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HOFGEIZMAR, AUGUST 31, 1945

DARLING WIFE,

MY WATCH ARRIVED, AND AM I EVER GLAD TO GET IT. THANKS A LOT HONEY. I ALSO GOT THREE LETTERS FROM YOU. GLAD YOU'RE HAVING A SHORT STAY IN DETROIT. THE LELAND SURE IS A CLASSY PLACE, ISN'T IT?

PURSE IS GETTING READY TO LEAVE. HE WILL PROBABLY GET A DISCHARGE AS SOON AS HE HITS THE STATES AS HE NOW HAS EIGHTY POINTS WITH THE EXTRA EIGHT WE'RE GOING TO GET. I'LL HAVE FIFTY ONE, AND I'M TRYING NOW FOR THAT THIRD BATTLE STAR. I WAS IN CENTRAL GERMANY BEFORE THE WAR ENDED, AND IF I HADN'T HAD TO SPEND SO MUCH TIME IN THE REPPLE DEPPLS I WOULD HAVE BEEN BACK TO THE COMPANY BEFORE IT DID END. AS IT IS I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD CHANCE OF GETTING IT. I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE STAR, BUT THE FIVE POINTS I'LL TAKE ANY TIME I CAN GET THEM.

I STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING DEFINITE. THERE ARE LOTS OF RUMORS FLOATING AROUND, BUT YOU'D GO CRAZY IF YOU TOOK ANY STOCK IN THEM. AS SOON AS I KNOW ANYTHING FOR SURE I'LL LET YOU KNOW.

SWEETIE, I HOPE IT WON'T BE TOO LONG TILL WE'LL BE GOING PLACES TOGETHER. I'D LOVE TO BE GOING TO DETROIT WITH YOU OR ANY PLACE FOR THAT MATTER. WE'LL HAVE SOME WONDERFUL TIMES, DARLING. IN FACT WE ALWAYS HAVE WONDERFUL TIMES NO MATTER WHERE WE GO JUST SO WE'RE TOGETHER OH DARLING, I LOVE YOU SO, AND I'M JUST EXISTING TILL THAT HAPPY DAY WHEN I CAN TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS, AND KISS AND CARESS YOU ALL THE TIME. YOU'RE SUCH A DEAR SWEET LOVER. WE HAVE SO MUCH LOVEMAKING TO CATCH UP ON THAT WE'LL BE TWO BUSY KIDS, WONT WE SWEETIE?

IS BETTY'S HUSBAND IN THE NINTH AIR FORCE? I THINK THAT'S THE ONLY ONE OVER HERE NOW. HE SHOULD BE COMING HOME PRETTY SOON IF HE HAS TWENTY FIVE MONTHS OVERSEAS. DOES SHE WORK AT WORTHINGTON TOO?

I THINK BY NEXT SUMMER WE SHOULD BE SITTING ON THE PORCH TOGETHER. OH SWEETIE I HOPE SO. IT SURE WILL FEEL GOOD TO BE A SOLID CITIZEN AGAIN. SEEMS LIKE SO LONG AGO THAT I WAS A CIVILIAN, BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL TAKE ME VERY LONG TO GET USED TO IT, DO YOU LOVER? I GUESS AT HEART I NEVER STOPPED ~~BEING~~ BEING A CIVILIAN.

DARLING YOU TOLD ME IN ONE OF YOUR LETTERS THAT YOU'D JUST WASHED OUT YOUR UNDERWEAR. DO YOU STILL WEAR THOSE CUTE LITTLE PINK PANTIES? A LONG TIME AGO YOU TOLD ME THAT SOMEDAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL WHITE SATIN UNDERWEAR, REMEMBER? WHEN I COME HOME LOVER WE ARE GOING TO GET THEM FOR YOU. HOW WILL YOU LIKE THAT DARLING? I READ IN THE PAPER WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO START MAKING NYLON HOSE AGAIN. WE'LL GET YOU LOTS OF THOSE NICE SHEER NYLONS TOO SWEETIE.

WELL LOVER I GUESS THAT'S ALL I KNOW FOR THIS TIME SO I'LL WRAP UP MILLIONS OF HUGS AND KISSES AND ALL MY LOVE.

YOUR OWN,

Jack