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LIPPSTADT, GERMANY.

FLORENCE, DEAREST:

ALL IS IN READINESS FOR THE BIG MOVE TO-MORROW MORNING AT 10.30 AM. WE HAVE MOVED OUT OF THE HOTEL INTO THE RAILROAD BOX CARS, AND WILL PROBABLY SPEND THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN THESE QUARTERS. OF COURSE I MOVED THE VERY NICE BED AND MATTRESS THE VERY NICE GERMANS GAVE (I) ME IN HAMM, AND I WILL BE TRAVELING IN EXCELLENT STYLE. WE GET TWO HOT MEALS DAILY WHILE EN ROUTE WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL E RATION FOR LUNCH. WE HAVE PLENTY OF BEER TO WASH THE STUFF DOWN WITH, AND REALLY, HONEY, NEXT TO THE TRIP WHICH WILL BRING US TO THE BOAT, THIS SHOULD BE MOST ENJOYABLE. NOTHING TO DO BUT EAT, SLEEP, AND DREAM OF YOU AND JIMMY AS I ADMIRE THE SCENERY. ALTHOUGH THIS IS BEING WRITTEN BEFORE WE DEPART, I HARDLY EXPECT TO MAIL IT UNTIL WE ARRIVE AT OUR DESTINATION. THE MAIL CLERK WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO THE APO BEFORE WE LEAVE.

THERE WAS NO DELIVERY OF MAIL TO US TO-DAY, AND I HARDLY EXPECTED ANY, DUE TO THE MOVEMENT. HOWEVER I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT ALL GOES WELL WITH MY MOST PRECIOUS ONES AT HOME. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN GRAND THE PAST FEW DAYS, AND I SURE HOPE WE HAVE THE SAME WHILE ON THE ROAD. HAVE NOT DONE ANY WORK FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS IN PREPARATION FOR THIS TRIP, AND WILL PROBABLY DO NONE FOR THE NEXT WEEK. YOU CAN SEE THAT OUR JOB IN EUROPE IS PRACTICALLY FINISHED, BUT I SUPPOSE IT WILL PICK UP AFTER WE ARRIVE.

THE LATEST NEWS OF THE TREMENDOUS AIR RAIDS HITTING TOKYO AND OTHER PARTS OF JAPAN IS MUSIC TO MY EARS. THE JAPS CAN HARDLY TAKE IT AS THE GERMANS DID, AND THE SOFTENING UP PROCESS CAN ONLY HELP TO SHORTEN THE WAR. I STILL HAVE EVERY FAITH THAT THE OVERAGE LIMIT WILL BE REDUCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TO-DAY'S STARS AND STRIPES CARRIED A STORY THAT EVERY SOLDIER WHO HAD NOT HAD SIX MONTHS OVERSEAS WOULD HAVE TO GO OVER. HOWEVER IT ALSO STATED THAT MEN OVER 36 WOULD NOT GO OVER AT ALL. PERHAPS THIS IS A PRELUDE TO THE MORE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT WE ARE SO PATIENTLY AWAITING.

HOPE YOU AND JIMMY ARE HAVING A GRAND TIME THESE DAYS. THE MORE I REALIZE THE HIGH COST OF LIVING THE MORE I APPRECIATE HOW LITTLE YOUR INCOME IS BUYING. I DO HOPE YOU ARE HAVING NO TROUBLE MAKING BOTH ENDS MEET, BUT KNOWING YOU I'M SURE YOU ARE DOING OKAY. I WILL CONTINUE SENDING YOU ALL THE DOUGH I CAN, AND WHAT YOU DON'T NEED PLEASE BANK. I'LL HAVE A TERRIFIC POST WAR SPENDING PROGRAM FOR ALL OF US.

ALL GOES WELL WITH ME, I FEEL FINE AND DANDY, MISS YOU EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY MINUTE, AND LOVE YOU MORE THAN EVER. STAY WELL, DARLING, KISS JIMMY FOR ME AND I'LL KISS YOU IN MIND. GIVE MY BEST TO EVERYONE, AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MY POLKS BY PHONE. AS EVER,

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