

Jan. 4, 1945

To the one I love: My darling wife.

Hello dearest, here is your husband again. Mama, you know what – I'm so very much in love with you. Darling you mean the world and all too me. I wouldn't trade our happiness and memories for anything in the world. Yes honey we have been so very happy together. I was thinking this morning honey of our memories and I followed our last trip home on leave. I think I remember every stop on the road that we made. And when we let Ryder out Mitzi came up in the front seat with us. Oh gee honey, but we have been so very happy together. Just so we were together was all that we cared about. Oh sweetheart, I'm so in love with you. And dear, I miss you so very much. If I could only be there with you right now. But honey our day will come when we will be together again. Honey, we'll be so very happy then.

The colonel called me up today & complimented me on some work that I did when I first joined this company. It was a pretty tough mission & he said I did good. But other than that honey, life still goes on. I imagine that you are keeping pretty well up on the war news. It is getting back to normal now. But dear, I don't see how Jerry can hold out much longer. While I've been up here on the front, I got a better picture of the war situation. You see honey things look different here than what you read in the newspaper. You know dear when I left the states Nov. 1 I didn't think I'd be here this soon, but I did. And one year to the day I was commissioned, I landed on foreign soil.

Dear, I told you yesterday that I sent you \$80 through the finance. And I probably will send you the same amount every month. All the money we can save honey, all the better for us after the war is over. And dear, you don't have to send me cigarettes anymore either. We get all we need up here now free. But you can send me plenty of candy, cookies, cheese, meat spreads (except Spam) and anything else that is good to eat. As yet, I still haven't received any packages. I'll get them probably around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, & I should be on my way home by then.

Well dearest, I had better close for now. So dearest darling of mine goodbye for now and honey, remember that I love you with all my lonely heart, & I'm thinking of you every spare moment I have. Tell Pop hello & give Mitzi a big pet for me. Bye darling & dearest I love you with all my heart.

Your ever loving husband

Jim

P.S. Loads of kisses honey

P.S Here is some Jerry money.