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My Beloved Sweetheart,

With great joy I received your letter of July 27th plus two lonely, lonesome cards. I happen to received these letters cause one of the fellows went back to our former company and picked up today's mail. These are the first letters I've gotten this week. Thus far I haven't received a letter that was forwarded from my other company.

I must confess dear that I don't know what is the gift that was selected for you from me. As I previously wrote you, I realize that you would much rather have a gift coming direct from me. Retract my statement, as I read further I understand what the gift was.

I don't know what you been reading, but I haven't found it so easy, as to walk into a store and select a nice gift for you. If I was able to do that, than I don't think I'll be spending so much time on running around from place to place just to send you a little box. No I wouldn't be going to a carpenter, telling him exactly what I desire and so on, if I could locate a place where I could get you a decent present.

When I was in Augsburg, and that's about ² the largest city I've been in, in Germany I couldn't locate any gift shop or any other store that wasn't partly or completely destroyed by our bombs.

As far as the money goes, there isn't any inflation in Germany & what there is an ample supply prices are reasonable for example, if there were photographic stores selling cameras, I could buy what one would have to pay about seventy five to hundred dollars for back in the States, over here it would cost around twenty to twenty five dollars. The thing is this, photographic shops don't have cameras as they were confiscated by the Americans, why I've been hunting high and low for a fitter for my camera without any success, a fitter is just a wheel, ground piece of glass.

Our latest report is that we moved more for another week, therefore I'm going to have the novelty box finished, and I hope when you receive it dear you won't think that I'm too lazy, ^{don't} want to send you something from me personally when I am able to send you the novelty box, dearest I'll feel poorer then if I just went into a store and bought you something even though the latter might be nicer. The idea of all

the mental work I had to put into it,
makes me feel that its just a little more
personal.

also received a letter from Mike, saying
the same as you stated, that you told him,
that your girl friends were receiving, liners,
hairs, and silicone. Do you care for any
of these items? I recall saying you perhaps
just a little something, ^{but in total} but I wouldn't
say I didn't send you anything.

On your next birthday sweetheart, I hope
I'll be able to make it more pleasant
for you.

I'm just as lonesome for you honey and
nothing would make me more happier
than to be with you now and for always.

I love you with all my heart, and
sincerely will forever,

Oh yes, the candle was in
one piece, not, Oh, how
I'll love to have a piece of
that cake, but I understand
daring.

Yours, with heavenly
kisses
Ben