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Hamm [Germany] 8 June 1945

Florence, darling,

This business of telling each other the solution for our present separation is patience sure has its comical aspects. your letters go all out [and?] to assure me that patience and time will soon reunite us, and I [neiprarate?] with the hopes that time and patience will do the same. I guess there's no doubt in our minds that patience and time, and time and patience will see us one again, and by golly, dearest, I'm convinced if you are. As a matter of fact that's the solution to our only source of anxiety at present. I'm in a happy mood to-night, and if I just ramble along, giving rant to whatever pops in my mind just smile along with me.

There's no explaining why I feel so jolly in one word or sentence, but your May 29th, 30th, and June 1st air mail letters plus those 2 snapshots set me off like a fire-cracker. I can see between the lines of your letters that you are relaxing a bit as your holiday approaches, and that the realization of the chances of this being "our year" are more than were [hafe?]. Even though the War [kept?] threw some cold water of the 35 to 40 chances of getting out, you can see as well as I that sooner or later this age limit will be [levened?]. Your letters with the Thousands of others will hasten it, so keep up the good work. I knew not whom you are directing your prayers to these days, but since I have not yet begun to believe in the efficacy of prayers you will forgive my not uttering any prayers.

Those 2 shots enclosed in the June 1st letter were real [honeys?], and did something to me. Jim standing there with that ever important letter to his daddy symbolized one of the things we are fighting for - freedom of expression. The other snap of you and he standing on the Brooklyn side walk with no [henbed?] out houses as a background made me happy in the realization that neither of you was subjected to the horrors created in Europe by the four horsemen of the apocalypse. "Yes, sweetheart, I am sitting here gazing intensily at those two pictures as I write this. How I love both of you - and this little sacrifice of time and effort to make our futures safe is worth the effort. Patience is a cheap commodity compared to the sacrifices millions of others have made in this struggle.

I waited patiently all day and evening for those letters of yours, and finally at 10 P.M. one of the bags drove down from our billets to the battalion headquarters to deliver them to me. I am C Q to-night so I could do nothing about it. However now that I've read and re-read them several times I'm bubbling over with love and enthusiasm for the sweetest girl in the world. Seems to me Jim looks pregnant in that coast, or is that chicken \$1.25 per pound. A pretty nice deal the soldier's

family back home is getting these days. I know I get me i trucke daily, had weith less politics you falls at home showed also be getting sufficient food and ment. To day I had a steak for bunch and I park chaps for suffer - but how I mine one of your special armine salado - or fried fish. But desfite my kanking for some Rame Cacked food I'm gaining weight. How am I gaing to tellale my soul friends what a nugges (?) head I had in the ETO and still come back heavier than when I left. to for feeling good, why I never felt better thysically in my life. For hope those 2 metheresis you ordered can stand plenty of wear and tear. There I so warrying about mattresses and not thinking about whether you will be able to take it. People in love can take. Daything cout we, my sweetheart. although you make smeet mention of your letters & me they mean everything to me. In my last package I returned about 50 of them, and I do want you to save them antis I return at least. If mine are to become subjects for efecial nectings, then I insist both sides of our uni-character he real- Thanks so much for the package en rente, and I'll akuie on vecerfit. Please keep me forter when you get there on the way to you. Spenking about packages reminded me of trank's letter dated may 27th, which I answered to might lender repeate cover I sent you the letter just as I received it. I won't gan to get a flimper in to the character of there Kendly facks. your mist & the office must have her filequish acc thirts of Cerimensation and excitement, what with Jim and our sed forwards setting together. The Perious Assaid write so After these days but I goess he's bring and still wornied about his beg. I'm glad to learn the vanet is filling up because one his beg. I'm glad to learn the vanet still be a live to of these days we are soing to use that staff for us. D'escontinue I forward all the money I can and gon place it in the bank. It hegens to look like a salker is here in addition to our +300- mustering out Jay- and that will keep to make our life in the fature less field with wavey when I many.

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family back home is getting these days. I know I get meat twice daily, but with less [politics] you folks at home showed also be getting sufficient food and meat. To-day I had a steak for lunch and 2 pork chops for supper - but how I miss one of your special summer salads - or fried fish. But despite my hankering for some home cooked food I'm gaining weight. How am I going to tell all my good "friends" what a [nugged] (?) deal I had in the ETO and still came back heavier than when I left. As for feeling good, why I never felt better physically in my life. Sure hope those 2 mattresses you ordered can stand plenty of wear and tear. There I go worrying about mattresses, and not thinking about whether you will be able to take it. People in love can take anything can't we, my sweetheart.

Although you make small mention of your letters to me, they mean everything to me. In my last package I mentioned about 50 of them, and I do want you to save them until I return at least. If mine are to become subjects for official readings, then I insist both sides of our unicharacter be read - Thanks so much for the package in route, and I'll advice on receipt. Please keep me posted when you get those on the way to you. Speaking about packages reminded me of Frank's letter dated May 27th, which I answered to-night. Under separate [cover] I sent you the letter just as I received it. I want you to get a glimpse in to the character of these kindly folks.

Your visit to the office must have been filled with all kinds of conversation and excitement, what with Jim and our old friends getting together. Mr. Pincus doesn't write so often these days but I guess he's busy and still worried about his boy. I'm glad to learn the vault is filling up because one of these days we are going to use that stuff for us. I'll continue to forward all the money I can and you place it in the bank. It begins to look like a soldier's [hances] in addition to our +300.- [musticing] - out pay - and that will keep to make our life in the future less filled with worry about money.

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Good to learn everyone in your family is well, and that all is [senlce] in that sector. Helina must be happier these days with a good job, and [Mounice]. It was nice of Eleanor to help you order those mattresses, and I'm sure she's been a big help and salace to you during these trying months. As for Jim playing with 12 decks of cards when you leave him with your mother - well that's not too difficult to understand. All I want to know is "were thee cards marked"? I told you in the first paragraph I was in a cheeky mood to-night. By the way did you ever sell the living room mirror and [radis] cabinet? Anything you do pleases me.

The car must look pretty good after the paint job, and let me know iff you get the check as promised How are the [tines], and did you have the radio repaired? Just be very cautious driving about with Jim, and don't let the [Baxts] think they are giving you any charity. How much are you paying for your share of the rent of Bess's place for the summer? The enclosed snapshots of me in the jeep are the very latest taken, and were snapped May 27th when I traveled the route with the [counier]. On the other you see me sitting on the entrance steps to my "home". Did you even receive the post-card enlargement of the famous outdoor [latrinl] scene? I have several more photographs like the one I sent you in the event ou need them, or want them sent to someone. But then who's want my head, headed likeness outside of you and Jim.

These daily chats with you are the elixir of life to me sweetheart, and I just date on the four to two I devote to [conversing] with you. In mind now I'll kiss you just as I did the first time, with every reassurance that your response is still the same - Heavenly days and nights - to come. Be of [grand] cheer, stay well, kiss Jim for me, and my folks when you see them. My very [heart] to everyone, and until to-morrow I bid you a fond adieu. With all my love and [aderation],

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