



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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Heaven -

4 June 1945.

Florence, dearest:

Note that this is the 150th time this year that I am writing you how much I love and miss you. In addition to my letters there have been many pictures, packages and other mementos to keep you ever mindful that I adore and cherish my pretty wife and sweetheart. I haven't been doing all this solely to keep your morale high, but also to keep me in constant intercourse with you. These mementos devoted to penning my most imperceptive thoughts are sacred to me. They are the precious terms of each day that I dwell in my sanctum sanctorum with my loved one, and play on your heart-strings. This is my hour of seclusion, my visit to my mental paradise, and my dreams of loving you. When I'm blue, writing you changes my hue, and when I'm happy, writing you gives me the opportunity to impart some of that feeling to you. I know you share these feelings with me - and that's what makes it so wonderful. Memories of the past assure me that thoughts of the future will be a certainty. Time continues to be the deciding element, and I'll wait most patiently until the end of time, just to be able to love and caress you once again. This is our year, darling, and nothing will dissuade me from believing that -



No mail to-day for the third consecutive day - but then no one else received any so I have no cause to worry. Of course I'm anxious to read your letters, but there's no rushing the Army post office, so we just exercise a little more patience and wait for the messenger to bring that little bundle of sunshine from you.

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June is usually a beautiful month, and I truly hope it is no exception this year. You are probably in the country by now, so relax, get a hammock, and patiently await the return of your "chocolate soldier". It has been difficult for us being separated so but perhaps our child or children will some day desire the benefits of this heritage we pass on to them. Our Country offers the best in the world, and if our service in the army helped to preserve this for us and ours, you must agree it will not have been in vain. Be of good cheer, all this will be righted soon, and then the

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