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HOFGEIZMAR, AUGUST 10, 1945

DARLING WIFE,

ANOTHER DAY WITH NO MAIL. MAYBE TOMORROW WILL BE A BETTER ONE. THE MAIL HAS NEVER BEEN AS SLOW AS IT IS NOW.

THE WAR NEWS HAS CERTAINLY BEEN ENCOURAGING, HASN'T IT? I GUESS EVERYONE IS JUST AS ANXIOUS FOR THIS MESS TO END AS WE ARE, SWEETIE. IT JUST CAN'T END TOO SOON TO SUIT ME.

I GOT A V LETTER FROM SIS LAST NITE, AND IT TOOK TWO WEEKS TO GET HERE SO I GUESS EVEN B MAIL ISN'T MOVING TOO FAST.

IT'S BEEN RAINING STEADILY HERE FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS. THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF EVENING WE WOULD LIKE EITHER TO SIT AT HOME READING OR GO FOR A RIDE. REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO LIKE TO RIDE IN THE RAIN, HONEY? THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS ALMOST START A PERSON TO THINKING THAT MAYBE IT WONT BE SO VERY MUCH LONGER TILL WE CAN BE ENJOYING THOSE THINGS AGAIN. OH DARLING, IT WILL BE SO WONDERFUL TO COME HOME TO YOU. WE HAVE SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO, AND SO MUCH LOVEMAKING TO CATCH UP ON THAT WE'RE REALLY GOING TO BE TWO BUSY KIDS. AND SUCH HAPPY ONES. JUST TO BE WITH YOU IS PARADISE, DARLING.

DARLING, YOU WRITE SUCH WONDERFUL LETTERS. I READ THEM OVER AND OVER. I WAS JUST THINKING, IN ONE OF YOUR LETTERS YOU SAID IT WOULD BE SO WONDERFUL TO BE IN BED TOGETHER, AND YOU'D LIE SO CLOSE TO ME THAT YOU'D ALMOST BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ME. WE'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS, SWEETIE 'CAUSE I'M GOING TO CUDDLE SO CLOSE TO YOU THAT I'LL ALMOST BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF YOU. MAYBE WE'LL WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, AND DISCOVER THAT I'M ON YOUR SIDE OF THE BED, AND YOU'RE ON MINE. FOOLISH LITTLE RASCAL, AINT I?

YES, HONEY I'D LIKE TO BE HOME FOR MY BIRTHDAY, BUT EVEN MORE I'D LIKE TO BE HOME TO HELP YOU CELEBRATE YOURS. WE'VE NEVER BEEN TOGETHER ON YOUR BIRTHDAY SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THE ARMY. WHEN I COME HOME WE'LL CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS, CHRISTMAS, NEW YEARS, AND ALL OF THEM NO MATTER WHAT TIME OF YEAR IT IS.

WE'VE HAD A GOOD DEAL ON SHOWS LATELY. LAST NITE WE GOT TO GO INTO KASSEL TO SEE THE GI VERSION OF "CARMEN". IT WAS REALLY A SCREAM. ONE THING YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON IN THESE GI SHOWS IS A REAL GOOD BAND.

HOW IS EVERY THING GOING WITH YOU, DARLING? DOES OUR LITTLE HOME LOOK AS CHEERY AND COMFORTABLE AS ALWAYS? I CAN JUST CLOSE MY EYES, AND SEE IT ALL. IT WILL BE SO WONDERFUL TO BE THERE WITH YOU. WE HAVE SO MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES, AND I HOPE IT WONT BE LONG TILL THOSE MEMORIES WILL BE REALITIES AGAIN, AND I'LL BE COMING UP THE STEPS IN THE AFTERNOON, AND YOU'LL BE WAITING FOR ME WITH YOUR SMILING FACE, AND SWEET KISS.

WE GOT A BUNCH OF THOSE POCKET BOOKS FROM SPECIAL SERVICE SO I'VE BEEN READING QUITE A BIT.

I JUST HEARD THE NEWS ON THE RADIO THAT TRUMAN AND HIS BOYS ARE IN SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS THIS NOTE THAT THE JAPS HAVE SENT THEM OFFERING TO SURRENDER, ACCORDING TO THE POTSDAM PROVISIONS PROVIDING THEY CAN KEEP THEIR EMPEROR. I SURE HOPE THIS IS THE TIME WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. IT WOULD SURE BE WONDERFUL TO WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, AND FIND OUT THIS MESS IS ALL FINISHED. WHETHER THEY ACCEPT THIS OR NOT IT DOESN'T SEEM AS IF IT CAN LAST MUCH LONGER.

WELL SWEETIE I THINK I'LL HIT THE HAY SO I CAN DREAM OF THE DEAREST AND SWEETEST AND DARLINGEST AND BEST WIFE IN ALL THE WORLD. I'M ENCLOSING MILLIONS OF HUGS AND KISSES, AND ALL MY LOVE.

YOUR OWN,

Jack