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P.M. New York N.Y. - June 10 1943

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for I loved Fred very much. If such a thing as love  
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I was his company commander during  
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