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MAIL



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Brussels - June 12

Darling Fink,

I'm sitting here in the Red Cross lounge, and now I'll tell you about my pass.

We left Wildungen at a quarter to seven, Sunday morning. There are seven other fellows with me. We crossed the Rhine at Bad Godesburg, and I'd been travelling just by my sense of direction so I thought it was about time to get a route mapped out. We stopped at an M.P. station, and wrote down the routes we'd have to take.

We followed the river a way, and drove thru Cologne. That, of course is all beat up too. We stopped at the Red Cross in Maastricht, Holland. I'd been thru there once before when we first went into Germany. The roads in





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We arrived in Brussels about seven o'clock. 292 miles. Not so bad for a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , huh? They have a very good system here for passes. Everything has to be registered. The truck is taken care of in a big parking lot. Our billets are ~~provided~~ provided free. Streetcars are free, and they also have G.I. trucks for transportation. Everytime I've been out sightseeing I get lost as the streets aren't too well marked, but the civilians are very friendly, and



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I'll write more about Brussels later, darling, but now I'll write the most important part of every letter. Let's see, it's been over two days since I've reminded you how much I love you. You're such a sweet precious lover, and I miss you more every day. You're my sweet cutie, and my cute sweetie, and





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I just got you. Oh, baby dear you're such a wonderful sweetheart, lover, pal and wife all rolled into one.

We're leaving tomorrow morning so I'll be writing from the Reich Reich tomorrow mite.

All my love, and millions of hugs and kisses to the dearest and sweetest and best wife in all the world.

Your own,  
Jack

[[Nick Dante 12/10/15]]

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