



Sunday 12-26-43.

Flowers, sweetheart:

The magical sound of your voice has me once again on my toes, and dashing it was a most delightful sensation to be reassured that all was well with my loved ones at home. It certainly was fate that arranged to have my folks over at the moment I called. Speaking to them, and then leaving Jimmy gone that there's a little extra spice. I was very glad to learn that everyone was well, and not affected with all the flu and pneumonia that is supposed to be around the country. Yes, dear, that phone call sure did much to make the day more palatable, and we did have a fairly interesting time after we finished talking to our folks.

To-day I received the letters you wrote on Dec. 21 and 22nd, and this too did much to make the holiday season a success for me. I can readily see that Jimmy's handwriting takes after his father's, but it warmed the

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Carles of my heart to realize that the little fellow is growing, and pretty soon he'll be able to talk to his daddy over the phone; but then maybe I'll be home before that time comes. Surprised that he does not gain more weight, but he seems to be growing fast so fast, that I guess its more difficult to get heavier under those circumstances. In any event I am sure you know what to do for and with him.

As yet I did not receive the \$10, but when I do I will advise you. My mail is still 10 days late coming from my old addresses. Received Eleanor's humorous Xmas card, and got a kick out of it, only because its too funny, and she probably thinks its a joke. Sounds like you did a conservative job on the Xmas gifts, but I'm sure everyone was satisfied this Xmas, so no matter. I think \$2 or 3 dollars would be o.k. for the outfit. Awfully glad you sent that check to the A.S.O, as they really try hard to please the service men.

You probably have noticed, that even though my mail sometimes arrives late, that I write a letter daily to you. The censoring of our mail for the past 2 weeks did much to delay mail, but if all goes well, you should get a letter each day from me. I know only too well how anxious you are to hear from me, and



believe me, honey-child, I wait only too
impatiently for your letters, too.

Now, let me tell how we spent
the evening after I phoned you Saturday.
Four of us proceeded to visit the manager
of the office whence we phoned from. Upon
arriving in another part of N.O. we found
his place; just a furnished apt. in a large
old frame house, but quite cozy. The couple
had a 6 months old baby, who was quite
a hooter; a boy, weight 22 lbs. $9\frac{1}{2}$ at birth.
The lady let me hold him, and feed him the
bottle, need I add any more to tell how
I felt for the balance of the evening.
Not a good looking baby, but bright-eyed,
a little too fat, good natured; I hobbled
him, and sure had a grand time, playing
with the little (?) fellow. After a couple of
drinks we left to go to a big service men's
affair, with gifts to be presented, but on the
street car a girl asked us if we were
Jewish, and answering in the affirmative

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she steered us to a dance and entertainment
at the B'NAI BRITH Club-house. This led to
the second delightful feature of the evening.
Jewish people, Jewish girls who looked at
least well-fed, and Jewish frank-furters,
as usual at such functions I had a
small time, and didn't even dance. I
guess its that big mouth of mine that
keeps me going. Well, I talked Goldfish with
old men and women, young girls, officers,
and even fixed up Sammy Rizzo (an Italian
lad who was with us) with a Jewish name,
Sammy Lasenstein, and introduced him to
one of the sweetest girls in the place, who
finally found it more fun talking to
me than winning a dance contest
with Sammy, which they did. all in all,
dancing, for a few fleeting moments I
felt like a civilian again, and then the
illusion was gone, but every thing added
up to a most pleasant evening, all of
which began when I heard the music
in your voice over the phone. Gosh,
what a lucky fellow your sweetheart is.
After we left the dance we found a
coffee shop, had a snack and headed
back for the Bonmarks, arriving there at
about 1 A.M., slept until 9 this a.m.



I am awaiting your Xmas report, and also acknowledgement of that ⁺10 check I sent you. I don't quite understand your question about the wallet key. It seems to me that I left it attached to the key chain, which was in my drawer. Please let me know if you locate it, otherwise borrow my father's, and have bank issue a new one for you. I think it will cost a \$1.- also pay wallet bill.

Glad that Helma and Joel were over, and that they are both well again. Is Maudie overseas, and where? I wrote Murray Harper a short time ago. Have you heard from the Whitmans? Is Anita O.K.? Am awaiting Bob's new address, and did you say Ben went out to Calif.? Patiently all and any bits of late news. With a whole mindfull of love and kisses for you and our little friends and joy, you find me loving

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you more and more,

as always

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