

July. 31 - 1944

Capri -

Good morning Darling:

How's my one and only feeling this beautiful Monday morning? Fit as a fiddle I hope - as for your little hubby he's doing as good as can be expected, I guess.

By the way Darling I didn't get around to writing you yesterday, I hope you won't mind too much, you won't will you Baby? Good I knew you wouldn't - you see I went to church yesterday morning and the rest of the day, one of the boys and I spent down by the sea - we were at a quaint little Italian Restaurant where we could swim, lay around in the sun, drink good cold wine, eat ~~the~~ lobsters +

and steak and in general take
life easy - Boy, I enjoy messing
around like that - and say that
the lobster was really good, it's the
first one I've tasted but not the
last I hope.

They had a dance up here
last nite again but I didn't dance
any I just watched them for a
while and then hit the sack:

you can't enjoy dancing here, there
are so few girls and so many
men that you no sooner take one
or two steps and someone cuts in
on you and that's no fun.

This morning I went around
and did a little more shopping, Boy
a fellow could spend a million
dollars here if he had it - I've spent
a hundred dollars and don't have an
awful lot to show for it - The natives

say prices have really gone up here
since the war - for instance before
the war you could buy 3 candles for one
cent - now they are 20¢ each - and
these beautiful cameras used to sell for
about \$3.00 now they cost around \$40.

Boy that's awful - but still the
Americans buy practically everything
they get their hands on.

I bought mother some flower
seeds this morning - Boy the flowers
are beautiful, I hope she can get
them to grow back there - I know
she will be happy to have them.

If they grow all night for her
we'll get some plants for our
yard from her (when we have
a yard - I hope it won't be too long).

See Darling, I wish I were
getting some mail from you. I
miss those letters an awful lot -
never hoping I have quite a few

when I get back to camp.

Well our little rest is rapidly drawing to a close - we leave to-day and to-morrow yet - we leave for camp wednesday morning and I hate to go back and start fighting this war again, it's been so quiet & peaceful here and I've enjoyed every minute of it - I only wish you could have been here with me Darling - then it would have been heaven.

Baby it's about time for dinner so I had better go, bye for now honey and say don't forget that I love you -

Love,
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August - 1 - 1944
Capri -

Good Morning Darling:

How's my Baby doing this morning?
Fine I hope - as for me I feel pretty
good I reckon. I just got up and
had breakfast - I was thinking
about you so I decided to write you
a few lines although I don't
have any news - I spent a very
quiet and restful afternoon yesterday
I lay in the sack for a while but
couldn't sleep so I got up and
read a few detective stories -

Last nite we wandered around and
inhaled a little wine - pretty good
stuff ~~to~~ - the wine, I mean. Ha Ha

This afternoon we are going
back down to the beach and swim
a bit and lay around in the sun -

Boy. Honey, I've really got me a good
sun tan now, I wish you could
see it.

Well Baby, this is our last day
here. we start back to the field
to-morrow morning and I sorta
hate it, I have really enjoyed my
little visit to the Isle of Capri, the
only regret I have is that you
weren't here to enjoy it with me,
Boy, if you would have been here
we could have had one lovely
time to gether - The other fellows
all wanted their wives here too, you
see they are all married except me.

By the way Darling, do you
realize that to-morrow will be
seven months since the day we
both said "I do" - Gosh time

really flies doesn't it Baby? - Boy
the few months we were to gether were
the happiest of my life - I guess
you know that, eh Honey? and I
believe you were pretty happy too.

Let's hope and pray that we will
be to gether again for our first
anniversary. Gosh, I hope this
war ends pretty soon I'm really
anxious to get back home and
forget about this whole mess - That's
about all I think about constantly,
about all I think about constantly,
coming home to you - Boy what a
day that will be.

Well Darling, I guess that's all
for now so be sweet and remember
that I love you with all my
heart now and always
your loving husband
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August 2 - 1944

Corsica -

1 Hello Darling:

Happy Anniversary Honey. Do you realize that it's been seven months ago that we got married - Boy time really flies, doesn't it sweet? I wish we could have been together all that time that would be heaven - Let's hope and pray that it won't be many months before we'll be together again - Boy, I'm really looking forward to that day.

Well Honey, we're back at the base again and ready to start the old grind again - I sorta hate to get started again this week's rest kinda spoiled me, I reckon.

Boy when I got back here this

afternoon I found five very sweet letters from you and also the packages you sent, thanks again for the stuff. Say, the cookies were ruined though they were nothing but crumbs and they had gotten stale too so I had to throw them away - darnit - I guess you just can't send stuff like that through the mail, it takes too long to get here.

Say Baby, I'm really proud of you having the chance to be Chief Operator - Say, you are really coming up in the world ain't you?

You asked about me getting my 1st - I'm sure I'll get it - if and when I start leading and maybe before - who knows - Missie has been leading in his squadron for quiet a while so he got his 1st a while back - I haven't seen him in quiet a while - you say he's

been writing to Nedra? What kind of a line has he been handing her? Let me know will you?

By the way Honey - about the car you can do whatever you please, but it would be nice to have a card and be able to get new tires, just use your own judgement. I'm glad you finally got the car fixed, here's hoping it doesn't give you any more trouble.

Say Honey, I could really go for some of that crab gumbo Mrs Prince made for you - I sure do like that stuff you know - gumbo too sake - Tell her I'll be over to get some (gumbo I mean) when I get back.

Yes Baby, I'm still keeping a diary will be able to compare notes when I get back - That should be

a lot of fun.

Howe, I'm sorry to hear about
you having that ole summer cold.
I hope you are rid of it by now.

I don't feel any too good myself
I'm kinda tired and have a slight
headache - I was supposed to have
been resting this past week but it
was very little rest I got - in fact
I exerted myself more in the past
week than I did the whole time I've
been over here - I went swimming every
day but one and did an awful lot
of walking to.

Well Darling, I think I'll finish
this and then hit the sack - Good
nite my love and don't ever
forget that I love you with all
my heart. Bye now
your loving husband
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August - 4 - 1944
Corsica -

Hello Darling:

It's my one and only feeling
this beautiful Friday afternoon? Fit as
a fiddle I hope - as for your little
hubby he's doing just fine - only he's
pissed off at the mail service -
no mail again to day - Mark
my word Honey - something's going to
pop pretty soon. Everyone here
seems to be pretty optimistic now
they all think the war will be over,
over, here, by Christmas - I surely
hope they are right cause I'm really
anxious to get back to my Honey and
settle down to a quiet and peaceful
life - I'm still a peace loving man
and all this fighting isn't down my

alley - In fact I hate it.

I had an easy day to-day - this morning George and I flew around for a couple of hours - we were supposed to be on a practice mission, but we just buzzed around all over the country side - Rare sport - I'll say.

This afternoon I went down and got paid and mailed your package to you - I may be able to send some money home later - I'll have to pay a few bills first and pay back some of the money I borrowed in Capri. Boy, you can really spend the money there and I did a pretty good job of it - so did all the rest of the fellows, but we all had a good time and that's all that matters, I guess,

anything to get your mind off the war for a few days.

I took in a Movie last nite - I saw 'Lady in the Dark' with Ginger Rogers and it was pretty good. I wish you could have been there with me - Boy the moon was beautiful - you see the movie is just the side of a hill out in the open and last nite the moon was full - Boy it was really beautiful I wish I could have been back home with you to enjoy it - as it was we could just cement on what we'd like to be doing - you can rest assured that everyone wanted to be home with their wives or girl friend - In fact that's all everyone over here thinks and talks about constantly and that's going home to the wife or girl friend - your women back home are really

quiet an inspiration for us men
over here - If we didnt have you to
come home to, we wouldnt be quiet so
eager to get this over with. Well lets
hope and pray it will soon be over with.

Well Darling I guess thats about
all for now so be sweet my one
and only and dont ever forget
that I love you with all my
heart.

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Hello Darling:

Well Baby, you can chalk up another mission for me I flew it this morning and made out O.K. thank God.

I haven't done much the rest of the day except spend an hour on the bomb. trainer and ah yes, I spent most of the afternoon re-threading 3 coral necklaces that I bought in Capri - on the trip back my bag was knocked about quite a bit and two of them broke - the string they were on was piss poor, so I got some silk parachute thread and waxed it and used that, it's plenty strong and should last a long time - while I was at it I re-strung a coral necklace for you too - I didn't want it to break on you and with the string it had, it surely

would have - Bay, it was quite a job
the holes were too small to use a needle
so I had quite a time threading them.
I didn't have anything else to do anyway
so that gave me some thing ~~to~~ to do
for the afternoon. I got the package
ready and will send it to you to-
morrow - It's quite a small package
but it has quite a bit in it - I
hope the censors don't mess it up, if
and when they open it.

By the way there's what I want you
to do with the stuff - most of it's for
you, naturally, but I did get something
for mother + mom. - This is for you:

The pretty little blouse - mother's Pearl
necklace + bracelet (that match) - the dark
red coral necklace - the little bracelet
with the bell - the handkerchief - one of
the three doilies (I guess you call them) - the ash
tray and little shoes and the pamphlet +
cards - is that enough for you honey?

Ma Ma

Now give mother one of the Pink Coral
necklaces - one of the bracelets (made out
of the same stuff some cameos or made of) -
one of the little round doilie affairs
and the flower seeds - and for mom
I have the same things as mother's
except the flower seeds - you'll take
care of that for me won't you Baby? I
wish I had bought Aunt Eunice something
but I didn't think of it till I got
back - Tell her I'm sorry. or you can
give her one of your things and tell her
I sent it to ~~her~~ her - whatever you want
to do Baby is O.K. with me.

I didn't get any mail from you to-day
but I did get a nice letter from
Ernestine, she seems to be getting along
O.K. - says she has gained about 20 lbs.
so I imagine she's not taking it
too hard.

Well Darling, thats' about all for
now, I think i'll drop mother a
few lines and then take in a
movie. Bye now Honey and
remember I Love you always-

your loving husband
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August 5 - 1944
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Helb Darling:

I just recieved a letter from you that practically floored me and pissed me off no end - To think that you might begin to doubt my being true to you was quite a shock, to say the least - I see you still haven't leanned to recognize when I'm kidding. I guess I'll have to tack a little sign on all of my wise cracks saying, "this is supposed to be funny" so you'll be able to understand them. Honey, you are the only girl I've ever known that I trust absolutely and completely and I thought you felt the same way about me and when you come up with some remark like, quote - "if you were to make many more remarks like that one, I would soon be doubting if you were being true."

to me." ingrate - Now, how do you think I felt when I read that? you, of all people might soon be doubting if I ~~was~~ ^{was} true to you, merely because of some crack I said about the native women - Honey, I'm surprised at you, really I am. And you doubt too that I miss you, as much as you do me - Well, all I can say to that, as I've told you before, is that I think about you every minute of the day and night and when I'm asleep I even dream about you - and I'm only living for the day when I can come back to you and resume that happy married life, (I haven't forgotten about) that we had in Columbia. Now Baby, if you miss me more than that, it's going some. And Honey, I really do love you as much as you love me, even more I'll bet, and you have no reason whatever to doubt my being true to you - and that goes for James being

true to me too, his "true blue" so let's not have any more of these "doubting Thomas" letters - I've got enough worries on my hands, fighting this damn war, I don't want to be worrying about you not trusting me.

Well, so much for that, let's go on to something more pleasant, combat, for instance - I was supposed to fly a mission to-day, but it was cancelled which didn't make me a bit unhappy I'm not a bit eager about flying these combat missions any more. I've got a little something to tell you about one of my missions a while back but I think I'll wait a while - Now don't start worrying it's nothing serious, sorta funny though.

Oh yes, I got quite a bit of mail to-day - I received a letter from Ganny, one from Mom, one from Mother, one from Mrs Tufel and one from Repschlager and of course the one from you that

flooded me and. needless to say, I was glad to get them.

Boy Honey, the war seems to be going pretty good right now, maybe I'll still be able to be with you to celebrate our first anniversary - God, I hope and pray I can, I'm really anxious to get home to you Darling, I can hardly wait.

Well, my one and only that's about enough for to day so I'll bring this to an end - Bye, for a while, Darling and remember I do love you with all my heart now and always.

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August 6 - 1944
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Hello Honey:

How's my one and only feeling this Sunday afternoon? Fit as a fiddle I hope - As for me I'm doing O. K. I guess. I went to Church this morning and have to fly a mission after a while. I hope it goes O. K. keep your fingers crossed will you baby? Good I knew you would.

Well, the mail just came in and I got one letter from mother but none from you and I hated that, those letters of yours really mean an awful lot to me, Honey - I guess you know that, eh? I wish this mail service would get back on the ball - these letters come in spurts

and all mixed up. Ah well, maybe someday things will get back to normal, I hope.

I'm about out of something to say right now, except how much I love and miss you, an awful lot Honey - Let's hope this mess is soon all over with and we can be together again - That's my daily prayer, Darling - God Grant it.

Bye for a while Sweet I'll finish this when I get back. I Love you.

Whew! back again safe and sound, Thank God - Boy, it's really a relief to get back from a mission - Boy, it's pretty damn hard on a fellow's nerves when he knows he's going after a "hot" target - the thoughts that run through one's head - Boy ah Boy

It's not so bad when you go to a target, not knowing what's there, if you get flak it's so sudden you don't have time to worry about it, but if you know there's lots of flak, well, the hardest part of the mission is thinking about the flak before you get to it - after things start popping you are sorta relieved.

Well, so much for that I don't want to bore you with my troubles Honey, I imagine you worry too much about me already - but please don't Honey, you know it's no use.

By the way, Honey I think I'll be getting the Air medal pretty soon, they have been working on getting the squadron some Air medals for some time now - I think they have finally succeeded, at least I hope so a couple of medals wouldn't be hard

to take - I think maybe I'll get another medal too, but I want tell you any thing about it just yet - I'll wait till I find out definitely.

Darling, I've got to fly again early in the morning so I'm going to hit the sack early - Gee! I hope I dream about you again to - nite - you look so good to me darling I could just eat you up - I think I'd start on that lonely chest of yours - Bay oh Bay, what a meal that would make - Ha Ha -

Good nite, my love and sweet dreams - oh say, don't forget that I love you with all my heart Darling - Bye now
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August 7-1944
Corsica -

Hello Darling:

How is my Baby feeling to-day?

Fine and dandy I hope - As for your little hubby, he's still O.K. thank God. I flew #35 this morning and made out O.K. - Well Baby, that puts me half way through. Just 35 more and I'll be able to come home - maybe the war will be over by that time, I hope so - everyone seems to be pretty damn optimistic around here - Boy, it can't end too soon to suit me.

I spent the rest of the day laying in the sack and thinking about you Darling, and thinking how nice it will be when I can come

back home to you - That's about
all I've been thinking about for quite
a while now - Boy that will be
some day.

No mail again to day Honey,
and it pisses me off no end - I
wish this mail would come thru - I'm
really anxious to get a letter from
my honey - they mean so much to
me.

The movie "a guy named Joe"
is playing here to. nite but I think
I'll wait till to. morrow nite to see
it 'cause I have to get up early in
the morning for another practice
mission - Remember when we saw
it in Columbia Honey? it was a
pretty good show - When I see it
to. morrow I'll be wishing you were

there beside me again - wouldn't
that be sweet? yes indeed.

By the way Honey, I saw Joe
Louis the other evening, he was here
on an exhibition tour. Boy he's really
a big hunk of a man - he fought
one of the local fts. for a couple of
rounds just for the fun of it - Yash!
but he's really good with his fists.

Baby, I've got something I'd like
very much to tell you but un-
fortunately, I can't, maybe you'll hear
about it even before this letter reaches
you and I'll be able to give you
my details after the war - This
should be good - time will tell.

Well Darling, that's all for night
now - be sweet just for me and
remember I'll love you always Dear -
Joe. Norman -

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August - 8 - 1944
Corsica.

Hello Darling:

Well, I finally recieved a letter from you and need less to say I was very glad to get it.

So Alice told you about me getting hit in the Pants, eh? Well I had intended not telling you about it, for for you might worry too much about me, but you dont seem to be worrying about it, so I may as well give you all the details:

On my 30th mission, (which was a very hot one, in fact about the hottest we've had so far,) a piece of flak came thru the nose and hit right by my butt, tearing a hole in the wall, about as big as my fist and spraying my

butt liberally with fragments, talk about stinging it really did, I didn't know for a minute what had happened but it finally dawned on me when I saw the hole - Well, only about two or three pieces penetrated to amount to anything, but my butt was completely spotted with welts where pieces had hit, but didn't penetrate, and my pants looked like someone had cut loose with a load of buckshot - we all got quite a laugh out of that - Well, the next day the flight surgeon took some of the fragments out but I believe there are still some in my butt - It didn't bother me much, about the only discomfort I had was not being able to sleep comfortably on my back for a while - There: that's the funny story I said I had to tell you about

one of my muscians, and the other medal I was talking about is the Purple Heart for those wounds - I'm not sure yet whether I got it, but I believe I did - ah! yes, the plane came back with over seventy (70) holes in it - It looked very much like a sieve, and we can all thank God that no one was hurt any worse than I. Boy, these B.25's are really good ships.

I'm sorta pissed off at the Germans for trying to shoot my butt off, it's small enough as it is, - maybe it's a good thing it wasn't any bigger than it is or they might have taken off a little, eh? - Oh, yes I was leaning back against the armour plate behind me, when all this happened and a piece of flak went completely through the plane between my back and the armour plate

Whew! that was close too. I guess the good Lord was really watching over me that day. you may as well tell mother about this but I want you both to promise not to worry about me. now will you do that? - (^{if you think she'll worry} too much don't tell her)

I flew that practice mission this morning and have to fly another in the morning, we've got to perfect this little deal, you'll soon know why.

This afternoon, I went down to the beach and enjoyed a little swim.

Well my one and only I guess that's about all the news for to-day so I'll close for now. be sweet my Darling and remember I love you with all my heart - say now
your loving hubby
Norman

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August. 9-1944
Corsica.

Hello Darling:

How's my Baby feeling this nice,
cool evening? Fine and dandy I
hope - as for me, I'm still doing
O.K. I guess - I flew an early morning
practice mission again this morning
and the rest of the day I spent
reading and laying in the sack.

Same ole story, no mail again
to day, boy I'll be glad when things
get settled and that mail starts
coming in regularly.

By the way Honey you said you
had five rolls of film for me,
suppose you try to get as many
more as you can and send them to
me as soon as you can - I have
only three rolls left and I'll be

Needing some pretty soon. And say
send them by first class mail, they
will get here pretty quick that way.

I think I'll take in a movie
here to - nite, it's "Gaslight" and is
supposed to be pretty good - I wish
you were here to see it with me,
I'm afraid if you were here, I couldn't
pay much attention to the show - I'd
spend all my time loving you would
you like that Honey? I'll bet you
would -

Baby I hate to be so brief but
there's not a bit of news, except that
I have to fly a mission to Morrow,
so I'll close for to - nite - Good - nite
Darling and Sweet Dreams - I love
you lots & lots Darling
your loving husband
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Corsica -

Hello Darling:

I just finished eating a big supper of rice and chicken, Bay, it was really good in fact I had to have seconds - my appetite has been very good lately and I believe I'm gaining a little weight, which doesn't make me at all unhappy, cause, as you know, I lost a little for a while.

To-day I recieved a sweet letter from you and one from Mother and I was very happy to get them both. So you have been using Glouers mange cure on your hair? Well, I used to sell lots of it when

I worked in the drug store and they tell me its pretty good.

yes, Darling, I agree whole heartedly to your little lecture about not going out to dances, and dancing with other girls "etc". I'm afraid I let you down just a little in Capri one nite tho, I think I wrote and told you about it tho, the first night we were there we all got pretty tight and we went up to the dance for a few minutes and I danced for a few seconds before someone cut in on me. so after a while we all went back down to the bar and had a few more drinks - now if I wouldnt have been tight I'm sure I wouldnt have danced at all, In fact a couple of nights later they had another dance and I just went

up and watched them for a few minutes and then left. Not that it amounts to anything, but anyway I'm sorry I did dance that little bit and I'll assume you it won't happen again - am I forgiven? Good I knew you would.

So Aunt Eunice and them really had a nice time? well I'm glad of that - and ~~every~~ everyone wanted to know what kind of a man you married? I wonder what Aunt Eunice told them? Gee! I'm curious, aint I. Ha Ha - yes Baby, mine got a lot of visiting to do when I get back - I've got a lot of folks in the country and altho I dont know where your folks are, I'm sure you have plenty of them too.

By the way Honey I saw the right

Surgeon to-day and asked him about
the purple Heart - He said I would
get it but it might take a while
before the orders came out.

I'm going to write mother a little
something about it - I don't think
she'll worry - I'll make it sound
trivial, and you can give her any
other details she may want to know.

Well Darling, that's about all
for now except that I didn't fly to-day
as expected, will probably fly the mission
to-morrow - I think I'll see the show
"Gaslight" to-nite - last nite it was
raining so we couldn't have it.

Bye now my one and only and
remember that I love you with
all my heart.

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Corsica-

Hello Darling:

How's that pretty Baby of mine
feeling to-rite? Fine and dandy
I hope - I just came back from
a mission and finished eating a
big supper - The mission went
O. K. thank God - I wish I could
fly a few more just like it, it
was nice for a change.

No letter again to-day, in
fact about only five letters came in
to-day and none of them were for me,
I've got a bunch of letters that are
missing from quite a while back
I hope they get here pretty soon - I
really do miss them.

I spent most of the afternoon

building me an easy chair and I must say it's pretty nice, In fact I'm writing this letter in it - I also rigged up the light you sent me, right over it, and it works swell.

See, I like to build things like that and just mess around with tools, I can hardly wait to get home, so I'll be able to do those little things for our home, won't that be nice Darling?

By the way Honey, I saw the movie "Gaslight" last nite and it was really good, if you get a chance to see it, by all means do. Cause it's the best show I've seen in ages.

Say Honey, you might have told me in one of the letters I

didn't get, but I've been wondering if you got your first allotment O.K.? I hope so - you should have the second one by now, let me know wheather or not you are getting them O.K. eh Darling?

I found out to day, that the final count on the number of hales we picked up on #30 was 100 instead of 70 - Rough, isn't it? Ha
Ha

Well Darling I guess that's about all for now, it's time to hit the sack and I'm pretty damn tired. Good nite, my darling and sweet dreams - I love you too much honey - here's a sweet kiss for you?

Your loving husband
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August 12
Corsica -

Howdy Honey:

well Baby, you can chalk up one more for me - we flew it this morning and made out O.K. thank God. By the way have I told you I've included ~~France~~ France in my travels, yes indeed! I've seen quiet a bit of France the past week or so and I expect to see a lots more.

We had a picture taken of our crew to day - it's to be used in the year book, that's going to be published after the war - It will deal with all the activities of our squadron since the beginning and

it should be pretty good, - I've ordered but of course it doesn't do any good. one. but of course I won't get it till way after the war is over.

By the way Jimmy came back from Cairo to-day and brought the pictures I had him have developed for me. Boy I've got some swell pictures there, I'd like to send them to you but I guess I'd better not - I'll save them for when I come home, then I can tell you all about them.

Damn! the squadron didn't get any mail again to-day and every-one is pretty well pissed off. Boy that mail means a lot to all us fellows over here and when it doesn't come it we all get pissed off plenty

I think I'll take in the movie to-nite, I don't know what's playing but I hear it's funny as hell so I'll have to go and see what it's all about.

Well Baby I'm out of news again so I guess I'll close for now - Be sweet my Darling just for me and remember I'll love you always,

Your loving hubby
Norman -

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August. 13.
Corsica -

Hello my Darling:

How's my precious little Baby
feeling this beautiful Sunday afternoon?
Fit as a fiddle, I hope - Bay it
has really been a beautiful day
here - I wonder how it is in
P.A. - Gee! I'd like to be there with
you, it would be such a lovely
day. for almost anything, I imagine
I'd spend most of my time loving
you tho - would you like that
Honey? I'll bet you would - I
know I could sure go for a
little (loving too. Ha Ha)

This morning I went to church
like all good little boys do and
I enjoyed the sermon very much

in fact all of the chaplains remain
one good.

This afternoon I spent most of
my time ~~working~~ fixing up a
55 gallon drum so I can use it to
hold water for our wash stand. I
got tired of hauling it up to the
tent 5 gallons at the time - now I
can get the water truck to stop
here and fill it up any time I
want it filled.

By the way, Darling I recieved
two very sweet letters from you
to-day and I was so happy to get
them, they always make me feel so
good.

So you'll get the deeds to the lots
in a little while - well Good, I'm
glad we've got them paid for - that's
a lot more than a lot of couples

have had to start on - See I only
hope we can save enough now for
a home. that would be wonderful
wouldn't it sweet?

you say lumber is going to be
rationed? Well, I had intended to
wait a while anyway before we built
a home, cause right after the war the
furniture etc "won't be as good as it
will be a year or so later and
I'd like to get the best we can for
our money.

I'm glad mother has about decided
to move into the garage apartment,
that will be a good deal for her,
she should be able to get quiet a
bit for the front house furnished
don't you think? - Say, that was a
good buy she got from Mrs Blanton
wasn't it? - I really do like her

she's a swell person

And you didn't think much of my idea of getting a hotel room if I ever came home on a leave, well I can't say as I blame you - I don't mind staying at your mother's or my mother's home for a few days, the only thing I won't like about it is that we won't have much privacy, if you get what I mean - and I'm crazy about privacy. Oh well, well worry about that later, it'll be a long long time yet before I'm home on leave.

So Norman Johnston is a Marine Fighter Pilot - Gee! that doesn't seem possible, it seems like just such a short time ago he used to hang around the drug store, just a kid, yes, I know him very well, in fact

its through him that I got a job
at the Texas Co - His Dad was employ^{ment}
superinison and I got to know him
very well - Well, when he had a
job open in the capitenia, I got it
of course that was a long time ago.

By the way Fitch, Clinch and a
few other Pilots and a couple of
lead Bombardiers got their 1st Lt.
to-day - See, I hope I get mine
pnetly soon, it will mean about
\$25. a month more and that won't
be hard to take.

Well Darling I guess I've said
enough for to. day so I'll close for
now, Be sweet my one and only
and don't ever forget that I Love
you with all my heart.
your loving huffy
Norman

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Corsica

Hello Honey:

Well Baby, you can chalk up one more for me, we flew it this morning and made out O.K. thank God, except for a little engine trouble.

By the way, Darling, it looks like I'm going to see plenty of action pretty soon - I know you'll hear about it before this letter reaches you - Boy, I'm going to have a front seat at this show and it should be plenty good - Now don't worry about me, cause I'll be all right.

No mail again to-day - well maybe will start getting our mail regular again pretty soon. I'll be

glad of that, those sweet letters of yours mean an awful lot to me.

I took it easy this afternoon, in fact I stayed in the sack most of the time and guess what I was doing? I was thinking about you and all the happy weeks we spent at Columbia - Boy those were the days. I had you to come home to and love and you'd have me a swell dinner of steak smothered in onions - Boy my mouth waters just to think about it - and then too I couldn't forget the "dual sack time" we logged together, that was really something, Boy, I could really go for a little now - nunga - nunga - ha ha -

By the way James Martin came over to see me last nite, he's getting

along swell so far - he's grounded from combat flying for 30 days cause he screwed up on a mission the other day (and it wasn't his fault)

Boy I'm glad I'm not in a chicken sh-- outfit like that - He's going to miss out on all the fun these next few days - we should get in quiet a few missions in the next few weeks - Boy, I'd sure like to finish up, but it will take quiet a while to fly the 32 missions I have left.

Well my Darling I'm out of news again so I'll say Good nite and Sweet Dreams - I Love you with all my heart, now & always don't ever forget that honey, not even for a minute - your loving husband
Norman -

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