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To the one I love, my darling wife.

Hello again dearest, you'll have to excuse the paper, because it is all I can get my hands on at the present time. But I guess it don't make any difference what kind of paper I write on does it honey?

Well dearest another day and another \$8 earned, and believe me honey I really earn my salary up here now. It snowed all nite last nite honey & we really have a nice bit of scenery now! But just give me back good old Chicago & my little honey. Oh gee honey, but I love so very much. Honey you mean the world & all to me. Just you and nobody else dearest. We have been so very happy together darling. And when I get back home we'll be happier than ever before. Honey, you asked me once if we should have a one or two story house. Well dear I think we had better have a one story house. Two bedrooms, front room, dining room & kitchen & bath. Then we'll need an extra room for Jr. And dear in the basement I think we'll need a bar room for my liquor. And I think the best place to build will be in Saginaw. What do you think dearest? Oh honey we'll be so very happy then. Oh yes honey, we'll need a garage also. But before we buy a car, we are going to start our home first. Let's see, we'll need another bedroom set for your dad & a dining room set too. We'll buy good stuff too honey, so it will last us a long time.

As for the news honey, you can read the papers, but I'd sure like to run into my old outfit. They were here at one time. And I imagine that Ted is back with them by now.

Do you ever hear from him anymore dear? You should keep in contact with him you know.

Honey, I was thinking today that we shouldn't buy too many bonds. Maybe a \$25 a month. And put the rest in the bank. And also check to see if you have received the \$50 check in that office, 2 M.O.'s for (\$100 each & 2 for \$50. Then I sent you \$82 last month by the finance office. Also make sure that you get the 2 boxes I sent from Givet France. You see dear you may have received them already, but your letters telling me about them haven't gotten here yet.

Oh dearest, I think you'll take care of the bank acct for us when I get home. The way we'll work it will be you take out enough for the house & I'll take out some for my moving expenses. And then we'll divide together if we should draw anything out of the bank or buy something. Honey don't worry about me not having enough money. I have 3 \$10 bills right now & also about \$50 in all kinds of invasion money just in case. But dear we don't need money over here. Everything we need is free. Cig. candy, gum, & when we need clothes or socks we just go to the supply room or truck & get clean ones. Things are run a lot differently up here than back in the states. In fact dear everything is different up here. But it isn't too bad. Of course we see lots of things that we try to forget. And we all just wait till we get home again. But we can't leave till we have Jerry down on his knees begging for peace.

Honey this is (a ton) of a long letter, but dear it's the first chance I've ever had that I could sit down & write a long one. We have been pretty busy as you can see by the papers. And you know what I mean about being busy. Dear I'm sending you home the patch I wore on my shoulder my first 3 weeks in combat. I thought you'd like it for your scrapbook .

Well dear how is Pop & Mitzi getting along? Tell Pop I'll have plenty of stories I can swap with him when I get back. I suppose you are (????) on your way to Eagle or Rising Sun by now. Have a good time honey.

Well darling, I have run out of things to say now so I'll close. Just keep on praying for me & remember honey that I love you with all my heart & I'm always thinking of you & waiting for the day when I get back to my little honey who I love so very much. So long dearest & honey don't worry too much about me. Tell Pop hello & pet Mitzi for me.

Your loving husband forever & ever.

Jim