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HOFGEIZMAR, SEPTEMBER 12

DARLING FINK,

TOMORROW'S MY BIRTHDAY, AND IT'S STARTING OUT GOOD ALREADY. I GOT THE SWELL PACKAGE TONITE, AND EVERYTHING IS FIRST RATE. I'M SITTING HERE IN A PAIR OF THE NEW PAJAMAS, AND THEY FEEL SWELL DARLING, THEY'RE REALLY COMFORTABLE. I'M MUNCHING ON COOKIES, AND THE PECAN ROLL. WANT A BITE, SWEETIE?

IN TONITE'S PROGRAM A LOT OF SENATORS ARE SPOUTING OFF ABOUT THE POINT PLAN. HOW IT'S UNFAIR, AND HOW THE BRASS IN THIS ARMY WANT TO HOLD ON TO MEN SO THEY WILL HOLD THEIR RATINGS ETC. MAYBE SOMETHING WILL COME OF IT, AND THEY WILL START DEMOBILIZING A LITTLE FASTER. LET'S HOPE SO. AS IT STANDS NOW I DON'T THINK I CAN GET OUT FOR A WHILE, BUT I'M GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON HOPING ANYWAY, THAT'S ONE THING ABOUT THE ARMY YOU NEVER CAN TELL FROM DAY TO DAY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN SO I CAN'T SEE MUCH REASON FOR LETTING THINGS GET US DOWN. WE'LL KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED, WONT WE DARLING?

I GOT THREE PAIR OF SOX, AND THREE UNDERSHIRTS FROM THE SUPPLY ROOM TODAY. SINCE WE'VE BEEN OVERSEAS WHENEVER I NEED ANYTHING I JUST WALK IN AND TAKE IT. I'M GOING TO SIGN A STATEMENT OF CHARGES FOR SOME SHORTS THO' AS THEY ARE SORT OF HARD TO GET, AND THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET THEM IS TO PAY FOR THEM. THEY ONLY COST ABOUT SIXTEEN CENTS A PAIR THO' SO I DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET THEM MUCH CHEAPER THAN THAT. I LIKE TO HAVE PLENTY OF SOX AND UNDERWEAR, AND AS LONG AS I'M IN THIS ARMY THEY WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ME. I'LL BE GLAD TO BE WEARING SOME OF THOSE GOOD BLAZER SOX AGAIN THO',

DARLING HAVE I REMINDED YOU LATELY WHAT A SWEET PRECIOUS LOVER YOU ARE. YOU'RE 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. DARLING I LOVE YOU SO. I ALWAYS TRY TO THINK OF NEW WORDS TO SAY IT, BUT THOSE THREE ARE STILL THE BEST, AND ALWAYS WILL BE I BELIEVE. IT'S GOING TO BE SO WONDERFUL WHEN I CAN SAY THEM TO YOU IN PERSON ONCE AGAIN. YOU'LL HAVE TO REMIND ME TO TAKE IT EASY ON YOUR RIBS THO' LOVER 'CAUSE YOU ARE REALLY GOING TO BE HUGGED. WE'LL HOLD EACH OTHER SO CLOSE HONEY THAT THE FIRST THING YOU KNOW WE'LL BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF EACH OTHER, AND THEN WE CAN START ALL OVER AGAIN. YOU'RE SUCH A SWEET SWEETHEART, AND I'LL NEVER TIRE OF TELLING YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU SO I HOPE YOU'LL NEVER TIRE OF HEARING IT DARLING.

THERE ARE A LOT OF OAK TREES ON THIS STREET SO I KEEP A LITTLE BUCKEYE ON MY TABLE. WAIT A MINUTE, OAK TREES SPOUT ACORNS. WELL I GUESS I MEANT BUCKEYE TREES. ANYWAY IT REMINDS ME OF HOME IN THE FALL.

LOVER YOUR PICTURE IS SMILING AT ME, AND IT SEEMS AS IF YOU'RE JUST ABOUT TO SAY, "HI HONEY." I LOVE THIS PICTURE SO. IT'S THE ONE IN THE FOLDER YOU SENT ME WHEN I WAS IN ENGLAND. I LIKE THE SNAPSHOTS TOO DARLING. I LIKE TO GET THEM OUT, AND LOOK THEM OVER A COUPLE OF TIMES A DAY. YOU'RE SUCH A SLIM KID NOW LOVER I JUST GUESS I'LL HAVE TO LOSE A LITTLE WEIGHT SO WE'LL MATCH AGAIN. I DON'T THINK IT WILL TAKE ME VERY LONG TO LOSE ABOUT TEN POUNDS WHEN I GET BACK TO WORK, AND THAT WILL MAKE ME JUST ABOUT RIGHT. I IMAGINE I'D WEIGH ABOUT 155 STRIPPED. THESE CLOTHES ARE ALL HEAVY, AND MUST WEIGH TEN POUNDS OR CLOSE TO IT.

I THINK I'LL GO TO BED NOW SWEETIE, AND SEE IF THESE PAJAMAS ARE AS NICE TO SLEEP IN AS THEY ARE TO SIT IN. I THINK THEY WILL BE. GOOD NITE SWEETHEART. I'LL DREAM OF YOU. ALL MY LOVE AND MILLIONS OF HUGS AND KISSES.

YOUR OWN,

Jack