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To the one I love with all my heart, my wife.

Darling this will be #1 of the New Year. So I'll be renumbering them again. Before I go farther dear, you can see by my address that I'm now in I Co. of the same outfit. In combat they put officers where they need them. So I'm now leading a rifle platoon, & I like it better. It's nothing to worry about honey, because every company is the same in combat. I'm an officer & I can lead any kind of platoon. So write to me at I Co. dear.

Dear I haven't written for a couple of days because I've been pretty damn busy. But honey I was thinking about you all the time. Oh mama, I'm so in love with you. I reread your last 5 letters over & over. I expect another pile any one of these days now. Honey, I just can't wait till I get home. I can just see us now in our new home. Happy and contented all the time. Honey, nothing can ever come between us. We have been so darn happy since we were married. And as each day passes our love for each other gets stronger. And honey, I'm so in love with you, & I miss you so very much. And when that great day comes when the war is over & you & I, Mitzi & the basketball team will pick up right where we left off. Oh gee honey I can never put on paper how much I love you & miss you.

Oh yes, I got paid the other day dear & I sent you \$80. You should get it before you get this letter. I still have my reserve yet & I don't need any money here. The more money we can save the better. You buy whatever you need honey. I'd sure like to see you in your new purple suit. So dear you'll have to get a picture made in it & send it to your old man. The more pictures of you the better dear. Why, because I love you with all my heart & I like to look at my wife all the time. The sweetest girl in the world. And you are all mine too forever & ever. Oh gee honey we are so happily married. We are one couple that didn't do wrong by marrying during war time. We'll be together forever, & we'll be the happiest couple in the world.

Dear, you call up Gert & tell her my new address. How is your dad's arm by now? I hope it's better. And how is Mitzi doing dear? As devilish as ever I imagine. She'll probably have kittens when I get home. Honey, we sure had a good time with her didn't we down in Lawton? I suppose you are getting ready for your trip to Rising Sun & Eagle. Have a good time dear for me.

Well sweetheart, I'd better close now. Bye dearest & honey remember that I love you with all my heart. Don't worry about me & keep those prayers going. Tell Pop hello & pet Mitzi.

Your loving husband forever

Jim

NOTE: At the top of the 3rd page, Jim wrote his APO address

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