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My Dearly B loved Judy,

Today I received two U mail letters from you dear and a air mail letter dated Nov 29<sup>th</sup>.

Yesterday, I had a very hectic day and was unable to write you. There wasn't any mail all yesterday.

Just a few days ago I told you, you were correct in your judgement of thinking, on keeping up with the news, but if I was to write that letter today, I would have to say you are incorrect. Possible you are now confused, but darling I'm unable to relate to you any more information on the subject.

I wish I could solve the mystery on who send me the salami with hot peppers.

I received another volume  
from you the other day  
you much and it was the  
tastest one this far gotten

Very thoughtful and a little  
sunny of you wanting to send me  
a pillow case darling. It isn't  
necessary dear as you know I  
know it from the heart,  
regardless of the type of pillow  
I use.

The boys are beginning to  
stock up on hard drinks for  
Christmas Eve, included is beer  
wine and schnapps. I've gotten  
the boys a few bottles of schnapps  
of a few packages of cigars.  
I've also gotten some wine  
for my self and the other fellows  
who don't drink that terrible  
tasting schnapps, or possibly you  
understand whiskey better schnapps  
is or suppose to taste similar to  
whiskey

It's hard for me to believe, but 3  
now I'm listening to the radio  
radio program "Hit Parade". Almost  
half the songs it seems as if I  
never heard before. We have  
the loud speaker from the radio  
which is in the vehicle, in our  
room now. We now are  
quarters. The room is a  
very large room. It formally  
was a saloon but now all  
the tables and chairs have been  
removed and we have set  
cots or bunks all around  
the room.

The weather has taken a  
deep drop in getting cold.  
Just going outside to get my  
chow, I can feel the cold air.

I had to know there has  
been a slight improvement  
in your grandfather's condition,  
and I hope that his writing he is  
much better.

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Sweetheart, I wish I could  
be celebrating with you the  
forthcoming holidays. Since its  
impossible I will be thinking of  
it mentally.

Goodnight my darling,  
I miss you tremendously and  
love you immensely.

all my love,

I am

Yours yours

Ben