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HOFGEIZMAR, SEPTEMBER 2, 1945

DARLING FINK,

I GOT YOUR POST CARD FROM CHATHAM LAST NITE, SWEETIE. MY BABY SURE DOES GET AROUND. GLAD YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME DARLING. I MADE THE TEAM AGAIN LAST NITE SO I SLEPT TILL NOON TODAY. I'VE JUST HAD LUNCH.

THERE IS SOME SORT OF USO SHOW IN KASSEL TONITE SO I THINK I'LL TAKE IT IN. TOMORROW IS LABOR DAY, AND WE GET A HOLIDAY.

STILL NOTHING BUT RUMORS FLOATING AROUND HONEY SO I GUESS ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT, AND SEE WHAT BECOMES OF THIS DIVISION. I'M READY TO GO HOME, ANY TIME THEY GIVE THE ORDER TO MOVE I'LL BE READY TO GO.

I CAUGHT A GOOD PAY THIS TIME SO I'M ENCLOSING A MONEY ORDER FOR SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN RIGHT UP TO DATE ON MY PAY SINCE THE ONE I DREW IN BELGIUM THE FIRST OF DECEMBER.

PURSE LEFT THIS MORNING, AND BURLEY DREW ALSO. BURLEY IS GOING TO GET OUT ON HIS AGE. I'M GOING TO MISS THOSE TWO GUYS, BUT I'M GLAD TO SEE THEM GET HOME.

DARLING, IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE MY WATCH BACK AGAIN. I REALLY MISSED IT.

I THINK SUMMER IS A THING OF THE PAST AROUND HERE. IT WAS REALLY COLD ON GUARD LAST NITE. I HAVE PLENTY OF WARM CLOTHES THO' SO IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME. I HAVE TWO FIELD JACKETS, AN EISENHAUER JACKET, A WOOL SWEATER, AND WE'LL BE GETTING OVERCOATS SOON. HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO STAY AROUND HERE LONG ENOUGH TO NEED AN OVERCOAT.

WE'RE STARTING ON SOME KIND OF A TRAINING SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK. SEEMS LIKE THIS ARMY CAN NEVER FORGET THAT OLD CRAP EVEN WITH THE WAR OVER. THEY GOT A BUNCH OF TRUCKS YESTERDAY THO' SO MAYBE I'LL GET A CHANCE TO DO SOME MORE DRIVING. I SORT OF HOPE I DO. THE TIME GOES MUCH FASTER WHEN I'M MOVING AROUND.

DARLING HAVE I REMINDED YOU LATELY HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU? YOU ARE MY FIRST THOUGHT IN THE MORNING, AND MY LAST THOUGHT AT NITE, AND ALL THE THOUGHTS IN BETWEEN, AND AT NITE I DREAM OF YOU. I MISS YOU MORE EVERY DAY LOVER, AND I'M JUST EXISTING TILL THAT HAPPY DAY WHEN I COME HOME TO YOU. I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS AND NEVER LET YOU GO. PLEASE REMIND ME TO TAKE IT EASY ON YOUR RIBS THO' DARLING BECAUSE I'M REALLY GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME BEAR HUGS. WE'LL LOVE ALL THE TIME LOVER. HOW I'M GOING TO KISS ALL YOUR SWEET TANTALIZING DIMPLES SWEETIE. I LOVE YOU SO BABY FINK, AND I'M GOING TO BE LIKE THE LITTLE BEE ALWAYS TRYING TO MAKE MY HONEY. DARLING WHAT A WONDERFUL FUTURE IT'S GOING TO BE. EVERY THING WE DO AND EVERY PLACE WE GO WE'LL BE TOGETHER. OUR LIFE TOGETHER WAS SO WONDERFUL, AND WE HAVE SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO. THE FUTURE WILL BE EVEN BETTER IF THAT'S POSSIBLE.

I JUST LIT A LITTLE WOOD FIRE IN THE STOVE, AND IT'S CRACKLING LIKE MAD. IT EVEN SOUNDS WARM. IT'S A QUICK HEATING STOVE, AND JUST A SMALL FIRE WARMS THIS PLACE UP GOOD. NOW THAT PURSE IS GONE I'LL ARRANGE THE ROOM A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY, AND I'LL HAVE LOTS OF ROOM. HERE'S THE WAY IT LOOKS RIGHT NOW. ON THIS SIDE THE SINK, TYPING TABLE, AND STOVE ARE SITTING HERE IN LINE. THE TWO BEDS MAKE A V ON THE OTHER TWO SIDES SO I'M GOING TO FOLD ONE OF THEM UP, AND PUT THE TABLE AGAINST THE OTHER WALL. AS IT IS NOW THE EDGE OF THE TABLE IS ALWAYS WET FROM THE SINK SPLASHING.

WELL DARLING, I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT ALL I KNOW FOR THIS TIME SO I THINK I'LL ROLL BACK INTO BED FOR AN HOUR'S NAP. WISH WE WERE GOING TO BED TOGETHER. I'M ENCLOSING MILLIONS OF HUGS AND KISSES AND ALL MY LOVE.

YOUR OWN,

*Jack*