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My Darling Judy,

Think that I worked up a good deal on getting a pair of low cut military shoes. I went around to a few shoemakers and after almost giving up hope I came in contact with one who has the leather to make a pair of hand make shoes. Its only going to cost me eight dollars which I consider very reasonable since shoes are a scare item . The only thing is that I might not be around here to get the shoes when they will be finished which will be either Monday or Tuesday as I might ship to my new outfit on Sunday. Ive solved that by asking one of the other fellows to obtain the shoes for me and then mail the package to my new address. Prehaps Ill ~~even~~ even be able to return here as the 1st armored division isnt to far from here.

Ill have to alter my plans about seeing Julie next week as it wont be possible for me to get an overnight pass since Ill on the alert for shipment. I beleive that once I am settled in my new outfit Ill be able to contact Julie.

Received your letter of July 10th today honey and

writing of frozen custard, remains me to tell you that we have been eating ice cream on the average of three times a week which isnt bad and the ice cream is good. Most of the units over here have been as fortunate as we take over all the ice cream plants.

No I dont think that its all wishful thinking about the Pacific war as our Air Force is going a fine job and prehaps it wont be to far off for VJ day. I dont expect that day to occur this year. Nevertheless I doubt if that will alter my status over here since Ill be in a occupational force and we will still have to police the area in ~~inx Dutch~~ Dutuchland.

*I miss you constantly dearest, and  
love you with all my heart.*

*Forever yours  
Ben*