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CORSIKA.

Hello Nanling:

I recieved two letters from
you to day and I was certainly
glad to get them but very
sorry to hear that Grand father
had died - yes, there's so little
a fellow can say or do at a
time like this - I've been
sorta expecting this for quite
a while now, I just hope
mother doesn't take it too
hard - she took it pretty
good when her mother died,
I hope she does as well now.

Havey, I'm certainly glad you
feel the way you do - about wanting
to be with mother at such a
time, it makes me feel very
good and I'm sure it would
cheer mother up no end. I
don't know whether Aunt Clara's
going or not, but if she doesn't
I wouldn't blame you for not
wanting to go up there alone -
I've been hoping she goes tho - I
only wish I could be there,
but as it is that's impossible.

I went up and had
supper with Ted Saba again
to night, I took Fitch and
church with me and me

had a pretty enjoyable evening
just shooting the bull.

Well Darling I guess that's
about all for the night - be
a sweet little girl just for
me and remember I'll love
you always dear -

your loving hubby,
Norman -

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Hello Darling:

Happy Anniversary Honey! or

maybe I should say Happy month-a-versary
do you realize that we've been married
eleven months to-day? Gee! how time

does fly - I only wish we could have
spent all that time to gether -

wouldn't that have been lovely? yes
indeed - the four months that we
were to gether, were the happiest of

my life I guess you know that, eh
Honey? Boy, how I long to get back
to you and home - I hope God
sees fit to let me go home soon.

No mail again to-day and
meddles to say I hated it very much

about all I have to look forward to
now. is mail from my Honey.

By the way Honey, I think I'm
going to Naples to morrow for a
few days - It will be a change
from hanging around here any way
and maybe I can find some suitable
Christmas presents, I hope

George and I went up and flew
around a bit this morning - got to
get that flying time in you know.

Well Darling, that's about all for
to. nite - Good nite and sweet dreams,
I love you with all my heart,
now and always.

your hubby,
Norman -

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NAPLES

Hello Darling:

Well, here I am in Naples taking life pretty easy. By the way I didn't write you yesterday cause I spent the day getting here and getting settled - the place I'm staying isn't so hot but I guess it will do for a few days.

I'm going to town this afternoon to do a little Xmas shopping. I hope I can find some thing worth while for you and the rest of the folks.

Tomorrow I think I'll take a Red Cross tour of Mt Vesuvius and the ruins of Pompeii. I wish you were here so you could go along.

wouldn't that be lovely? yes indeed.

See! I'll miss getting those sweet letters of yours for a few days now and I sure hate it. I really look forward to them.

Well Darling, I hate to be so brief but I can't think of any thing else to write - ah yes, I saw a movie at the Red Cross theatre last nite - it was pretty good -

~~Bye~~ Bye for now, my Darling, and remember I'll love you with all my heart always -

your loving hubby
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Dec. 5
Naples

Hello my Darling:

How is my one and only doing
this dreary evening, fine and dandy
I hope. As for me I'm still doing
O.K. I guess - I didn't get to take that
sight seeing tour to day, cause the
weather was too bad about all I
did was to go to town and do a
little shopping, I didn't ~~get~~ get much
stuff but I spent a fortune, damn
things are high here. -

Pardon me for changing to a
pencil but my pen just doesn't
seem to want to write on this
paper - seems to be oily or something.
See! Baby I wish I could get

some mail from you so I could
know what the score is, I still don't
know wheather or ~~not~~ not you got
to go to grand fathers funeral and
im anxious to know too how
mather took it all. I hope she
didn't take it too hard.

I hope the weather is O.K. to-
morrow so I can get around to
seeing a few sights - I imagine
Mt Versuvius + the Ruins of Pompeii
are worth while seeing.

Well Darling, I guess that's
about all I have to say for this
time - Be a sweet Baby just for
me and remember I'll love you
always Wear -

your Baby,
Norman -

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1 Hello Darling:

Hee! Baby, I recieved two very sweet letters from you to day and I was really happy to get them - I guess you wonder how I got them here in Naples - well one of my buddies came over here, and he knew I was here, so he brought my mail along with him, and I'm certainly glad he did - Now I know all about ~~you~~ grand father's funeral and how you made out up there - Honey, I'm certainly glad you went up there, even tho you didn't know anyone but mother - I wish I could have been there with you, it would have been much nicer (as far as you and I'm concerned, I mean)

From your letter I gather that you
have met practically all of my kin folk
(on mother's side) except those in the army and
a few others, and some on my father's
side - well honey, I hope you liked
them - as I said, they are just poor
farmers but they have a heart of
gold. And honey, I'm sure they are
crazy about you and who wouldn't
be? - Do you know some thing honey? I've
got the sweetest and best wife in the
world, and I love you so very much
see! How I wish I were there with you
now, Boy would I love you to death!
yes indeed.

yes, my father's looks are declining,
aint they? I guess he'd be a pretty good
ale chap if he'd lay off the booz and
get a sense of responsibility - I'm glad
you met him any way.

By the way, Honey of course we will go
up to see them all for a short while
if and when I get home and your
kinfolks too, for that matter, the reason
I said what I did about not planning
too much for my leave (if and when I
get one) was because I want to spend
most of my time alone with you
Darling, I love you so very much
and we've got so much to do and
talk about and I don't want it
spoiled by a bunch of people
hanging around. I think you under-
stand.

Well so much for that: - I finally
got to take one of those Red Cross tours
to day - I visited the ruins of Pompeii
and it proved to be very interesting
I'll tell you all about it when I
see you. (God knows when that will
be, I only hope it's not too long)

By the way I got a couple of letters
from mother too and she seemed to
take it O.K. I imagine she was
expecting it for quite a while now.

Well Darling it's way past my
bed time so I'll say good night for
now and hit the sack. Gee! how
I wish you were going to be there
with me, I'd just love you and
love you and love you and love
you and love you and love you and
love you and love you and love
you and LOVE YOU - would you
like it Honey? I'll bet you would.
Good ~~night~~ night Darling I'll love you
always Dear - your loving husband
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Naples

Hello Darling:

How's my one and only feeling to-
nite? Fine and dandy I hope. As
for your hubby he's still doing O. K.

By the way, ~~hence~~ I didn't write you
yesterday, cause there just wasn't
any thing to write about - I didn't
do a thing yesterday or to-day except
stay around the hotel and take life
easy.

See! I wish I could get some
more mail from you - I miss those
sweet letters of yours an awful
lot, they always cheer me up no
end

Just 17 more days to X-mas - Boy

how I wish I were going to spend
it with you, but that's out of
the question, maybe will be together
next Christmas, eh?

I'm kinda tired to nite, I
played a little foot ball and tossed
a base ball around a bit to-day
and it wore me out. I'm really
out of shape. maybe you can
put me back in shape - how about
that, eh?

Well Darling, I think I'll hit the
sack and dream about you - Good
nite my Darling and remember
I'll love you always dear -
oh yes! If you don't hear from me
for a few days, don't be alarmed, I'll
explain later. I Love you
your Hubby
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