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My Beloved Sweetheart,

Im a little excited now because I heard some excellent news, therefore if there are any mistakes in this letter honey you will have to excuse them. Well I wont keep you in suspense any longer thus I give you the dope as quickly as I can pound out the words on this typewriter.

One of the fellows just returned from higher headquarters and he was over at the personnel section where he saw one of the clerks preparing a form for all the men of my company who are uneligable to go to CPI and honey ~~my~~ my name was on the list. In a way I knew about it from the article I sent you about Italian vets ~~also~~ in the European campaign wouldnt be sent to the Pacific but I was always in doubt since I only have 63 points and you know the Army they can change things around easily. . Now that I know that the order will come down to my company official in a few days I feel much better. There arent many men on this list ~~and~~ and I am one of the few from my company to be uneligable because of ~~two~~ being in two campaigns and not for the reason of having more than 85 points. Thats just about makes it definite darling that Ill remain here in the Army of



Occupation. Thats about the best break that Ive gotten in the Army. It only could be better if I returned home and was discharged but considering that Im in the Army two years without any dependants I feel that I did fairly well. My only regret sweetheart is that it will be some time before I see you but at least we know that when I do Ill still be in good physical condition, or more or less in the same condition as when we were seperated. More than anything thats the way I want to return to you because if I was handicapped Ill never be able to see your happiness destroyed also.

The Stars and Stripes this evening carried a ~~xxx~~ story on all the divisions that arent immediately slated for redeployment and the 12th armored divisions ~~xxxx~~ was one of them. From my previous writings to you this news shouldnt be to surprising but in a few months their might be a change and if the division does go to the Pacific than I will probable be assigned to another division. Afterv all the troops are sent home to be redeployed to the Pacific than their is a possible that the other divisions that are to remain in reserve in the States will start going home. If my division goes than I expect to return home with the outfit. Therefore I may not be over here as long as the divisions that already been assigned occupation.

No mail from you today dearest but since during the past few days I received a few letters from you I wont complain.

Either tomorrow or the following day I should be able to sent you two or three more snapshots as I was informed that my roll of film that I sent in to be developed will be returned to me late tomorrow ~~even~~ evening.

Thats all the news for today my

love,

Going to sleep now to think of

you and I wish you pleasant dreams

also, I love you with all my heart  
and always think of you.

yours forever  
Ben