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## Letter Written by Edith Speert to Victor A. Speert Dated August 8, 1945

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Wednesday - 6:45 p.m. -  
8/8/45 - In bed.

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Sweetheart darling -  
Well, I'm awfully tired to-  
night; but also, very, very  
happy, because today I rec'd  
your air mail dated 8/5. Isn't  
that terrific time? Also,  
I rec'd your v-mail 7/30 + 8/1 +  
two "blue" letters. I heard  
from Cpl. Fred L. today - - he  
just got his new stripes! I  
rec'd mail from Harold +  
Alma who are now in  
Quincy, Mass. Harold is  
going to school at Hingham - only  
6 mi. from where they live. I  
they are sharing an apt with  
another couple -

Everyone thought the P-T  
meeting a "big success" last  
night with the exception of  
James truly. How could it  
be a success if only 16 parents  
showed up. - - why that's less  
than half our enrollment -

By the way, there's a  
bill before the Senate - -  
Maternal + Child Health Bill,  
which, if passed, would  
continue on the work  
that the Landham Fund  
started. In other words,  
day nurseries would  
really get a terrific build-  
up! I'm going to write  
for a copy of this bill -

We used the children's  
dining room for the  
meeting last night + had  
it decorated with flowers,  
etc. + we served cookies +

tea. I spoke on the child's routine in school & "threw" most of my statements for remarks & suggestions, which I got. We did have our most intelligent mothers at the meeting!

Today, a new child, Marquette Newman, 2 yrs. - 9 mos. entered & she is really interesting since both her parents are social workers and both her parents are <sup>German</sup> refugees. She speaks English as well as German. So far, she seems like a very well adjusted child -

Tomorrow I'm taking a whole day off. But damnit, I haven't a thing to do & shall probably waste the entire day. Pretty!

The analysis of your palm is interesting, but honey, I don't put too much faith in those things -

Yesterday as I got into the car to go to work I felt something bite me on the skin me & gosh, did it ache! I immediately went into the house & washed it with alcohol. This a.m. the whole area on the side of my knee was red & burned. I went over to the Health Center & they said I have a violent reaction to some bug bite - So, I've been bathing my knee all evening in Epsom Salts on their recommendation - Of all silly things to happen - that "takes the cake" -

Dad is hoping to have  
some shoes the 10<sup>th</sup> of this  
month. If he doesn't get  
any, I'll go downtown &  
try to hunt you up a pair -  
about going back to  
school — well, the more  
I think about it, the less  
I think I'll go back. Maybe  
I'll take a course or two  
at Cleve. College. But in  
view of my present job, I  
don't think I could go to  
school & ably perform my  
capacity as director. Frank-  
ly, in the future, I think  
my experience will be  
much more valuable than  
my studies — Also, I like  
the money I'm making, &  
altho' I don't put alot of  
emphasis on material  
things, you & I both know  
we'll need plenty of money  
when you get home to get  
into the kind of set-up we  
finally decide on — And,  
also, I love to take vaca-  
tions with pay -  
I understand there  
are several Army Univ.  
Centers. Are officers  
privileged to file to go to  
one? — Have you filed?  
From the Philippines  
I gather there's plenty  
of sport meets, etc. Also,  
I read Jack Penny & his  
team gave a show 'round  
your parts. How's  
come you didn't attend, or,  
was it just for the SM's?

This afternoon I  
learned Russia declared  
war on Japan. Good  
for them! I'm looking  
for a sudden ending  
to this war very shortly.

As for this atomic <sup>(the world)</sup> bomb — are we civilized <sup>to meet</sup>  
to have such a powerful <sup>leg</sup>  
weapon in our midst?  
Will we know enough  
to arbitrate our future  
difficulties, or will  
this atomic bomb  
eventually be the destruc-  
tion of this world?

Waiting — Russia  
dear, I live only for  
the day when we can be  
together.

I love you very much.  
Edith