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HOFGEIZMAR, SEPTEMBER 15, 1945

DARLING FINK,

I GOT TWO SWEET LETTERS FROM YOU TONITE, HONEY. BOTH POSTMARKED THE 8TH. YOU'D WRITTEN ONE ON THE SEVENTH, AND THE OTHER ONE ON THE EIGHTH.

FIRST OFF I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PACKAGE. I CAN'T REALLY TELL YOU WHETHER I'LL BE HERE OR NOT, AS I DON'T KNOW MYSELF. BUT SKIP THE PACKAGE DARLING. IF I NEED ANYTHING FROM TIME TO TIME I'LL LET YOU KNOW. EVERYTHING IS SO SLOW COMING AROUND THE HOLIDAYS THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY GET ALL GUMMED UP, AND NOT GET HERE IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS ANYWAY. WHEN I COME HOME WE'LL MAKE UP FOR ALL WE'VE MISSED OUT ON, AND JUST SEEING YOU WILL BE ALL THE PRESENTS I'LL WANT. I KNOW YOU'D LIKE TO SEND ME SOMETHING, AND I APPRECIATE IT SWEETIE, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I THINK IT'S BETTER TO LEAVE IT RIDE.

SEEMS LIKE MY LITTLE ELGIN IS JUST PLAIN WORN OUT. IT RAN PRETTY GOOD FOR A WHILE, AND THEN IT STARTED RUNNING SLOW. NOW IT'S STOPPED ALTOGETHER. I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET IT FIXED UP OVER HERE. THERE WAS A JEWELER IN WILDUNGEN WHO COULD HAVE FIXED IT, BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE A STRAP OR THAT LITTLE PIN FOR IT. MAYBE I CAN GET IT FIXED HERE IN TOWN. I'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW I MAKE OUT.

I'VE BEEN GETTING SHORT TRIPS EVERY DAY, AND IT SEEMS GOOD TO BE DRIVING AGAIN. I HOPE I CAN KEEP MOVING NOW UNTIL IT'S TIME TO GO HOME AS THE TIME GOES SO MUCH FASTER THAT WAY.

IN THIS WEEKS ISSUE OF YANK THEY HAVE A NICE COVER PICTURE. IT'S A PICTURE OF A NICE BEDROOM, AND ON THE CHAIR THERE'S A NICE PAIR OF GABARDINE SLACKS, AND A STRIPED JACKET, A SHARP HAT, AND A WHITE SHIRT. ON THE FLOOR IS A NEAT PAIR OF CUSTOM TIPPED SHOES. BOY, DOES IT EVER LOOK GOOD. IT'S SURE GOING TO BE SWELL TO WEAR THOSE GOOD CLOTHES AGAIN. I'M GOING TO CLIP THE PICTURE, AND PIN IT UP ON THE WALL.

YES, SWEETIE OCTOBER FIRST WILL BE EXACTLY ONE YEAR SINCE I LAST SAW YOU. I BELIEVE NEXT YEAR AT THIS TIME WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN THO', AND MAYBE BY THAT TIME WE'LL HAVE BEEN TOGETHER SEVERAL MONTHS TOO. WHAT MAKES IT SEEM AS IF THE TIME IS GOING SO SLOW NOW IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING DEFINITE, BUT IT LOOKS AS IF THEY WILL BE SPEEDING UP DEMOBILIZATION. IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL DAY WHEN IT COMES LOVER. WE'VE HAD LOTS OF HAPPY DAYS TOGETHER, BUT I BELIEVE THE DAY I CAN TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS AND KNOW THAT I WON'T HAVE TO LEAVE YOU AGAIN WILL BE THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE.

HAS IZZY RECEIVED HIS DISCHARGE YET, OR JUST ON A FURLOUGH? I'LL BE THE'S PLENTY GLAD TO BE HOME, ISN'T HE?

DARLING, IT WILL BE SO GRAND TO BE WITH YOU AGAIN. WE ALWAYS SEEM TO BE IN THE SAME MOOD AT THE SAME TIME. IT'S WONDERFUL BEING MARRIED TO YOU. WE CAN BE GAY TOGETHER, SOMETIMES WE LIKE TO BE NOISY, AND OTHER TIMES WE LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE SERIOUS CONVERSATION. OTHER TIMES WE JUST LIKE TO SIT AT HOME AND READ. NO MATTER WHAT WE DO IT'S WONDERFUL BECAUSE WE'RE DOING IT TOGETHER. WE'LL HAVE SO MUCH FUN TAKING SOME TRIPS, AND GOING PLACES TOGETHER. I ALWAYS FEEL SO PROUD WITH MY SLICK CHICK ON MY ARM. DARLING, YOU'RE JUST WONDERFUL, AND EVEN THO' THERE ARE 'NT WORDS SWELLELEGANT ENOUGH TO TELL YOU WHAT I MEAN I MEAN IT JUST AS MUCH. I LOVE YOU SO DARLING, AND EVEN THO' IT SEEMS I LOVE YOU SO MUCH I COULDN'T POSSIBLY LOVE YOU MORE EVERY DAY I DO LOVE YOU MORE AND MORE.

I GOT TO LAUGHING WHEN I READ ABOUT YOU RHAMBURG FRY, HONEY. I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT TIME WHEN BENNIE AND I DROPPED THE HAMBURG IN THE SAND. IT ISN'T EVERYONE WHO CAN SERVE NICE SANDY HAMBURGERS, IS IT SWEETIE? I'VE FORGOTTEN LOVER, HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR SAND, RARE OR WELL DONE? I OFTEN THINK OF SOME OF THE THINGS WE'VE DONE.

I THINK THOSE WONDERFUL MEMORIES, AND THINKING OF HOW NICE THE FUTURE IS GOING TO BE HAS MADE OUR SEPARATION A LOT EASIER DARLING. WE HAVE SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO. YOU'RE SUCH A SWEET PRECIOUS LOVER TO COME HOME TO THAT IT MAKES ME HAPPY JUST TO THINK ABOUT IT.

I'M ENCLOSING MILLIONS OF HUGS AND KISSES AND ALL MY LOVE.

YOUR OWN,

Jack