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My Beloved Darling,

Just came back a little while ago after spending a very hectic and tiresome day going from one house to the next. The best part of the day was receiving your letter of July 12th and eating one of the best suppers that we ever had. First your letter.

That's correct about a lot of switching of personnel in and out of my present division. Now the date of my transfer has been extended to the 24th of this month and Monday another group of fellows will be leaving here for redeployment to the Pacific by way of the States. Most of these fellows leaving Monday have been overseas only a short time and within a month they probably will be home again.

The supper that was waiting for us when we returned from our busy day consisted of fresh roast beef, mashed potatoes, string beans, tasty buns instead of the usual white bread, coffee ice cream for dessert and fresh orangeade to top the meal off. This happens to be one of those extraordinary meals so don't get the idea that I've been eating that well every day.

Your method of solving the problem of us riding in a jeep when we use to take the Germans on a hike is a fine though honey and we had the same idea but only the higher brass didn't agree with us.

Now the details on today's events in which yesterday I told you darling what was going to occur. Early this morning I went around with the burgomister of the village I was assigned to and we woke up all the people to tell them that they were restricted to their houses. Under no circumstances could they leave. Then we split up into two teams of three men each and started going from house to house. We had to keep a count of the total number of people that we interviewed for the day, so that an idea of the total number of people in the town could be recorded. Anybody of that looked to be of military age we would ask them for their discharge papers and if they couldn't produce the proper papers we would have to apprehend them, so that they could

screened and if found to be okay, receive the correct discharge papers. Ive came across many men who either didnt have any disharge papers or else they didnt have the correct one. After that was taken care of Ill ask the head of the house if they had any pistals or other fire arms or any American equipment whatsoever. In very case the answer was no, then Ill say okay, we are now going to serbh the house and we better not find anything. What we d id was to make a spot check of the closets and draws in the rooms since it would really take a very long time to cover every package anddraws in one apartment. Most of the people reacted decently but before Ill leave Ill always be asked when could we go on the streets as I have to go some shopping. When we complete this house to house search in this town would bemy reply but you are forbidden to go to any other town until Monday when the investigation would be over In the cities it really must be a tough job .

Im a little drousy dearest and now Ill go to e bed even through it is early since I didnt get any sleep last night.

*Naturally it will be a pleasant sleep,
dreaming of you, wishing that I was with you,
now and for always I love you sweetheart,
with all my heart, and miss you immensely*

*Forever yours,
Ben*