show. Germany's flight showed us a good example to those fanatics. Meanwhile we'll just go on hoping and praying.

Gradually, the selective service and army is easing up and to-night's headlines say that men of 30 will not be drafted. And men of 40 can make application for discharge and all this only 2 weeks after V-E Day - So, my darling sweetheart, you may be next on the list for the next age group - we hope again.

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Received yours May 8th and May 10th air-mails
this morning and both were the usual swell type
letters I always love to read and re-read. So happy
you received my aunt's camera and I'm doing my
best to send you more films. About 6 or 7 have
on the way now and I think putting them in a
5 lb parcel is safer and cheaper and I'm sure
you won't mind the other junk I send with
the films. Bob and Frances came late this afternoon
and Bob brought the closed film which he got in
Mass. Jim went through his show off routine
and it's too difficult to describe to you the joy and
fun Jim and Bob had playing here. Jim rocked on
his new horse, threw 2 sacks of cards all over
our living room and brought out all his stuffed
toys and sat them on all the chairs. He's active
every second and I get exhausted just watching him.

The weather was grand all day and quite warm
this morning. Jim and I were out early, did our
shopping and had to be in the garment by 10 a.m.
The agent for the insurance company came then and
advised I get an estimate for the framing of the doors
and fenders. I did and already had it in the mail.
A nice woman came shortly after and was very much
interested in the mattresses. She called me this
evening and offered \$40.00 (I wanted \$50.00) and I
consented to give them to her for that price. She'll
be here to-morrow to pick them up (unless she
backs out but I'll let you know how I

The first of these is the fact that the
 government has been unable to raise
 the necessary funds to meet its
 obligations. This is due to a
 variety of causes, including the
 high cost of the war, the
 depreciation of the currency, and
 the failure of the government to
 collect its taxes. The result is
 a severe financial crisis, which
 has led to the suspension of
 payments to foreign creditors.
 The second cause of the crisis is
 the inflation of the currency. The
 government has printed large
 quantities of money to meet its
 needs, which has led to a
 rapid increase in the price level.
 This has also contributed to the
 financial difficulties of the
 government. The third cause is
 the failure of the government to
 collect its taxes. This is due to
 a variety of factors, including
 the corruption of the tax
 authorities and the failure of
 the government to enforce the
 law. The result is a severe
 shortage of funds, which has
 led to the suspension of
 payments to foreign creditors.
 The financial crisis has had a
 severe impact on the economy.
 The value of the currency has
 fallen sharply, and the price
 level has risen rapidly. This
 has led to a severe shortage
 of goods and services, and
 a rapid increase in the cost
 of living. The government has
 been unable to meet its
 obligations, and the country
 is in a state of financial
 collapse.

fixed in to-morrow's letter). So, my beloved,
we'll have new mattresses to start our happy
married life to-gether again. What can be better
than good mattresses - and you wouldn't have
to listen to me complain any more.

Spoke to my sister Eleanor and my mom and
both are well. We're looking forward to next week
when we'll be leaving for the mountains. I'm taking
plenty of clothes for Jim and myself and expect to
buy more summer stuff before we go. Mom made
more amarets for Jim and they're all lovely. Eleanor
is re-finishing the insignia you sent home and it'll
be real nice when she gets through with it.

Enclosed are more late snaps of us and Jan
and I hope you like them. Stay well, my love,
and I'll keep on loving you forever and ever.
Kisses and kisses from precious and best wishes from
at the folks.

Sincerely,
Florence

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