

Germany.
26 April 1945.

Florence, dearest:

To-day's mail call proved that patience is one of the most important things we can be blessed with during these trying times. All of us realize that conditions are more trying mentally than physically, and mail, those blessed written expressions of love and assurance, always bring relief. Both of us know how dearly we love each other, but like rare flowers, the emotion must and should always be cared for every moment of every day. You are doing a grand job of keeping my spirits and morale high, and I hope my literary expressions of love, adoration, and current events are doing a like job for you. Just as this patient attitude is paying off in this manner, so will our reunion come about in due time. All things have an ending, and we both know very well that our day is coming. The future is bright, sweetheart, prepare for it, and you, Jim and I will surely make the most of every day.

The mail came there again, as you probably have already surmised, and my share included your V-Mail letters dated April 8-11-13 and his mail dated April 9-10-12. Also a letter from Bob, one from Herbert, including some stamps, and a most welcome package from you. Since our arrival in the land of the Master-Race (pshaw) it has been difficult to obtain candies or cookies. This too is only temporary, but for the time none the less inconvenient. So when I opened your bundle to find it filled with 5 boxes of Cookies, Candies, and those extra special hockey Cookies, it proved to me that you have an extra special source of feminine satisfaction. Thanks so much for all this, and even though my Belgian friends will never get any of this, be assured that it has and will be well applied in the next 12 hours. In addition to the above I received the March 18th issue of the Dennis. Please continue having the newspapers sent to me, despite previous request to discontinue. It helps that nostalgic feeling.

All your letters convey the information that you forwarded a 116 camera. Thanks so much for the speed and efficiency with which you handle my requests. There should be plenty of shots to take since

25 April 1912

My dear Mr. [illegible]
I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am well at present.
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our arrival in Germany, and I have already taken 3 rolls of film, including one or two of me taking a bath out of a helmet. I have no idea when, where or how I'll get these snaps developed but Jennie takes care of everything. At present I have them wrapped in the original tin-foil and sealed in the boxes. My only source of films from here in will be those you send, so please endeavor to forward some. It may interest you to know that you are permitted to mail up to 8 ounces per week without a request. I'll take good care of the camera, and thank your aunt for leaving it to us. After the war I'll prefer to use an American make, so forget about buying anything in Germany. I have neither the inclination or opportunity to shop in a German store.

The "No-futurnization" rule is strictly observed by all the men, and has its merits. Now that the Germans are well licked they are beginning to figure complete lack of faith in Hitler and his disciples. Naturally they did not want the war. They like all Americans and British, but are afraid of the Russians. Every other person claims to be a Hollander, Russian, Yugo-Slav, Czech, and almost anything but a German. However to me they are the same rotten swine who humiliated, burned, slaughtered, massacred, and starved all of Europe, and would have done the same to the rest of the world had they but been successful. They deserve no consideration or kind treatment, and I sure hope the Jews that he slips them a Mickey Finn. I will admit, honey, that it is difficult to watch the young children stand around as we eat, and not offer them food, desserts or candy. It's hard, I know, to see a 4 year old's eyes bulge, especially if he has blond hair, and for me not to treat him to something; but I have not forgotten the yellow stars they made so popular here. I sure hope the next few generations will learn the lessons that should be taught by a war of this magnitude. I hope — but that's the problem we must solve after this war is won.

Your keeping close tabs on Jennie's health and growth coincides with my desires as previous letters probably have demonstrated to you. His rash must be annoying not only to him but to you as well. Perhaps this new doctor will solve the problem, but with you keeping close watch I'm sure it will be cured in due time. He doesn't seem to be gaining much

weight, but as long as he's ³ healthy and growing taller I guess he's following the pattern of your build; tall, slim and sinewy, blessed with good health and looks, and that ever pleasant smile. It won't be long before he's three years old, and I suppose by that time he'll really be talking whole paragraphs. I am patiently awaiting those late pictures you have taken recently.

It's a pity you have not been able to locate a summer place, and I hope you manage to solve this problem soon. Your spending the summer in the country would make me happier, and I knew it would do you and Jim a world of good. As for me I'll no doubt get plenty of air and sunshine for the next few months. I cannot gather from your letter what is wrong with the car, but whatever it is please give it the best service obtainable, since it must give you no trouble, and must carry on until new ones are available. At present we cannot spend any money except for postage stamps and perhaps Rx rationing, so I guess I'll forward you the balance of my pay (\$25.00) every month. Please deposit it in a savings bank account for me at some future date for our pleasure and convenience.

Your letters sound cheerful and optimistic, and although I have heard no news for two days, I'm sure it's all favorable. This is just about ended over here, and the return home is merely a matter of time. I am in wonderful health, excellent spirits, and with a severe case of spring fever and young love I dream of you every moment. Stay well, my pretty queen. Keep smiling. Take good care of yourself and our precious son. Give my very best to the folks, Bob, Tom, Eleanor and all the kinfolk. Kiss Jim for his proud daddy, and I'll kiss you both in mind with all my love and adoration.

As ever,

George

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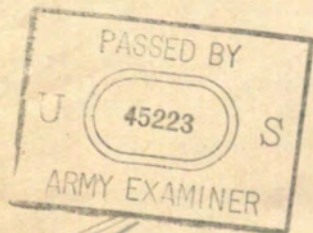
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