

Sept. 2 -
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Hello Darling:

How's my Baby feeling this lovely Saturday morn'g? Fine and dandy I hope - Gee! Honey the moon is really beautiful here now, I wish you were here to enjoy it with me, or better still I wish I were there to enjoy it with you, wouldn't that be swell, yes indeed.

By the way, Darling, I didn't write you yesterday cause Clinch and I flew down to Sicily ~~yesterday~~ on a food buying trip for group and came back late this evening, you see once a week they send down a plane to pick up fresh vegetables and fruit so Clinch and I got a chance to go, I was the co-pilot and got quite a

Bit of stick time. We had a
Sgt. Salong that did all of the buying
so Clinch and I spent our time
sight seeing, and Baby the more
I see of this old world the more
anxious I am to get back to the
states. We saw a few interesting
things, one was a large
cathedral which was very interesting
and beautiful, another was an
outfit sorta like the Collosium in
Rome and another was a volcano
that erupted in 1800, I believe, but
you could still see the lava where
it had run down the mt. those
towns etc down to the sea, I
took a few pictures of it all, I
hope they turn out O.K.

Boy oh Boy a fellow doesnt
appreciate the standard of living
in the states till he's been over
here and seen how this part of the
world lives. Its awful, flies one

so thick you can hardly eat a meal, they are everywhere, the food is bad, the prices are high as hell - a plain cotton undershirt sells for 3.00 - a 10¢ pair of socks cost \$2.50 a 98¢ shirt costs \$15.00 & a pair of shoes cheap \$25.00 and they will gladly pay you \$10. for a carton of American cigarettes, the kids are in rags and most of them are always begging for something or trying to sell you something, including their sisters, God it's disgusting as hell, I don't see how anyone can be like that. Boy ah Boy, I don't see how people can live like that, it's awful, you can really be thankful, Darling, that you are an American, there's no place like the good old U.S.A. I can hardly wait to get back.

I had two very sweet letters from you when I got back here and I was very glad to get them, as usual.

You asked if I would get to come

home after 70 missions - well
I'm supposed to, in fact I'm pretty
sure I will, but at the rate
I've been flying lately it will
take a long time to get in 70
I haven't flown a combat mission
in a week now.

You also asked about going to a
rest camp again, yes, I believe
I will, probably after I finish
my missions

Let's hope and pray the war
continues to go as well as it
has in the past, maybe I won't
have to fly 70 missions.

Well Darling, that's all for
now, Good night my love, here's
hoping I dream about you.

Don't forget that I love you
with all my heart and soul
Baby -

your loving hubby
Norman -

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Sept. 3.
Corsica -

Hello Honey:

Well Baby, I recieved another sweet letter from you to-day and I was very happy to get it the mail service seems to be getting better now, I'm glad of that, it was bad long enough.

See! it's been a lonely day here to-day, Boy how I wish I could have spent it with you, instead of just laying around like I did - About the only thing I did worth while to-day was go to church and take a shower. I imagine I'll start flying again to-morrow, I've had a pretty good rest this week, and I didn't mind at all.

By the way Honey, remember these
three friends of mine I said were
missing in action? (the day I blew my top)
well, they made out O.K. and
are back in the squadron again,
they had quite an experience, two
of the crew didn't come back, one was
seriously injured and bailed out but
his chute didn't open and the other
was captured and shot by the Germans.

We were really glad to see the fellows
get back, they are all going home
now, I wish I were in their shoes
but I'd hate to go thru that experience
to get there.

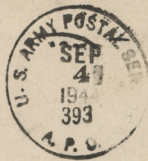
Says Honey, I've got another
medal now, The Air Medal
the orders came thro, but I don't
know when we'll get the medal,
I hope to get an Oak leaf Cluster
or two before I leave here too,
that'll be O.K. wait it Baby?

They have same kind of a show
at the Officers Club to nite, I
think I'll go over and see what
the deal is.

Well Darling I'm all out of
news again so I'll say Bye
for now and don't ever forget
that I love you with all my
heart, Honey -

your loving husband
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Sept. 4 -
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Hello Honey:

Well Baby, I finally flew another mission, I flew # 47 this morning and made out O.K. thank God. That was the first mission I've flown in a week, I believe they will sorta slack up a little on the fellows that have quitted a few missions now, we're still supposed to fly 70 missions but I don't think we'll fly them as fast as we have been.

No Baby, there's not a chance in the world that I'll be able to quit at 50 missions, it just isn't done here anymore, we have lots of fellows that have

over 60 missions and still flying.
Everyone is pissed off at the
whole deal, we know everyone
used to fly 50 missions and
then go home, but we have
a hard headed General that's
over this outfit and he believes
every man should fly at least
70 missions. Of course no one
agrees with him, not even the
Flight Surgeon, he thinks a
man should be grounded after 50
missions too, but he's only a
captain and what can he do
against a General?

About all we can do is hope
and pray that this war soon
ends, and then I'm not sure
I'll be able to come home, there's
still the war with Japan and there's
a rumor going around that we may
get in on that - and I'm pretty

sure will be mowing one of these days, where to? God only I know, but I have my ideas and it's not so good.

So Baby, don't go building up your hopes you'll only be disappointed, I'm sorry but that's the way it is, there's no one alive that would be as happy to go home as I but will just have to bide our time I guess.

I recieved another sweet letter from you to-day and was certainly glad to get it. By the way Honey do you realize we've been married over eight months now, Gee! how time does fly, and it's been over four months since I've seen that lovely face of yours. God I hope I don't have to wait that much longer before

I'll see it again. I miss you
so very much Darling, I can
hardly wait to come back
home to you.

Well Darling that's about all
for to day - Bye now and
don't forget for a moment that
I love you with all my
heart, now & always.

your loving hubby
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Sept. 5 - 1944
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Hello my Darling:

Feels my one and only
feeling this evening, Fine and
dandy I hope - Jim still
doing O.K. - I flew #48 this
morning and made out O.K.
Thank God. Boy if I could
only stop at 50 I wouldn't have
many to go would I honey?

I didn't get any mail from
you to. day, but I can't complain
they have been coming in
pretty regularly lately.

By the way I got Jimmy
to fly me down to Adjaccio
to. day so I could see Ted Sabag,
I finally got to see him and I
enjoyed talking to him very

Very much, he's the first guy
I've seen overseas that I knew
before the war - He's been over
here about 19 months, I guess
I'm pretty lucky to be in the
Air Corps at least I won't have
to stay overseas over a year.

Saba is in charge of the G.I.
bakeries here on the island
and has a swell job - He gave
me a nice big fresh apple
Pie and I think will eat
it after a while, it ought to
be good.

Honey, I hate to be so brief
but there's really no news except
that I love you with all my
heart (and that's not news) - Be
Sweet Darling - Good night
your loving hubby
Woman!

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Sept. 7 - 1944
Corsica -

Hello Darling:

How's my precious little
Baby feeling to-day? Fit as
a fiddle I hope - as for your
little hubby, he's still doing
O.K. only he's pissed off at
the mail service again, we
haven't gotten any mail in
three or four days now and
I really do miss it an
awful lot.

By the way Honey, I didn't
write you yesterday cause I
didn't have a bit of news,
we didn't fly and I lay in
the sack most of the day -

we didnt fly to day either, but
I didnt lay in the sack all
day - I went out to the pistol
range for a while for a little
target practice with my 45,
and later this afternoon I
went down to the beach for a
nice cool swim.

Gee! this laying around
sure gets tiresome as hell I
wish there were something to do,
I wish I had some good books
magazines or news papers to
read - Boy, I'd really enjoy
reading the PORT ARTHUR, NEWS
now - Say Honey, right after
I first got here I wrote and
asked you to have the News
sent to me, did you forget all
about it or didnt you get the

letter? I wish you'd have
them send it to me, I'd enjoy
it very much, I'm sure -
will you do that for me Baby?

Well Darling, that's about
all for now, be a sweet little
girl and don't ever forget
that I love you with all
my heart, now and always.
Bye now - your loving hubby
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Hello Darling:

Boy this has been another lazy day, no mission again, about all I've done is to fly an instrument calibration mission this morning. I played a little foot ball too, and just a while ago I went swimming - at least I did something besides lay in the sack all day.

No mail again today, boy I wish this mail service would get better, I really do miss those sweet letters of yours and then too its awful hard to write a decent letter when you don't get any mail.

I imagine we will fly a mission to-morrow, in one way I hope we do I'd like to get thru with this mess, and the more missions we fly the sooner I'll be able to come home, but 22 missions is still an awful lot to go, maybe the war will be over before I finish.

God, I can hardly wait to get this mess over with and come home to my honey and forget all about the war.

Darling I hate to be so brief but I'm out of some things to say, Again, so Bye now and remember

I Love you truly Dear-

your loving hubby
Norman

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Sept. 8-1944
Consica -

Hello Darling

Well Honey, you can chalk up another mission - for me I flew it this afternoon and made out O.K. thank God, even tho it was pretty rough. Boy, if I could only stop at 50, I'd have to fly only one more, wouldn't that be wonderful Darling? Why in the hell did they have to change the number of missions just when I got overseas - that's just my luck I guess.

By the way, I recieved three very sweet letters from you to-day and was so happy to get them, but Honey I'm sorry to hear that you have one of those nasty summer colds.

~~you~~ you had better take good
care of yourself, I wouldn't want
you to get sick - I wish I were
there I'd give you a big dose of
castor oil and see to it that
you got plenty of rest.

I don't see why your resistance
is so low, are you getting
plenty of rest and sleep honey?
you'd better take it easy for a
while.

Baby, you asked what I wanted
for Christmas, well naturally
it's you, but I know I can't
have that and the only other
thing that I need is some film
for my camera. I asked you for
some a while back but I never
heard any more about it did you
get the letter honey? Get me
all the film you can cause I just

Can't buy any over here. There's nothing else that I need so don't waste any time trying to get me something. Incidentally what do you want for your birthday and Xmas, you'd better tell me now so I'll have time to get it and send it to you.

By the way, Honey I haven't flown as navigator yet, I've been scheduled about three times but something has always come up to when I didn't get to fly. I'm still flying as bombardier but I expect to fly as navigator one of these days.

Well Darling I think I'll go get my shot of whiskey and then hit the sack I'm kinda tired. Good nite Honey - and remember I love you so very much Darling - Love, woman -

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Sept. 10. 1944
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Hello Darling:

How is my pretty Baby feeling this lovely Sunday afternoon, Fine and dandy I hope - I hope you are over your cold by now. I know these summer colds are a pain in the neck.

Well Darling, your hubby got "over the hump" so to speak, I flew #50 this morning and made out O.K., even tho it was pretty rough, thank God. Boy ah Boy, if I could only quit now. I'd be very happy, but no I'll have to sweat a while longer - Oh well, maybe it won't take too long to fly the other 20 missions. I got a couple of letters to-day

but none from you, I guess I
can't complain tho, cause I got
threes yesterday.

By the way Baby, I found out
to-day that I have four oak
leaf Chesters to my Air Medal,
I haven't seen the orders yet but
I believe they came thru O.K.
not bad, eh? maybe I'll get a
couple more before I finish up, I
hope.

Oh! say Honey, we have about
four or five fellows going home
to-morrow and one of them
wrote the following to his wife,
He said: Honey, get a good
look at the floor, cause when
I get home you'll see nothing
but the ceiling for a long time.

Kinda cute eh? Ha-ha-

Boy I really do envy these fellows that are going home now I wonder how long it will be before I get my chance? not too long I hope, I'd sure like to be home for our Anniversary wouldn't that be lovely Honey? I hope God sees fit to let me be home by then.

Well Darling, that's all for to day, I'm going to eat supper and then go to church - Be a sweet little girl and remember that I love you with all my heart, now and always.

your loving hubby,
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Sept. 11-1944
Corsica-

Hello Darling:

Well Baby, I recieved two very sweet letters from you to-day and I was really glad to get them, as usual - they mean an awful lot to me and do wonders to my moral - I get to feeling pretty low at times, especially when I think of how long it will be before I see that lovely face of yours again.

You can chalk up another mission for me Honey, I flew # 51 this morning and made out O.K. thank God, it was an easy mission for a change. I was lead navigator again, that makes two missions I have as

navigator. I think that they
may slack up a bit on flying
me pretty soon, we have
some new crews in and I
imagine they will fly them as
much as possible. Ah well, I
can stand a little rest between
missions, I'm getting a little
shaky any way.

So Chester and Esther came
down to see you all again, boy
I envy anyone that can come
home that often, and he has a
car too, that makes it pretty
nice doesn't it? - I don't
understand why he lets Esther
lead him around like that tho,
but that's his business and
far be it from me to interfere.
And you say the kids really
get on your nerves, well baby!

hope you do develop more patience
before we have ours - I know
I'll have to, I couldn't stand all
that noise now. I hope we
don't have any kids too soon
after I get back, I'd sorta like
to settle down a bit - but one
never knows, does one? Haha -

Well Darling, I guess that's
about all for now. I think I'll
take in a movie to - with, I
don't know what's playing but
there's nothing else to do. Bye
for now Honey and don't
forget for a moment that I
love you with all my heart.
your Baby
Woman -

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Sept. 12-1944
Consica-

Hello Honey:

Well, another day is about over with and I can't say I'm sorry the faster they pass the better I like it.

I flew #52 to-day and made out O.K. thank God, even tho it was pretty rough, these missions are really piling up aren't they, Honey? Gee! I wish I were there tho, you really begin to sweat them out about this time.

No mail again to-day, darnit. Boy I really do miss those sweet letters of yours Darling when they don't show up. Maybe I'll get a couple

to. morrow.

Baby, I just finished a good supper, we had steak with thick gravy and potatoes and I enjoyed it very much -
Say, I'd really go for one of your steaks smothered in onions now, that would "hit the spot."

Baby that's about all for to. day, be a sweet little girl and remember that I love you with all my heart,
your Baby
Norman -

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Sept - 13 - 1944
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Hello Darling:

Another dull day, I didn't fly to-day so I spent most of my time just laying around taking life easy, and this afternoon I went swimming for a few minutes.

We didn't get any mail in again to-day and Jim sorta uninated off about it, those letters of yours mean an awful lot to me and when I don't get them, well, I just don't like it.

Gee! Baby I've been dreaming about quiet a bit lately and

you really do look good to
me, Boy what I wouldnt
give to see you now, I could
really put in some tall
loving, would you like that
money? I'll bet you would.
We'll sure have to make up
for lost time when I get
back, eh Baby? We want over
do it tho, I want make a hog
out of myself. (I dont think - ha ha)

well Darling I hate to be
so brief but I dont have a
bit of news - so Bye now
Baby and dont forget for a
moment that I love you with
all my heart - Love,
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Sept - 14 - 46

Consica -

Hello Honey:

Well Baby, you can chalk up one more for me, I flew #53 to-day and made out O.K. thank God, even tho it was pretty rough. I flew as lead navigator again, that's my third mission as navigator.

No mail again to-day. Boy this mail service really does burn me up - I wish they would get on the ball, I need that mail from my Honey, but bad.

By the way wondering how are you getting along since your

operation, does your stomach
still swell up like it did?
and what about that cyst, is it
getting any better? I sincerely
hope so.

Baby, I hate like hell to be
so brief but its hard as
hell to write letters when
you don't get any - so please
forgive me, eh honey?

Bye for a while and remember

I love you truly dear.

your loving hubby

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Sept. 15. 1944
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1 Hello Honey:

no news again to-day, I started not to write, but I figured you might like a few lines better than nothing at all, so here goes:

I was supposed to fly as alternate on the mission to-day but it didn't get off.

This afternoon we flew a bombing and formation ~~exercise~~ practice mission so movie camera men could take pictures of us bombing and our formation flying - it was pretty good - I don't know what they will do with the film, I'd like to

see it.

no mail again to-day. as usual - Boy it's getting awful and all the fellows are pissed off about it, but there's nothing we can do about it, except bitch and we do plenty of that.

I guess you know that I love and miss you an awful lot Honey, and would give any thing to see you right now - so that's all for now, be a sweet little girl, just for me -

I Love you
Norman

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Sept. 16 -
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Hello Honey:

Well, I got a couple of letters from you to-day and I was so happy to get them, I hope they keep coming now.

By the way Baby, you are getting as bad as the absent minded professor - you said you were sending me the clippings on Norman Johnston's death and also the one on Joe Coleman and they weren't in the letter and then too your return address on the letter was 201 Orange Ave
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS - When did you move Honey? Ha/Ha

Boy I'm really sorry to hear
about Norman Johnston - How
did it happen Honey? I hope
you send me the clipping - And
what's this about Joe? Has
something happened to him?

He owes me a letter for quite
some time now, I hope
nothing's wrong.

Say, I hope you get that
package pretty soon, it's been
on the way for a long time
now - I hope it isn't
lost.

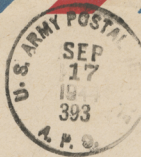
yes Baby, it does seem like
years since the day I left
you in Columbia and it's only
been a little over four months

In fact it was four months
to-day that we got to this Squadron
Boy, what an exciting four months
they have been - when!

Oh yes, I flew # 54 this
morning and we made out O.K.
thank God, even tho we expected
it to be a "very hot" target -
they didnt throw up much at
us - I was pleasantly surprised
to say the least.

Well Darling that's about all
for now - Be a sweet Baby
and remember that I Love
you with all my heart.
your loving hubby
Norman

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Sept. 17-1944
Corsica -

Hello Honey:

Here's my one and only
feeling this nice cool Sunday
evening? Fine and dandy I
hope - as for your little hubby
he's still doing O.K. too.

By the way Baby, I flew #55
to day and made out O.K. thank
God, even though it was pretty
damn rough - I was lead
navigator again - Boy these
missions are really piling up
ain't they Honey? I wish I
could hurry and get them over
with, I think I've had about
enough of combat flying to last

me from here on out. I believe I'm going to a rest camp again pretty soon, maybe a little change will do me a lot of good, I'm beginning to get pretty damn flak happy.

after the mission I went to church and the rest of the day I took things pretty easy.

Boy honey, it's beginning to turn cool here especially at nite and it sure does make for good sleeping - Gee! if I only had you here so I could enjoy some dual sack time - that would really hit the spot now, in fact I dream

I some of our dual sack time
quiet often and Bay its really
good stuff, if those dreams were
only true, Bay ah Bay -

No mail again to-day - Bay
this mail service is one of
our favorite gripes and I
guess you can see why.

Well Baby, I guess that's
about all for to-day - Be a
sweet little Honey just for
me and remember I'll
love you always Dear -
your Baby
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Sept. 18 - 1944
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Hello Darling:

Well Honey, I recieved two very sweet letters from you to-day and I was very happy to get them. I also got a nine page letter from all the gang at the Texaco Sab - It was really good, too -

By the way Baby, I spent an interesting day in Rome to-day. I flew over this morning and came back just a few minutes ago - I got around to seeing the Pantheon which was quite a site and I finally got to see Vatican City and St. Peters Cathedral and Honey, that's the most beautiful

Place I've ever seen and it's so large it's hard to realize the size of it - the dome alone is 400 ft high - they have the most beautiful statues, paintings and mosaics imaginable and beautiful marble pillars "etc" Honey it's just impossible for me to describe it to you. I bought a book on it and maybe I can show you what I mean when I get home.

I took a few pictures too - By the way Honey, I hope you have sent me ~~that~~ film - I'm completely out and can't get any. I borrowed a couple of rolls this morning - be sure and send them first class - Say Baby that is a dirty deal

deal you got on your job - you
asked me for advice, well Honey, I
hardly know what to tell you -
of course, you don't have to work
if you don't want to, but this is
the only chance we will have to
save any money and if you keep
working it will help out an
awful lot - of course, when I
get home I won't let you work,
but for the time being, I wish
you would Darling, if you don't
mind too much and besides, I
think you will be happier
working and keeping busy instead
of laying around the house all
day, that gets tiresome as hell,
take it from me, I know.
and madame that is my advice
to you (Mr Anthony, that's me, Ha Ha)

Say that sounds like a good
deal, your mother letting us
have the house while she stays
in Orange, I guess she knows
how it is eh? That's a swell
mother-in-law, I'll say -

So Grannie and Grandpa
think in "it" - well the feeling
is mutual, I think they are
the grandest old couple I've ever
known, and proud to have
them as grand parents.

Well Baby, that's about enough
for now, Good nite darling
and remember I love you
with all my heart
your loving hubby,
Norman.

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