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Saturday eve -
April 7-1945

Dearest beloved,

The mail situation is wonderful these past two weeks and I'm a very lucky girl to have received about 25 letters lately. To-day's mail included your March 28th and 29th letters #84 & #85 with two snapshots in #85. I wrote a V-mail to Jim and I do hope he sends those snaps you took. Am sending you a size 116 camera on Monday and please take care of it and don't loan it out. It belongs to my Aunt Mildred and I'm giving her the smaller one. I purchased the other day, until your return. Take some good snaps again.

Jim and I love you as much as ever and are both very happy due to the recent war news in Europe. The end is very close and we'll be a very happy little family very soon. We've both done a good job with this separation and the reunion will be a very wonderful day to look forward to and dream of when Victory and peace come to Europe. Meanwhile take care of my things and Jim and I will take care of each other.

The flocks are well, expect to see them in the morning and my mom invited us ^{to} a duck dinner in the afternoon. Will take more snapshots today and to-morrow but not in spring attire. It's snappy outdoors. Weather is so changeable these days.

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The bank called this morning regarding your
road policy. It's term insurance and isn't advisable
to cancel because you'll lose what you've paid in.
But the road policy can be cancelled and deductions
will be made for the few years you've been insured.
So, what shall I do or would you take care of
the matter when you return. Also I wrote
you some time ago about your notary renewal. ~~and~~
~~be made~~ It's still good until September 1945 and
after that time, it may be renewed as in the past.

Received the money order and cashed it yesterday,
also received all the packages you mailed since
Dec. 14th, allotments come through regularly,
the E.L. checks continue as in the past and
those \$10.00 bonds come every month. Now I hear
about that cottage I mentioned to you and that will
solve so much for us.

My sister Cleo is fine, isn't working steady
yet and just called and told me about a
very lovely suit she purchased from our cousin
Abe Beckey. She offered it to me if I have a special
occasion. The perfume I gave her is the exquisite
Chanelle and do hope you have the luck to get some
more and that you have enough friends on hand.
This week I'll mail out the bottle of Rogent Shallet
to your brother's wife and a bottle to Mrs. Finney.
Will also take care of that small boy's gift to day.

About your cousin Stella, we'll not concern
ourselves in regards to her allotment. I had intended

My dear Mother
I received your letter of the 10th inst. and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope
this finds you the same. I have not much news
to write at present. I am still in the same
place and doing the same work. I hope to
hear from you soon. I am your affectionate
son, John Smith.

ed to call her one evening this past week and mentioned it to Pop. He said I should n't bother and there was a good reason for it. On Sunday last, while the folks visited Sophie and the family Pop spoke to Stella about the allotment she's entitled to all these months. It's a good sum of dough if you add it up to date. I understand Stella got a bit upset and said she didn't want to go through any red tape. Well, my darling, Pop and I came to only one conclusion - ~~in which case~~ we must the knot was well tied. So we'll all forget about Stella for the present. Your cousin Lanny is engaged to a girl from Rahway, if that's any news and Aaron is improving gradually.

Here's a list of the perfumes you've sent to me so far and I hope it tallies with yours.

ROGER & GALLET - CHYPRE - CHINCHILLA ROYAL
 CARON'S - LAVENDES - MYSTERE - DORSAY
 LUBIN'S - FERVEUR - TABOU - DANA
 " - FUNEE - AMOUR, AMOUR - JEAN PATOU
 EAU DE COLOGNE { - WORTH - BOIS PRECIEUX - HILLOT
 DANS LA NUIT }
 CUIR DE RUSSIE - VALOY - EDUCATION DE TOBERLUXE - ^{PERRI-}DUNNE
 BOX OF 3 - BOIS DU SUD - ONDES - ³BARACO - RIVAL
 2 BOXES OF CARON'S POWDER -

The rascal and I are just fine and dandy.

Had a nice day, took the car out and drove to Sears with ^{you -} Betty and Lawrence. Bought a sweater for that day you wrote about. Car is O.K. After supper to night, Sam called and was away for a month - not overseas. He saw his brothers, they're all O.K. He'll loan us his movie camera and Billy will take the pictures.

Good night - dearest and all my love and devotion to you as always. Hugs and kisses from Jim. ^{as ever,} Staron

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