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To my darling. I love you honey

Well dear here it is Sat. I think, I have lost track of all days. One more day closer to my mama. First honey, I was presented today with 6 letters. Your 13 & 18th + pictures one from Ma, Gert, Helen & Sharon. (Sharon) sent me a letter with a picture of F.D.R. You see honey, I've got all the kids trained. Honey, I have read your 2 letters about 4 times & studied the picture. Oh gee mama but I love you so very much, just you mama is all I ever want. We have been so very happy mama being together. But as you say we have to keep our chins up. But dear I can't hold out much longer without you. You're just the bestest little mama in the world honey, & I love every inch of you. Dear in your 18th letter you still are waiting for me to call. Well dear I was half way across the Atlantic that day. But I did take Gary & Bryant to church on the boat that morning.

Oh yes speaking of Bryant & Gary . Last night one of the men told us that there was champagne downtown. So about 8 two of us officers took off & honey guess who I met. Bryant. His orders were changed & he's still here. And someone told him Gary is still in the hospital with a strained back. I guess his bag was too heavy coming in here. I think & Bryant thinks that Gary is trying to get out of it now. Bryant is still the same. Also Irwin is here too. Honey if I could only tell you what is going on. But you'll just have to wait till I get home. Anyway we each had a bottle of champagne. \$5 a bottle or 250 francs. I'm sending you the label off the bottle I had. Mama that was the first champagne I ever drank & I drank it in France. I'd like to send a bottle home, but it is rationed 1 bottle per person. I guess when the yanks first got here they drank it all up.

Gert said that Ma had gone up to Huron A. Hazel because (Faye) was wounded. A. Hazel got a telegram, so her & A. Lavon went up. Remember honey when we were home that A. Hazel looked so worried about her boys? So honey, you give me the latest dope on Faye.

As yet, I haven't received any packages. I have 5 or 6 on the way, and honey frankly I don't expect to see them till next month. Dear you can send me candy, nuts, gum, cookies & cigarettes, but nothing that I have to carry around. We sure could go for food though.

Honey it has been a nice day here today. A nice warm day. I bet it was a nice day in Lawton today too. Oh yes honey, you'd better write to Carson & find out about that radio, it should be there by now.

By the time we put a down payment on a house & car we won't have much left to buy another radio with. Honey, won't it be fun to look for a house or lot in the suburbs! But first as you say we're going to Coma. I'm going to fix the boat & build a nice dock for us at the lake. And then your dad can put a porch all around the house there. I think I'll buy a motor for the boat too honey. Gee honey, but we'll be so happy again when I get back. You imagine that Mitzi will have a bunch of kittens. Just give them away honey & keep her. She means a lot to us don't she. I guess she is our first child. You tell Virginia that she is a traveling cat. Where we go the cat goes too.

Dear I imagine there was a long stretch there when you didn't get any mail. But that was when I was on the boat again across the pond. You got them in one big bunch I imagine. But dear I write you every day. I didn't write last 5 days coming over here & those times I was on the go. But honey, I have to write you every day honey so I'll be happy. Honey, I'm so in love with you, and dear on Sat we had a whole day to sleep some used to stay up later. Remember, we were together & that is all that mattered to us. But mama if you only knew how very much I love you, I imagine right now you are over to Lincoln Ave shopping. Now dear you buy anything you want. We have plenty of cash right now. So enjoy yourself, and take the car insurance money & get yourself a permanent or a new hair do. Be sure honey that you get the cancelled insurance papers.

Well honey, I'd better close now & write the rest of the folks. Bye darling & remember dearest that I love you with all my heart and my thoughts are of you all the time. Just waiting for the day when I can really make up for last time. Tell Pop hello & pet Mitzi. I love you truly dear.

Your ever loving husband

Jim

P.S. Loads of love & kisses dear

Note: written on side of pg. 1. Mama I love you

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