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My Dearest Beloved Judy,

a very Happy Birthday my love and my hopes were very inspired today that next year we will be able to celebrate this very special occasion next year, when I read today's headlines in the Stars and Stripes, "Surrender Terms Given to Japan; Tokyo Radio Makes Peace Offer"

I so much wish that I could be escorting you on this day, and to kiss you for each birthday year, plus one for life long happiness and health. Of course darling, I wouldn't stop kissing you after these few kisses.

Sweetheart, I love you now just as much as I did when we were together, and that I am sure will be perpetual because you have given me so much happiness and enjoyable moments that always stand out when I start thinking of the Past, the feeling of spending those past moments with you in the future, is that continued my deep affection for you my love.

I sincerely hope that you are having an enjoyable day today my dearest, and that next year I'll be able to help

make the day, just that much enjoy life.²

This evening I saw the motion picture "G I Joe" which is the story by "Ernie Pyle" of the Infantry man. The picture didn't have any plot but it did show the rugged life and hardships of a doughboy. I enjoyed the picture, and memories came back to me, especially the sa scenes at Cassino, cause I was there for three months, and I saw the Infantry companies leaving the area and returning with very few men. To this day I am very grateful that I myself wasn't a doughboy at the time. I also recall clearly the day the air corp did their mission of bombing the shine movement, I was in a vehicle, going back to the Tiffler Army rest center. I saw the clouds of smoke left by the destruction of our bombs, and the cheerful faces of all the soldiers at finally see lifes meant more than the famous building.

Since this is a special day, I had to write you this letter, something I haven't done in a long time.

Regret that thus far I have not been able to mail you a birthday gift from here, but tomorrow, I intend to return to my former company and see if I can

obtain what I ordered from the
carpenter. It won't be much honey, but
then it's better than nothing.

a long time ago I sent money home
for a gift for you from me but I realize
that some little thing directly from me
would be more appreciated.

all my love my darling, and again,
the happiest of birthdays to you.

Here are my twenty one kisses plus two.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX I'm sorry, but that's
the best I can do for this year.

Forever yours and I
hope for always
and always,

Ben