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Thur [Thursday] Morn [morning] 11 A.M.

Dearest Wife

I think I am starting the last letter that I will write in Germany on this tour of duty. Thought I would let you know I am still around. I brought my things down to P and C [packing & crating] this morn [morning] to get them packed. Didn't realize I had so much I think I have to pay the shipping of it from N.Y., that will cost me quite a bit I imagine. I have just been lazing around trying to let the time go by, believe me it is going slow to. I hope it doesn't take over 3 wks [weeks] after I leave here next Wed [Wednesday]. Whether it takes longer or not this is one trip I have really been looking for. At least I will be headed in the right direction this time. I got my clearance papers this morn [morning] I am going to try to wind most of it up today all except going to the hospital. Tomorrow me and a buddie may go down to Hidleberg [Heidelberg] Germany would kinda like to see the place if I can rake up the time and if the weather isn't to bad, right now it looks like rain outside. [page 2] Got a letter from you all last wk [week] none so far this one I don't know if you wrote me anymore or not sorta been looking for one. I bought about everyone in my family a present also one for Mom Lentz, only person I cain't seem to find a darn thing for is Janice I just don't have a[n] idea what I could get her. Been taking in most of the shows saw Road to Bali last night and tonight is bingo again. I recon [sic] Sun [Sunday] will be the last time I play never was very lucky at it anyhow. Honey I want you to call up the Folks and tell them I am on my way but am to darn lazy to write. Okay? I have seen a lot of people leave here sure does make me feel good to be the one who is going now. One thing for sure you better watch me pretty close when I get home or we may have 5 or 6 little Jr's running around. Angel it has been so long I don't have any idea what it will be like when we get together again. I tried not to think of it to much but now I am coming home and it is on my mind again. Course I want to know how to handle a cold-natured Woman best I remember you [page 3] used to be pretty hot. No offence I love you any way you are. Hows [sic] our Son? I suppose still as handsome as his pop huh? (I'm really not bragging just kidding? I have to go down Mon [Monday] to Kaiserslautern to get a partial pay spent most of my money on presents there are a millions things I would like to of sent home if only I would have had the money.

You should have married a man with money don't you recon [sic]? Well hon [honey] I think I will sign off though I would just say hello to all one more time. Can hardly wait to see you all again shouldn't ought [sic] to be long now.

All my Love

Jr Tinder

P.S. Got a letter from you Mary K and Mom today. Honey you should of known I would get Mom Lentz something (I'm not telling what it is) I know I will never be able to repay her and Pop Lentz for what they have done for us. Glad you got the dishes I couldn't afford them. Recon [sic] I better go finish up clearing the post what I can anyhow. Got to pick up my Hold Baggage claim check at 4 PM. See you gal