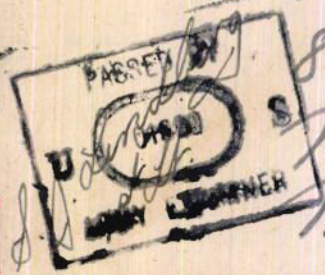


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My Beloved Sweetheart,

Today I spent the day in town taking in two movies. In the afternoon I saw the picture "The Male Animal" which I haven't seen before and being a comedy, it was good. In the evening, the movie I saw was "Stormy Weather" and while I did see the picture before, I enjoyed it as much this time because of the fine music and entertainers in the picture.

Beyond a doubt, the best part of the day was when I returned to read two of your fairly recent air mail letters. They were written on, one, income tax return day and the other, the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. I'm inclined now to think that air mail is just as quick as Umail, but I believe that you are incorrect about free letters arriving at the same time as air mail, therefore I decided to use air mail only. Don't you think that's the best method?



While in town I didn't miss having the Rice cream that the Red Cross serves, No, donuts this time.

A letter from Aaron, and he finally writes something, besides his usual, how are you, I'm fine and etc.

He told me about being transferred again and a brief detail of the town, he is stationed at.

Darling I'm very confused about the censorship, as to what I can, and can't say, regarding the cities I'm been visiting and what the town looks like compared to one of our modern cities.

Since I last wrote you once informing you that I visited a certain place, but now from what I've been told, I can't write that any more - plus the fact that the censorship has been made stricter. I'll try and find out as to exact information but actually there isn't any deciding line, as alot depends on the censor and how he reacts it.

About the best thing for me to do is write about it and hope it isn't censored.

I haven't been visiting Naples as you probably are thinking I am. The reason being that the city is off limits to us all troops unless on official business. I've been there once in the past so I have <sup>how it</sup> an idea of how it looks and compares to our city.

The city of Naples, ~~from what~~ is similar to New York with its populated people rushing back and forth on its main avenue, <sup>much</sup> so what like Broadway. I didn't get to see to much as I was there only a few hours. In one section of the city there are pushcarts that would be equal to one of the now enclosed markets in New York.

I brought your gift of the necklace, bracelet and earrings from one of the better or high class jewelry stores in the city but all the merchants in this part of the country are noted for being a two price store.



One thing that I've noticed in this <sup>4</sup> country, North Africa and I'm sure that it applies to all European countries, that the cities & towns in the States don't have is that, and now you probably think it's funny, and it was mine, at my first sight, is that in the streets there are ~~no~~ 'mine' bowls for the men, but there is a partition which helps things along.

The women, not only there but on a numerous occasions, I couldn't help but notice, and seeing that they fed their babies right out in the open.

While passing a market area yesterday, then a woman sitting next to her, pushcart, while her baby was feeding off of her. To them it doesn't mean any thing, but could you picture that taking place back home? If it were in that kind of environment then it wouldn't mean anything to us here because of the latter reason, it's something to write about.

I didn't order flowers for my mother on Easter day as I previously written into detail about it and you probably know the reason why, by now.

Your guess on thinking was fairly accurate but I'm unable to give you a positive answer.

By this time you can see that the newspapers aren't always correct and they have their stories lead up to a big let down. As the situation now isn't as good as you been reading about a month or so ago.

Sol's wife Esther certainly must be going through a difficult period of her life, but I don't think the idea of living by herself is too good.

Your original phase, I believe runs on like a river is very good!

New to start on your ten page letter which is about one of the longest I've received from you in a very long time, but considering it's a two and one combination it reduces the size to