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My Dearly Beloved Judy,

yes dear I heard the exciting news early this morning, and gave out with a loud yell in my happiness darling, of feeling that it won't be long before we are united.

Besides the day of our reunion I've been constantly looking forward to this special event, the end of world war two, and I especially hope that during our future lives we will not witness another world war.

Over the radio, I've heard the rejoicing taking place at Times Square.

I wish so very much I could be celebrating with you. Where were you at the time?

A few of the fellows are drunk but most of the fellows are taking it like myself and reserving the real celebration, when we return to our loved ones.

I was very happy⁻²⁻ to hear the news,
but my greatest happiness will be
when you are wrapped around my
arms once again.

Its almost too good to be true darling,
that it can't be too long before I come
home.

The time probably will go slowly
now, cause I'm so anxious, to hear the
news, that I'm going home.

It will require about a month before
the official announcement is made, as to
how my division stands in priority in
returning to the States. I expect to hear
many rumors, but I won't believe any
of them until the boat docks in New York,
or along the Eastern seacoast, why
already I heard a rumor that our
division is returning to France in
three days, & actually it sounds grand,
but it hasn't any foundation. If we
can celebrate New Years Eve together,
I'll think its swell.

The earliest I figure the division will depart for the States will be around December, but around February or March, would be more like it.

Seven million men are to be discharged in a year. It would be just my luck to be around, the 6,999,999 to be released from the service.

For one thing, I'm very thankful that I'm around today to be able to hear the splendid news. I feel that your praying helped, and now perhaps if you compassionate pray just a little hardy, I'll return just that much sooner.

My typewriter is working dearest, but on this day I felt that I had to use my handwriting. Again there wasn't any mail ~~from~~ for the company but the mail clerk gave us a little encouragement, by saying "tomorrow there will be mail"

Good night my sweet heart and I know you will be able to sleep well but I know that it won't be long when every thing will be returning to normal and our desires fulfilled.

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

Yours, XXXX
Ben