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Tuesday, 31 July 45.

Florence, sweetheart:

The end of this month finds just about everything status quo, but somehow I have a feeling that August will bring with it some inkling of what you and I are so impatiently awaiting for. Perhaps by the time this reaches you you'll know what to expect. In the meantime I remain optimistic, and I know I can always count on you to keep smiling. Your cheery countenance on those snapshots I received in the past few days assure me that you are on the ball, mentally. Keep smiling, honey, tempus fugit, and we know this is our year.

No mail from you to-day but I received a V-mail letter from M. Hunt, and a package from Uncle Harry. It contained 5 small cans of anchovies, large can of opuscats, candy, 1 lb of walnuts, and a loaf of sliced pumpernickel, but moldy. It was a well packed, well selected bundle, arrived in excellent condition, but I don't know when it was shipped. Will do my best to acknowledge and thank them to-morrow. I wish that bread had come thru in edible form, as I'm just about nipe for some with those idly kiddy fishes. Oh well, I guess I can manage to eat another slice of white bread, or two.

After working as CQ last night I had the afternoon off to-day. As usual, I went out hunting for leather pants for our Jim, but wound up with

another mess of Nazi Commemorative stamps. I have several natives helping me now, but please don't be disappointed if I don't get them. Perhaps if I had more time to get around during the day I'd be more fortunate, but I haven't given up hope on this score yet. I intend to commence sending all these stamps to you in a day or two, and will send them in many envelopes via airmail. Will number each envelope, and write the number I sent you. Acknowledge them, and please keep them in a dry place, flat, and safe. They don't cost me so much, but I have a sneaking hunch they'll be worth a few bucks in due time.

So. day's mail also brought the June 17th edition of the Times and the Readers Digest. Did not get a chance to read them to-night, but will probably do so to-morrow. Incidentally did I not mention in a previous letter that I find "Coronet" quite interesting reading, with wide awake articles and stories. Try it some time. Also in text forwarding you some money as soon as I get paid. Will advise amount and method used as soon as I attend to the matter. Am patiently awaiting word as to how you fared with ODB checks and bank. On June 28th I forwarded Japs via regular mail, a leather cigar case. Please advise whether or not it was received.

I can't help but think about Bob's movement, and I patiently await further word from him or you. I know the facts are plenty concerned about him, but are they taking it any worse than my going over. Wish to Christ I could do something, but other than writing them long letters I'm helpless. I do hope you are carrying on for me in this respect. Even call



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Join to arms in this battle, because it's an all-out war, and everyone can help to win it.

Films were not ready yet, but they have been promised for later in the week. There are some small shots among them, so I loopee nothing goes astray at the photographer. You should have plenty of film now that you have added the 9 rolls I sent you. Incidentally did your aunt's camera arrive in perfect condition, and did you explain to her why I returned it? Also interested in learning how that roll turned out. Describe them to me and I'll advise place and date for inscription on reverse side.

Took a walk after chow, had some doughnuts and coffee, and wound up in the movies. Jack Haley in "Sing your way Home", Can you guess it? Only broke 3 times, but plenty coming despite some clever starlets in the cast. Some show to-morrow, so I guess I'll have to read, write, or see Colored variety show. These O-I vendible shows are strictly bought airant stuff, oh well, there's always the beautiful "blue diamonds"?

Hope you and Jim are having fun, excellent health, and exuberant spirits. All will be well, looking, and I want all of us to be perfectly healthy when we start our life over again. Kiss theascal for me, and I'll kiss you both in mind. My best to everyone, and remember I continue to love and adore you, as ever,  
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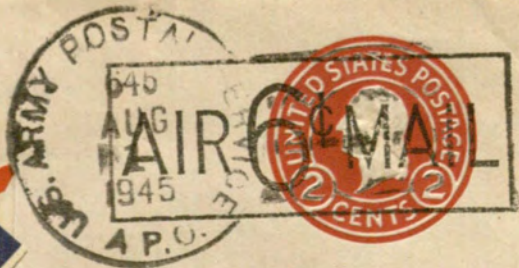
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