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To the sweetest wife in the world. I love you.

Hello darling, here is your one & only husband again. And dearest you know what – I love you more today than I did yesterday. You see honey, as each day passes, I love you more & more. Oh gee dearest, I love you so very much. Dear, you're just the best wife in the world. Honey, if this war could only hurry up & get over so I can come home to you. Honey, we'll be the happiest couple in the world. Dear, I haven't received any mail for so long, I even forgot how your handwriting looks, except for your old letters that I have. One of these days honey, I'll get a big stack of them, & I'll just take time out at my O.P. foxhole & read them & then dream. Oh honey, I'm so in love with you. Nothing matters in this world, but just getting back to you.

Dear, imagine you have noticed that there is no' somewhere in' my letter headings. All you have to do is read the papers. There are so many things, I'd like to tell you. The last couple of nites Irwin & the rest have put our bed rolls on a nice thick mattress in some house & slept. See honey, there are a lot of nice things about warfare. But just give me back my nice soft bed & my little mama laying beside me. That reminds me dear, you never did put your hair up very much at nite did you.

Honey, you know, I really have a nice bunch of men to command now. They have all been through most of the action. I think that I know their family history & all their troubles by now. You see honey, in combat officers & men are all in the same boat. They look to the officer (as) their leader in action. What we say goes with them now. They will do anything for us now. Yes honey, they are really a great bunch of men. May God bring us all through safely from here on into Berlin.

Sweetheart, I'm sending you another clipping from the "Stars & Stripes" & also a German Mark. It is an old one 1917, but we only use the German invasion money. I'll send you some of that one of these days too.

Well darling, I must close now & get back to work. Oh gee dear I don't need cig. now. 5 - 7 packs a week free now. So long for now darling. And dearest remember that I love you with all my heart, & think of you always. Tell Pop hello & pet Mitzi.

Your ever loving husband            Jim

P.S. Loads of kisses honey.