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To the one I love – My darling wife.

Hello dearest, here is your husband again. Before I tell you anything new honey, I want to tell you just how much I love you. Dearest, I'm so in love with you. You mean the world and all to me darling. I fell in love with you from the start dearest, & as each day passes my love for you grows & grows. Oh honey, I love you so very much. You're just the sweetest wife a guy could ever have. Honey, you're tops. And you are all mine too.

Yesterday dear, I got 5 letters from you. They were all written when Thelma was there. So I guess you & her had a pretty good time. That's good honey, you enjoy yourself. So you are going to see her in January?

Honey, 4 years ago tonite we went to the Sherman, & you wore your ring so it would look like a marriage ring. We really scared them dear. And last year we hung in that big one at Goldman's house, oh gee honey, but we have been so happy together. I'll be asleep I hope when the new year rolls in, but dear I'll be dreaming of you. You know dear I'm so used to sleeping in a hole, that when I get home we'll dig in in the backyard & live. My Sgt. & I have got a pretty good hole here. And with 10 blankets we are pretty warm at night. But when we get up in the morning it is really cold.

Mama, I hope that by next New Year's we'll be together & have our basket-ball team started. But honey don't you think that 5 is quite a lot. I thought we decided on 2. But whatever you say honey. Mama we'll be so very happy then. And with all our money, we'll have our house started on. And then we'll need a dining room set. Yes honey we'll be the happiest family in the world. Oh gee mama, but I love you so & miss you terribly.

Honey, I wrote Pop a V-Mail today, so he won't think I'm slighting him. I'm sending you Patton's X-mas prayer for his army. Honey, I'm still o.k. and feeling fine. I'll take good care of myself for you honey, & I'll be home as quick as I can.

Well sweetheart, I must close for now. So dearest darling of mine bye, and dear remember that I love you with all my heart. Take good care of yourself & Mitzi honey. I love you darling.

Your loving husband forever

Jim

Lots & lots of kisses honey.