

Germany
24 April 1945.

Flereve, sweetheart:

At this moment I think I have to sing "Let me love you to-night, let me kiss you to-night", and little does she realize how much this expresses my only hope and desire as I write this. No doubt you too will feel the same thought and desire surging thru you as you read this, and it's this mutual love we share with each other that keeps us so firm and staid. You have always been a strong, courageous person, and with the happy faculty of imparting this virtue to others. Loving and adoring you all these years has made it possible for me to keep my sense of humor and equilibrium thru all this. Our day is coming soon, and when it does, my darling, will make the most of it.

I have clipped several poems out of the Sunday Times magazine section, and enclosed them herewith. They were written by "Poets in Pajamas", and I think they are cute. Received no mail to-day, but this situation will be adjusted in another day or two. I have written you a long letter daily for the past few days in an attempt to reply to all of your letters. I think I answered all your questions in the previous letters, so if this letter just rambles along you'll know I'm writing only because I love you so.

Jim must be having a time of it running around in the lovely weather in his new brown chairs. Has he decided whether or not he likes them better than the white ones? Is he eating well these days, and is he getting taller? Suggest you have another physical check-up for him and you before you go away for the summer. I have no idea where I'll be spending the summer over here, but with the war finished, it should not be too bad anywhere in Germany. Of course I'll be sweating out awaiting discharge during that time, but that'll be a lot easier than my present status.

Dear Mother
I received your letter of the 11th and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and
hope these few lines will find you the same.
I have not much news to write at present.
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I wrote Eleanor a reply to her recent letter, and upon completion of this letter I intend writing Brian. He has not written me for weeks, but perhaps his mail is en route. In any event I try to keep him posted. I snuffed another roll of film today using a borrowed camera, and if these shots develop well I'm sure you'll have laughs aplenty. Among others I managed to have one taken while I was in the process of taking a bath ala helmet. Ferdinand Fox snuffed me, and I did the same for him. It should be a fine sequel to the scene in the street "pissiros" in Belgium. I don't know where or when I'll be able to get these rolls developed and printed but perhaps something will develop in the near future.

Hope you and Jim are in excellent health, having fun in the car, and that there is no domestic troubles to upset your equilibrium. Is the car acting all right, and are you getting sufficient gas these days? Are my folks feeling all right, and how is their patience holding out? The war news has been more or less static the past 24 to 36 hours, but any day the all important announcement will be forthcoming. Be of good cheer, and don't worry, all things come to an end, even this.

Kiss Jim and the folks for me, give Eleanor, Dan, Bob, and all our good neighbors my very best. Remember I continue to love and adore you with all my heart

as ever,

George

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to write at present. I am still in the same place
and doing the same work. I have not seen any
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I am your affectionate son,
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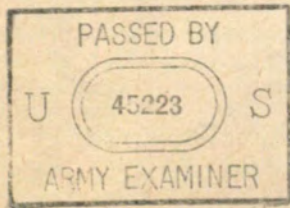
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