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Your letter dated June 6th was elegant reading, and in addition to receiving this letter to day. Your package containing the red and green [woolen] dress also [] in good condition. I'll try to forward the contents to Frank but at present there is no package delivery to Belgium. No doubt this change in due time and I'll forward it at the most opportune moment. Thanks so much for the candy, films and puddings. Could you please advise how many more packages you have en route to me. I am inpatiently [next side] awaiting advice from you on the bundles I sent you since the carrier [mirror] went out. Also did the [mirror] package contain anything else. I'm interested to learn whether or not my packages are inspected and opened by the Customs inspector. As the other bundles arrive advise contents so I can check with my lists. Rumor has it that packages are being rifled before folks at home get them. Also sent that perfume via 1<sup>st</sup> class mail and it should be there by now. 203 of chinchilla Royal is too important to lose.

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Your complete description of the moving pictures taken sounds as though you got a little of everyone except my [Pap] and Bob. Is this correct? I sure am going to enjoy running that 100 feet off one of these days. Try to do the same thing in the fall, so doing will give me an opportunity to follow Jim's development, as well as see how the folks back home looked during my absence. Hope you and Jim cover plenty of footage.

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dage we spend together in the future. In accordance with your enggestion Jam sending hame various items of enterest which I want netwick by my scrap-book, do day I sent you several free-mail envelopes Cantaining each stiff, and do hope you get them in due time. I have quite a hit of personal stoff and will Centurie to forward them as time passes. you and the facks are receiving from me there days are giving you a few joy one momenta. anery one I took or obtained was wither for your pleasure, or for Kietony, of course I do not have a complete fiture stong of my taip across bur ope, having miried England, but I there's enough to give anyone a fritty good idea of what was means. I fatiently ewait your reaction to my pesed phitograph. Evelored are several more shate, and I thuis this letter does not require an alditional portage fee. Jales letter armied to day, in alliterito one from the falks. He adverses that there is a perhage enrante to me Containing Vitamin Pills. Everything seems to be under contral at his homestead, end in my neply I'll enclase a enopotat of me arting like a salkin with stuf kelmet. as saon as I hear from Dan I witers sending him a fort-coal eize fiture of me squatting. a week or so ago you alwest the Fodge sent you a bundle for me. Is it time for me to acknowledge same? It was thoughtful of Billy to phone you as usual, and when I write him again sean I'll enclase a snop for him. later than 9 P.M. and only on the main Thoroughfaces, so don't every about any "in a'dents" happening to me. no-frateonization with these German seveno as a national to me so continue to believe that I love you and only you. Cheating on you would be This stationery donated through the American Red Cross to men and women in the armed services by the makers of Cream of Wheat.

days we spend together in the future.

In accordance with your suggestion I am sending home various items of interest which I want retained by my [seraf]- book. To day I sent you renewal free-mail envelopes containing each stuff, and do hope you get them in due time. I have quite a bit of personal stuff and will continue to forward them as time passes.

I'm mighty pleased that the pictures you and the [Jacks] are [] from me there days are giving you a few joyous moments. [next side] Every one I took or obtained was either for your pleasure, or for history. Of course I do not have a complete picture story of my trip across Europe, having missed England, but I think there's enough to give anyone a pretty good idea of what war means. I patiently await your reaction to my [pesed] photograph. Enclosed are several more shots, and I trust this letter does not require any additional postage fee.

[Jules] letter arrived to day, in addition to one from the folks. He advised that there is a package en route to me containing Vitamin Pills. Everything seems to be under control at his homestead, and in my reply I'll enclose a snapshot of me acting like a [soldier] with [stick] helmet. As soon as I hear from [Alan] I intend sending him a post-card size picture of me squatting. A week or so ago you advised the [Fudge] sent you a bundle for me. Is it time for me to acknowledge some? It was thoughtful of Billy to phone you as [], when I write him again soon I'll enclose a snap for him.

I'm not walking about the streets any later then 9 P.M. and only on the throughfares, so don't worry about any "incidents" happening to me. No-fraternization with the German [] is a natural to me. So continue to believe that I love you and only you. Cheating on you would be

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