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Dearest Darling (honey bunch wife)

I know it is past time that your old man writes but until I heard your reason for not getting any letters for practically 3 wks [weeks] I was sorta teed off at you. Of course when I got 4 letters from you yesterday it repaired things so's [sic] to speak. Nothing has happened to me nor have I did anything including work since you last heard from me. I am just sitting around watching the days go by which seem to be going pretty fast at present I hope it keeps up that way. After reading your letter wrote the 18th of Nov [November] and received the pictures of you I have decided to give you back to your folks. I hope you don't mind after all it is your request. Naturally I still love you and want you but I cain't stand [page 2] fat women. It sounds like you are getting to be quite a gad about I am glad it isn't so boring anymore just see that you keep out of trouble will ya? I sure didn't know Clifford was married, from the sound of your letter it isn't much of a marriage. Sounds like you were pretty sick while back I recon [sic] you are okay again for that has been pretty long ago. (Don't mind my chopping this letter up as I am reading your letters and scribing a bit about each one.) Now back to work. Not knowing much about babies I must say our young one looks odd to me but about like any of the rest I have seen. To tell the truth I am more worried about his mama than him for if he takes after his Pop I know he will be handsome (at least the german gals tell me so) ha ha ha (are you jealous?) After all I don't go around saying "Who is the handsomest man in Europe and [page 3] why am I?" for nothing. About the picture with the big bottle tell Ferb there isn't any need taking the cap off as it is empty just for show only. Of course he knows they do have bottles that big that are full. My sweet little wife I told you I only drink that stuff (as you call it) sometimes when I feel pretty low, you apparently think I am a drunkard. Now about you smoking you might before I get home but when I do get there I am afraid you will have to get along without them. Also you seem upset over the Amphilifier [amplifier] deal. I didn't say you couldn't read neither did I say you couldn't use it. No need to take it home as they have no use for it. Practially [practically] all I said if it was broke have it fixed and to take care of it as I knew you would anyway. Was that asking to much. You know you [page 4] are my wife I suppose? What I have is also yours including what little money I have in the bank. I intended to tell you in case you need some just have dad get it for you but it must of slipped my mind you should of known it was allright [sic] anyway. Just write me how much you got. I have been drawing entirely to much out lately. In fact I have been spending way to much money I have now spent all I have received since I left home including about \$70 more I have got to start saving again for my trip in the spring. I agree 100 percent with you I have allready [sic] quit the loaning of money seems like they never want to pay off. Yes I received your present and it was okay, very very [sic] fortunate I think. If ever you send anything that nice again to anyone be sure and put it in a wooden box then it isn't to safe. I think it is awful nice I really like the [page 5] leather casing. Thank you very much I hope you like yours I doubt if you do thou [sic], I couldn't think of much to get a 2 month old baby. I am aware that there is a post office in Beverly I merely wanted you to get your present Christmas. I got a nice box from Mary K a little of everything in it. Helen and Fred sent me some money I am taking part of it and getting a transformer for my Radio also Mom Dad and the kids sent me money. I lost my gloves about 3 wks [weeks] ago so I am taking \$5 of it and getting me a nice pair of gloves. I haven't figured out what to get with the rest of it yet. I am sorry I chewed you out some but you kinda chewed me a little yourself. Didn't you? okay I forgive you for this time. I am glad to hear you thawed out a bit of course I never did believe you would be cold-natured [page 6] anyhow. You better be careful if you trade for a new-model remember what happened to you from the old one. Honey I could love you a lot if only you were here I regret I didn't more often before I left home. I just weren't

[Notes added by transcriber]



used to being a married man I recon [sic]. It was wonderful I do hope that we find a way to solve the children problem for awhile [sic] thou [sic]. How long do you have to take checkups? I didn't say you were mad at mom and Mary K they just thought you were because you never came up. You go up when every you want to it makes no difference to me. Naturally I want everyone to get along but I didn't even worry about it as I know you will. However lonely for me you are it is not nearly enough to suit me still I suppose it will have to do just so you love me [page 7] as much as you say you do. I am afraid I will never be a singer as I never improve just the same old hog-calling still I enjoy it. I only wish I had my outfit over here from the start it would have been a lot of fun. Mom never would send it she kept saying I would be home in 4 or 5 month[s] I knew better I will be tickled to death to leave here in May. Speaking of shows I have been seeing some good ones lately myself I always did enjoy going to shows as you know. I really like to bowl also had a couple of good games last Fri [Friday], 200, 180 both should have been well over 200 but I got neverous [nervous] in the last frames and fouled up. I did win \$5 for being high man in the last game. Wed [Wednesday] I go to the hospital for a X ray of the left side of my chest they are going to try to find out why I have had pains there off and on ever since I had Pluracy [Pleurisy] in 1947. Thur [Thursday] I go back up and get my pet wart cut off again over [page 8] as it has growed [sic] back from the last time. Smokey and the boys are recording 28 min's [minutes] of music and sending it back to the states I may play with them so don't be to suprised [surprised] if you hear me squaking [squawking] over the radio. He told me this morn [morning] about it well Aggie I think this should account for at least 3 letters so will sign off. Hope you Kenny and all the rest are okay. It is about time for coffee call at the Terrassen Caffe. I must say I couldn't want a better job but oh how I hate the Army. Tonight we have a field problems from 6 till 11 ain't that awful. We get off Christmas and the next day to along with New Years [sic]so I have a lot of free days coming up. Never have got to see Don maybe this is my chance.

I love you always
Jr Tinder

Happy New Year to all

P.S. No: I refuse to change diapers, you probally [sic] allready [sic] guessed that.
P.S. I think the LT [Lieutenant] signed the papers so will proball [sic] enclose it in this letter.

16 Dec [December] [19]52
Wed [Wednesday] Nite 9 PM

Hi "Baby"

Didn't get the paper signed till late this morn so I went ahead and sent your letter. I got a letter from you today sounds like you had to do a lot of shopping. I want you to be sure and get Bill's correct address in Frankfort [Frankfurt, Germany] next time you see someone who knows. Well just thought I would include a hello in this letter. I still love you a little.

Jr
Your old man
Tinder