

Thursday eve
May 17th

Dearest sweet heart,

I still love you, my dearest, and patient we'll be until George comes marching home. Jim talks to your picture, mimicking me of course, and we both enjoy our one-sided conversations very much. Lately Jim has picked up "Get outta here" "Shut up" and "I don't want dat". I ignore all this and when we'll be out of Lawrence's range, things will be so different. But Jim is still a honey of a boy and looks swell these days. His rash is gone and I'm almost convinced it's change of air that is the cause of it. I've tried cutting out certain foods (brothens) and there's no sense to deprive Jim of anything.

Last night I spent a quiet evening knitting, listening to the radio and cat napping on and off. Just like a grandma, already. I do awaken very early these days, especially since V-E Day. This morning your V. mail dated May 7th #121 and your fir mail letter #121 made my day a very happy one. You express your joy in the announcement of the war's end and that inevitable day when we'll be one again. I can't wait either, my love. It's always a wonderful feeling to know that we love as we do and Jim is an added love.

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To-day was a quiet day and I did finish up
so many odd little jobs. The agent, from the clinic
reported, called here and I was out at the time.
He left his card and perhaps we'll be fortunate to
get a joint job or a simonize job done soon. Hope to
the folks and they're well. They had a letter from
you to day dated May 6th and they're just as im-
patient to see you as I am. Billy also called
this morning to thank me for the book. He, too, had
a letter from you and will endeavor to reply soon.

This afternoon, after Jim's nap, I drove to
Baby's store and paid Eleanor a short visit. She
made a very beautiful rocking horse for Jim and
I drove it home toute suite with baby. It's
a honey, painted bright red and blue with real
leather ears and leather tail and trimmed with
nail heads. I'll try to get a snap of Jim on it soon.
Jim just adores it and now has a rocker and a
horse to amuse him in addition to everything else.

I'm feeling fine & wish I knew how you stand
and how long you'll be away from us. I enquired at
the Post office about parcels to Belgium and they're not
permitted as yet - just letters. Let me know if it's O. K. to
send you the clothing and food stuffs for your friends.
In my next parcel to you I'll send more films. I've
sent 2 rolls of 116 last week -

As always, all my love and devotion to the best
H. I. in Nell Sam's camp. Kugs and kisses from Jim.

P.S. Its 18 months to-day since you went away.

Always,
Flavene

My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines
will find you the same. I have been thinking much of late
of the future of our country and the state of our
affairs. I feel that we are in a critical position and
that the result will determine whether we are to remain
a united people or become a collection of warring
states. I believe that the only way to preserve our
union is by a firm and consistent policy. We must
stand by our principles and not be swayed by the passions
of the moment. We must also be true to our promises
and not allow ourselves to be deceived by false promises.
I am sure that if we only have the courage to do this,
we will be able to overcome all our difficulties and
build up a strong and prosperous nation. I am, my friend,
your sincere friend,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Friday eve -
May 18th

Large, dearest,

It's quite peaceful in the apartment, Jim fell asleep early and Betty just left me after a short visit. All is well with your little family, the folks are fine and Bob is expected in this week-end. Eleanor and my mom are fine and we'll be going up to Monticello in about two weeks.

The weather has been changing that fast few days and although we had quite a bit of rain it's gradually getting warmer. After the morning's rain it cleared and Jim and I went out for a walk. No mail from you to-day but I did receive a parcel containing the two insignias, which are very beautifully done, a light etc, a coin branch, which is elegant and a china slipper plus other little things. Jim and I always have such fun unpacking anything from Daddy. We're expert unpackers by now.

This afternoon Jim and I did a little shopping on the avenue. In Bob and Betty's I bought over baby a pretty navy blue knitted suit with a wide striped blue and white polo shirt. Also purchased more story books in the ten cent store and then had a walnut ice cream soda at the place we used to have our sodas. Jim didn't stop so I managed to get home early and give him an egg, banana and milk.

While at the Post Office, I purchased a sheet of 50 stamps @ 5 cents each as per your request.

[The page contains extremely faint, illegible handwriting throughout.]

I placed this sheet in your stamp book which you keep in the breakfast. Also received a policy from Edison for fire and theft on car for another year. It's due on June 8th so I'll not forget to take my check book and bills with me when I do leave Brooklyn.

Stan promised to lend me his movie camera but so far I haven't been able to get colored film. I'll try my best to do so before June 1st so that Stan or Billy will be able to take pictures of us. In my next package, I expect to send you candy and films again and will notify you when I do mail it.

Nothing else to relate just now so I'll bid you good night, my darling and hope our dreams come true very soon. Stay well and Jim and I send you all our love and devotion.

I still miss you every moment and love you so much. The worst is over, I realize so I'll not complain.

Sincerely yours,
 Florence

I have been thinking of you very much lately
 and wondering how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well and happy.
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 but I have managed to find some time
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