

Halew 2/2/28.

Eddie my love:-

Say boy o' mine, I'm afraid I'll be so fat by April, & you won't love me any more - gained $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. this last week - weigh 126 lbs. now. No I don't want any new clothes till after I come home - then I'll blow you for some. Gee I'm glad you ordered a suit. Now listen to my old dear. You've got to buy yourself a ready made suit for knock-about wear so you can keep your nice suit home to wear when we step out - for step out we are a going to do love mine. Get me? Walked down to the store & back & up to the Kids' building - sure enjoyed seeing my kiddies again. Oh Eddie, I've just got to have that Thelma girl - she's

a darling + no fooling + listen.
The little kid hasn't heard from
her Daddy since he was here to
see her in October. Isn't that a
shame? When she gets able to
leave here I'm sure going to
get her if I'm able + can. I know
she and Edna would love each
other. And Ardean is fine - he's
grown so much + he gained a
lb. this week. I sure do feel good
again. If you dare to buy five
head of horses to feed I'll get a
divorce. I thought Armstrong was
going to furnish you with horses.
Of course it's a good buy but Good-
night. We're more now, bit off than
we can chew. Use your head best
beloved. Honey it's time for the
mail man + must scratch a
line home to the kids so Bye-
Sweetheart. Love You dear heart
just ever so much + then some.
XXXXXX + XXXX Yours Ever
Leop.

Galen 3/17/27.

Sweetheart Miss:

It's my daddy this morning.
See kid, I have some awful dreams
about you. Sure hope they don't come
true cause you're always peevish at me,
or trifling on me & that's something
that will never never do. See? Know
why? Cause your Miss - all mine &
I'm quite in love with you so best you
be good. Sure love, & I'll be glad when I
get home - boy the plans. Believe me
for one thing I'm going to raise the
prettiest flowers around there. I'll
make some of them sit up & take notice.
Of course I figure on plenty of help
from you & our kids. And I'm a walk
all planned from the gate to the house -
you come in on that, too old dear. See
I feel so good - gained a lb. this week.
126½ now - a real armful. Have

another lesson ready to send in
this A.M. Say, do you know a fellow
from Judith Gap named Donald
Snoutman? Has lived there a long
time & his Dad owns a store & butcher
shop. Well he's one of Printz's sweeties.
What kind of a guy is he? Played
cards again last night in Vivian's
Room. Don't care so much about it,
but anything goes that helps to
pass the time. Haven't answered Mildred's
letter yet - shall think I've forgotten
her, but it's only laziness. Am
reading "Winds of Chance" a story of
the gold rush to Klondike. Pretty good.
Have read it before - years ago. Well
love of mine it's time for the mail man
So really must make this short. Love
you little - love you big - love you
like a little pig - see - that means
I like to sleep with you cause I'm used
to sleeping with pigs. An ocean of
love to you & a kiss on every wave
Yours Always & Forever
Scoop.

Galew 3/19/27.

Best Beloved:

Gone back on me, honey? No
letter since Monday & see but I do
get lonesome & blue when I don't get
your letters, don't you know that?
And such dreams. If they were
ever to come true I'd just want to
lay down & die. But you wouldn't
trifle on me or do things you wouldn't
tell me anymore, would you love? I
couldn't stand it if you did. No
matter what you may ever do, please
promise you will tell me. And I'll
make the same promise to you, boy
of mine. Do you know how much I love
you, daddy dear? It's more than I can
ever begin to tell you. Why without you
life wouldn't be worth living. Sometimes
when I think of you ever being gone, it
frightens me. And when I don't hear

from you I can imagine so many things - especially that maybe you've been hurt. Of course, I know it's foolish - you'll say - but I do and I can't help it. Still planning on coming after me soon? I think perhaps I'll have a chance to talk to Dr. Vidal this morning - it's Sat. & he usually makes rounds Sat. morn. Don't feel quite so good this morn. Think I've taken a bit of a cold, but it's nothing to worry about. I'll be O.K. again in a day or so. Played cards again last night, but I would much rather be playing checkers with you. Don't like this weather - I don't like it. One never knows from one day to the next (or hour either) what it's going to do. Miss Clark is leaving in about a week. She is going to teach school out close to Chester. Several are planning on leaving around the first. Miss Macauley told me yesterday they would not let me go if I was still positive - not till I was negative.

I asked her if they would hog-tie
me to keep me, because it would be
necessary to do some such a thing
if that was the way they felt about it.
"Well", she says, "all I am afraid of is
that you will regret it so much if you
do go before you are negative". But my
mind is absolutely made up & I'm
thinking nothing can change it. I
feel good & am sure I can do alright
at home - as for the kiddies; Well I'll
be as careful as I possibly can be &
trust to God for the rest. I maybe wrong
& selfish about it. I don't know, but
anyhow I've fought it all out with
myself & decided & listen to this. I'm
coming thru O.K. See? So don't you
back out on me. I'm counting on you.
Well Sweetheart of mine don't stop
writing just cause I'm coming home soon.
Worlds of love & kisses Yours Always Scoop
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Halew 3/23/27.

Eddie Dear:-

Are you sick Eddie? no letter again honey + gee I worry. Jane damn near going home yesterday with Clark. She sure wanted me to, but I remembered you wanted to come out so stayed, but it was a big temptation to walk in & surprise you. What would you have said if I had come in about 10:30 & roused you out of bed - Tuesday night? The wind is blowing a gale again. Got a letter from Mary & she said Ross had been sick with tonsillitis again. Tough luck, but we know what it's like don't we daddy dear? Lost about 1/4 lb. this week; wish it had been more. I feel like Fatty Arbuckle. Dr. Vidal said he would take that tumor out of my nose for

3/

I deserved it, I know,
because it wasn't right
for me to do as I did no
matter what grievances
I had, but you didn't
forget or let me forget for
long afterwards & it
hasn't been any year yet
since those letters & you
said that altho you had
done your part the best
you knew how, I wasn't
avited. About what, dear
one? I realize you're
doing lots for me now,
since the heart & sometimes
I think it's so useless. What's
the use of all the struggle.
I'm beginning to realize

what J. B. really means.
It can be arrested for
a while by the utmost
care & rest, but if one
tries to do anything at
all afterwards it means
another breakdown & if I
can't have real strength
& health & do what I want
& need to do, what's the
use. Just a nuisance the
rest of my life instead of
a help. I know you love
me, but what good is that
if I can't do my part?
I've made an awful
botch of things somewhere
I guess. Stand by you through
thick & thin - honey I would

do a whole lot more than
that for you. It's for you &
my little kids that I'm
trying to get well, but I
do get so discouraged.
If it weren't for you &
them sweetheart of mine
I'd follow the line of least
resistance. I hope you
will always come to me with
your troubles, hubby of mine.
I'd feel terribly hurt if you
didn't. I'm sorry about
Joe, but he can't think any
one else's way can be
right but his & thinks
what he does is for your
own good. He's a funny kid,
but if it were a case of

4/

half to, he'd give his
shirt to help you. I'm glad
you put a mortgage on
things to get the money
instead of you going your
note. at least we are
standing on our own
feet + if anyone loses, it's
us. Oh, how I do wish I
was well + could be home.
What have I done or
left undone that things
should be like this. Have
I been so wicked that
I deserved this? I know
I have just lots to be
thankful for, but why
should things be as they
are? I love you too sweetheart

7

mine with my whole heart
& soul & I'm so sorry my
other letter made you think
I didn't trust you now or that
you weren't doing all you
possibly could for me & our
kiddies. Please forgive me,
honey & accept my explanation
of it. As for your gambling
I don't care what anyone
else thinks as long as I
have your word that you
don't, & if you do, just tell
me - don't fib. I know
what a hold cards can
get on a fellow & I've lots
of sympathy for you about it
love & mine even if I do
scold a lot. The scolding

8

is for your good, but I know
you won't do it now while
things are like they are
& so we should worry
about the next thing.

Someday will show them
all, won't we? I've all the
confidence in the world
in you, dear & if you don't
use the very best of judgment
about money always, you're
not done in the world as
we are all human & some
mistakes, but you're doing
better all the time. Be careful
about giving the kids too much
spending money, please
dear as too much for
little fellows is worse than

53.2
2.2
1064
1064
11704

~~53.1~~
~~2.2~~
~~1062~~
~~1062~~
~~11682~~

53.1
2.2
1062
1062
11682

to day so well probly put
off till next trip she don't
about to see him but I think
it would be best to see him
about her tonsils don't you I
will make up my mind
and let her know tonight.
How are all the gang give
them my best regards. Mike
just came in from work train
the first half of this month
he made 258.00 pretty good
just see if you had got a hold
of a guy like that all the
money that you could get had.
Saw Mr. Ray and he said
Jimmy is getting along just
fine but don't like the idea
of me taking him away to see

his mother as it will only
 make him + her worse he is
 trying to teach jimmie things and
 he says that a few days will
 just set him back more they
 are really taking an interest
 in him so I don't know just
 what to do about it what do
 you think I hate to insist as
 they are kind of head strong and
 might get sore and not keep
 him any more and I kind of
 hate to dissapoint her so here
 I am again don't know which
 way to jump. The pids are
 all just fine they all look good
 and are feeling fine the Frog
 also he is getting so big you
 won't hardly be able to handle
 him and I am sure you
 would not know him he sure
 has changed a lot he needs

59.5

22

1090

1090

130.9

-5-

a hair cut pretty bad now I guess we had better keep it cut short as he might get one of his spells and pull it all out if he could get a hold of it that is the kind of a kid he is the little scamp when your mother gets a meal ready and tells the kids to get the chairs around he runs and gets his high chair and pulls it up to the table and climbs in it he sure don't loose any time, done quite a bit of hoeing this time Mr. Morrison came over and helped me he came over to talk but said he would not stop me from working so took a hoe and he sure did work and there were lots of

4
wants to work in. Jarris & Mrs
Merriman went to St Falls to
day with garden stuff so the
old man was kind of lonesome I
guess, I am beginning to count
the days till I can come over
to see you again ge but they go
slow guess I better make it
twice a month how would that
be they would save out ~~them~~ here
then wouldnt they. Girl of mine
I sure do love you and wish
that I could be with you all
the time but just you wait love
it isnt always going to be this
way. I have not forgotten the
good times that we have had
together and we sure will have
some more in fact all the time
that we have will be happy
from now on wont it dear one
If we could only get out of this

hole and the only way I see is
work so here I am 6.00 a day
seems kind of small but I
guess in time we can make it
Alright dont you at least we
will try, well I guess I had
better get my clothes changed
and go to work want to walk
over to the Round house with me
Alright dear one you are in
my mind and I will think of
you all the way over and then
some dear little girls of mine
I sure do love you and how I
wish that you could go with me
so pretty soon you can go out
to milk with me that will be
better than to be around those
black greasy engines want it

I sure will be tickled when
that day comes. Must leave
you now dear so bye for this
time girlie of mine lots of love
and kisses to you
as ever yours. J.P.P.

What magazines do you want
love I will get them
and send them to you also for
what month do you want them