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To the sweetest wife in the world:

Here it is only 9 more days till X-mas. And I'm away from my little mama. So dearest, it won't be much of a X-mas for me. Oh honey, I love you so very much. And when I stop to think just how long it will be till I can cuddle up to you again. I just get sick. Oh darling, why can't this war get over so I can get back to my little mama. Dear, you will always be in my heart. I can see you right now. You most likely have gotten one of my letters saying that I was in France, & you are now looking over the map to see where I could be at. And honey, by the time you get this letter I'll probably be across the Rhine river. Don't worry too much darling. No Jerry has gotten close to me yet. Just remember darling that I love you with all my heart, & I'm thinking of you every spare minute I have. Oh gee honey, but I'm so very much in love with you & honey I miss you so much. We were so happy when we were together. And our year in Lawton brought us so close together. You know honey, I think I can remember everything we did down there and dear I always think back on those memories. They sort of raise my morale.

Dear, I'm sending you some small German coins that I picked up. Also a Nazi banner that I also picked up. Dear I got so much stuff, but it is all big stuff, so one of these days I'll get a hold of a box & ship it all home to you. Boy dear when I get home your dad & I can really swap stories. I have some tall ones honey, that you can't listen to.

Dear, I read in the stars & stripes where there is snow back there in the states. Well honey, the past 4 days or so the sun has been out during the day. But the ground is frozen in the wee hours of the morning. Give me back last winter in Lawton when I could come home every nite when it was cold & cuddle up next to my little mama. Remember honey, how we used to walk down to Cowan's for supper in the cold?

Well dearest, I'd better close for now. So dearest, goodbye & mama keep those home fires burning & keep your chin up. Remember honey, that I love you with all my lonely heart. Tell Pop hello & give Mitzi a big pet.

Your loving husband forever

Jim

P.S. Loads of kisses honey.