

Friday, Dec. 17, 1943.

Florence, dearest:

Jimmy is a picture which I have along side of me on the wall. Certainly works wonders in keeping me in such good spirits, and ever hopeful that the day will come soon when the Victory March homeward to my loved ones will begin. His cheerful, effervescent smile, those roguish eyes, and that happy countenance, keep reminding me of his mother and my sweetheart. It seems uncanny that the little fellow should resemble me, but have his mother's nature, and believe you me, darling, I wouldn't have it any other way. It sure is a great feeling to be able to love and adore you, and to have a son who gives me a chance to intensify that love. Keep that smile going, dear, and time will pass ever so quickly.

Things are moving along nicely; foot continues excellent; weather is improving; I feel swell, and I hope everyone at home is in excellent health and spirits. With the Xmas holidays coming along, and you busy shopping and taking care of Jim and home, you must be extremely busy. I hope the phone calls have subsided a bit, allowing you all the time you need. Although the mail is delayed several days, I receive quite a bit of mail when it does arrive. When I finish writing this I will endeavor to answer some of the other letters.

Let me know how Jimmy is coming along with his packing and waiting, and how he enjoys the Xmas spirit. I hope Bers is adjusting himself to Hy's fate, and there is little else to do, where is the contemplating living, when, as, and if he is taken into the armed services. Has Thelma been around to see you yet? and where is Maurice? Have they gotten around to some of the other men in the house? I see by the papers that the market is acting up again; ask Pincus what he recommends doing with my holdings, if anything. Where are you having Xmas dinner? but no matter, because I'll be there in spirit anyway. Have I been neglecting anyone?

There is little else to relate now, other than that I still love and miss you, but mentally I always have a kiss in mind for you

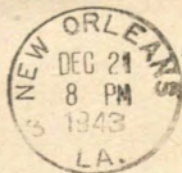
as ever,

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My best to everyone!

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