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My Dearly Beloved Judy,

Thus far, I'm okay and in good health. I write the above sentence to start the letter off so you can relax while reading the remainder.

I know it's been quite a few days since I last wrote you darling but by the newspapers and reports of progress on the western front, I feel you have a good understanding for my reason of not being able to write. Today I finally have the opportunity to do so therefore I figured I'll get right on the ball. First though we had to clean our weapons and I washed and shaved my self. Had a decent night's sleep so I'm able to write this letter with a fresh and clear mind.

I believe that after your close look out for my division you came across them recently. We were blackout for awhile due to the rapid progress we were making.

Now it's a short, probable very short rest.

I was unable to write you a few words daily darling, as I previously said I would, and then mail the letter when I had the opportunity to do so. because at every chance when I wasn't busy, I doze off for a few winks of sleep.

I've been eating many fresh eggs recently that we obtained from the farmers as we traveled along the roads. also fresh milk which tasted good, directly from the cow.

During our operation I've seen many foreign prisoners of war and you should see the smiling and happy faces on them as we entered the town and they were free once more. I've spoken to one Englishman who said that the morale of the German soldier is very low which can be understood as they seem to be fighting without air and artillery protection. also the German civilians are sick and tired of the war and they are hoping for a rapid ending. The G.I. German soldier hasn't any interest in fighting any longer but it appears as if brass is forcing him to continue

A good percentage of the small towns we left with every house intact. Its only when the Germans attempt to defend the town that its necessary for ~~us~~ ^{us} to

bomb and throw artillery into the town before we enter it.

That's enough on that sweetheart.

Again - I received many enjoy able letters from you dear. A total of eight air mail the latest being dated March 24th and two v-mail letters. That's very good as I usually receive more v-mail letters than air mail. Good thinking on your part dear of sending me the mother's card, I now have it addressed and it will go out with this letter.

I immensely like your cheer snapshots that you took on your short vacation in February. The ski suit looks very chic on you honey and every time you mail me pictures you seem to look more beautiful every time.

Also received your lovely Easter card least.

Regret that Helene camera doesn't function as I would ^{have} liked to see more pictures of you on your skin.

Thanks dear, but you need not send me any soap as we receive an ample supply.

Get you point of not sending Mom a cablegram and I won't worry about it now as I'm unable to contact for mailing home a cablegram now. If I could I'll certainly mail you one now as I know you haven't been getting letters