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ELYRIA, OHIO

HOFGE 17MAR, SEPTEMBER 25

DARLING WIFE,

I GOT TWO LETTERS FROM YOU TONITE, SWEETIE. WRITTEN THE SEVENTEENTH AND THE TWENTIETH. I MUST STILL HAVE SOME COMING THAT YOU'D WRITTEN BEFORE. OH WELL JUST SO I GET THEM EVENTUALLY.

I MADE THE TEAM AGAIN TONITE, AND I'VE JUST FINISHED MY FIRST TURN. THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD POST WE HAVE TONITE. IT'S THE COAL PILE. THERE'S A LITTLE HOUSE WITH A STOVE IN IT SO WE MANAGE TO KEEP COMFORTABLE.

NO, PURSE AND BURLEY AREN'T HOME YET. THEY'RE STILL IN THE ETO, BUT I EXPECT THEY'LL BE SAILING ANY DAY NOW. THE WAY THEY WORK IT IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS. THEY SEND OUT ORDERS FOR MEN IN CERTAIN POINT GROUPS, THEN THEY TRANSFER THEM INTO A UNIT THAT'S GOING TO THE STATES. WHEN THE UNIT MOVES THEY MOVE TOO. IN THE MEANTIME THEY'VE SHIPPED OUT THEIR LOW POINT MEN SO THE UNIT IS ALL HIGH POINT MEN WHEN THEY HIT THE BOAT.

I DIDN'T KNOW HERBERT SHROYER. I MIGHT HAVE EVEN SEEN HIM TOO, AND DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS FROM ELYRIA.

YOU MUST BE GETTING THIS COOL WEATHER TOO HONEY FROM WHAT YOU SAID IN YOUR LETTER. MY ROOM IS SNUG AND COZY WITH MY STOVE GOING. ALL OF OUR COAL IS IN THE FORM OF LITTLE BRIQUETTES, AND IT BURNS RIGHT DOWN TO A FINE ASH.

IT SURE IS A GOOD FEELING TO KNOW SOMETHING DEFINITE ABOUT GOING HOME EVEN THO' I KNOW IT ISN'T RIGHT AWAY. AT LEAST WE KNOW AS IT STANDS NOW THAT THE LATEST WOULD BE NEXT JUNE, AND IT PROBABLY WILL HAPPEN BEFORE THEN.

YOU BET WE'LL TAKE A NICE TRIP WHEN I COME HOME SWEETIE. MAYBE WE'LL JUST START OUT, AND NOT HAVE ANY PLACE IN MIND, BUT JUST DRIVE, AND WHEN WE FEEL LIKE STOPPING SOME PLACE WE'LL STOP. WE'LL JUST MAKE IT STRICTLY A LAZY GOOD TIME, AND LOTS AND LOTS OF LOVING.

I SUPPOSE THE GAS STRIKES HAVE CURTAILED THE GASOLINE IN ELYRIA, HAVEN'T THEY? I'VE BEEN READING ABOUT THEM IN THE PAPER. IT'S TOO BAD SOME OF THOSE POOR UNDERPAID PEOPLE COULDN'T HAVE WORKED A FEW YEARS FOR FIFTY BUCKS A MONTH. MAYBE I SHOULD RESERVE MY OPINION. THEY MIGHT HAVE GOOD REASONS FOR STRIKING.

DARLING, I LOVE YOU SO, AND I'M JUST EXISTING TILL THAT HAPPY DAY WHEN I CAN TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS AND HOLD YOU CLOSE. YOU'RE SUCH A CUTE SWEETIE AND A SWEET CUTIE THAT I'M GOING TO BE HUGGING AND KISSING YOU ALL THE TIME.

I'LL WANT YOU TO GO WITH ME WHEN I START PICKING OUT THOSE GOOD CIVILIAN CLOTHES SWEETIE. I'M REALLY GOING TO ENJOY THAT. IT'S REALLY FUN TO LOOK THRU' ESQUIRE, AND SEE ALL THOSE NICE SUITS AND SHIRTS AND STUFF. IT WILL SURE SEEM SWELL TO GET OUT OF THESE FREE CLOTHES.

WELL LOVER I THINK I'LL TRY TO CATCH A FEW HOURS SLEEP BEFORE I GO TO WORK AGAIN. I'LL SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS SWEETHEART. ALL MY LOVE AND MILLIONS OF HUGS AND KISSES.

YOUR OWN,

Jack