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ENGLAND

MY DARLING SHIRLEY AND LAURA,

HELLO, HONEY. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SALLY NEGLECTED LATELY SO FAR AS LETTERS GO, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO ADD UP TO WHY I HAVE NOT WRITTEN. YOU WERE NEVER OUT OF MY THOUGHTS FOR A MOMENT THOUGH, HONEY. MY GOLD HAS BEEN WORSE AND I HAVE HAD QUITE A BAD COUGH THE PAST WEEK. ONE NIGHT I WENT RIGHT TO BED AFTER WORK. THE OTHER NIGHTS I HAVE EITHER BEEN BUSY AFTER WORK WITH MY WASHING, TAKING SHOWERS, ETC. OR I HAVE BEEN SEEKING THE TOWN. THIS TOWN WHERE THE FEW OF US ARE WORKING AND LIVING NOW IS QUITE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE SMALL COMMUNITY WHERE WE WERE BEFORE. THERE IS QUITE A BIT TO SEE HERE. SUNDAY I SAW QUITE A BIT OF SCENIC AND FAMOUS PLACES, BUT I AM AFRAID THAT I CANNOT TELL YOU ABOUT WHAT I SAW UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER WE LEAVE HERE OR UNTIL THE WAR IS OVER. TO TELL OF THE SIGHTS THAT I SAW MIGHT REVEAL WHERE WE ARE, SO FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS I WILL NOT ENDEAVOR TO TELL ABOUT MOST OF WHAT I SAW. I DID SEE A VERY BEAUTIFUL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN WITH SOME INTERESTING ANIMALS. THE GROUNDS AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE ZOO WAS VERY PRETTY AND IT MADE ME THINK OF THE BEAUTIFUL PARKS THAT WE HAVE AT HOME. SUNDAY WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A WONDERFUL DAY FOR A PICNIC, TOO, AND THE NICE GREEN LAWNS IN THE ZOO GROUNDS LOOKED MIGHTY INVITING. OTHER THAN THE ZOO I MUST WAIT UNTIL SOME FUTURE TIME TO TELL YOU OF THE INTERESTING SIGHTS I SAW. I HAVE A FEW PICTURE POSTALS WHICH I WILL SAVE FOR MAILING AT SOME FUTURE DATE OR WILL BRING HOME AFTER THE WAR.

LAST NIGHT I WENT TO A SHOW IN TOWN, AND SINCE THE LAST SHOW BEGAN AT 6:15 PM, I HAD TO GET READY TO GO AS SOON AS I GOT OFF WORK AND HAD TO SLEEP AWAY EVEN. THEN I STOOD IN LINE FOR ABOUT 3/4 OF AN HOUR BEFORE I COULD GET A TICKET AND THEN SAW ONLY THE LAST HALF OF THE FIRST FEATURE. HOWEVER, I HAD PREVIOUSLY SEEN THE FIRST FEATURE

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WHICH WAS "IN EVERYBODY HAPPY". I REALLY WANT TO SEE THE MAIN FEATURE WITH HENRIETTA ENGLAND. BOGART -- "BARBARA". I ENJOYED THE SHOW VERY MUCH AND IT WAS THE FIRST MOVIE I HAD SEEN HERE. HOWEVER, SUNDAY NIGHT FOUR OF US WENT TO SEE AND HEAR AN ORCHESTRA IN TOWN AT ONE OF THE MAJOR MUSIC HALLS AND THEATERS. WE PAID RATHER A HIGH PRICE FOR ADMISSION FOR THE ENGLISH STANDARDS AND SAW THE FINEST KIND OF A SHOW THAT WE HAD SEEN IN SOME TIME. THE BAND LEADER PLAYED A TRUMPET, AND WAS HE COUSIN! HE COULDN'T HIT THE HIGH NOTES AT ALL AND THE TRUMPET WOULD JUST SCREECH. THE FOUR OF US JUST SAT AND TORE OUT OUR HAIR WHILE THE ENGLISH CLAPPED FOR MORE. A PIANIST PLAYED SOME "BOOGIE-WOOGIE" AND THE AUDIENCE APPARENTLY ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH--WE COULD HARDLY STAND IT. THEY DID HAVE A GOOD DINNER, A GOOD DRESSER, AND THE PIANIST PLAYED SOME CLASSICAL PIECES THAT WERE GOOD. WE THOUGHT THAT OUR \$0.50 WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY WASTED, HOWEVER.

I RECEIVED THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE CALIFORNIA BULLETIN A FEW DAYS AGO AND DISCOVERED THAT "BUTCH" DIED AT A CAMP IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IN A FIRE. YOU WILL REMEMBER HIM AS THE COMPANY FELLOW WHO WAS SWEATING IT OUT IN THE WAITING ROOM AT THE HOSPITAL THE SAME TIME THAT BOB BROWN WAS OUT THERE. YOU SHOULD REMEMBER BOB AND I TALKING ABOUT HIM A LOT. "BUTCH" HAD GONE TO CAMP HAN JUST ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE I WAS DRAFTED AND LATER WENT TO OFFICER'S CANDIDATE SCHOOL. HE WAS A SECOND LIEUTENANT AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. I CERTAINLY REGRET LOSING A FRIEND AND FEEL SORRY FOR HIS WIFE AND BABY BOY. "BUTCH" WAS CERTAINLY PROUD OF THAT BOY.

TODAY I GOT THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WHICH HAD BEEN CHASING ME FOR SOME TIME AND I DISCOVERED THAT A GOOD NUMBER OF MY ACQUAINTANCES IN THE COMPANY WHO HAD BEEN DEFERRED ARE NOW IN THE SERVICE. EVEN DEE MULLINS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED FOR AVIATION GADGET TRAINING. ALL OF HIS GANG ARE ALREADY GONE INTO THE SERVICE. AS I REMEMBER IT NOW, I

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IRELAND.

AM ONE OF 126 FROM THE COMPANY THAT WAS IN THE SERVICE AT TIME OF PRINTING THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN. WITH THE DEATH OF "MUTCH" THE TOTAL KILLED OUT OF THE 126 BECAME TWO. IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN THERE WERE ABOUT A HALF A DOZEN PICTURES THAT CARRIED THE WORDS (SPANGLER PICTURE) OR (PICTURE BY SPANGLER) UNDER THEM. SO, I SEE THAT CHECK IS REALLY GETTING SOME OF THOSE WONDERFUL PICTURES OF HIS PRINTED. THERE WAS A PICTURE OF HIS LITTLE DAUGHTER WHEN SHE WAS TWO DAYS OLD, AND THERE WAS A PICTURE OF LYLE KIMBER'S DAUGHTER ALSO. LYLE HAS BEEN IN THE SERVICE SOME TIME TOO.

TODAY I GOT THE FIRST LETTER FROM YOU IN TWELVE DAYS. HOWEVER, IT WAS DATED FOUR DAYS AFTER THE LAST LETTER I HAD FROM YOU. I RECEIVED YOUR V-MAIL LETTER OF MARCH 1st ON MARCH 16th AND RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE OF MARCH 5th TODAY.

DARLING, I LIVE ONLY FOR THE DAY WHEN WE CAN BE TOGETHER AGAIN AND CAN GO OUT TO THE PARK OR PICTURES, GO TO THE BEACH TOGETHER, OR JUST BE TOGETHER AGAIN AS WE WERE BEFORE THE WAR. I WANT ONLY TO BE WITH YOU AND LAURA WITH A CHANCE TO BUILD OUR HAPPINESS AGAIN AND TAKE UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF. I LONG FOR YOUR COMPANY, YOUR THOUGHTS, AND ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT I ASSOCIATE WITH YOU AND LAURA. TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR LITTLE DAUGHTER AND YOURSELF, HENRY. WRITE AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN, DARLING, AND I PROMISE THAT I WILL DO BETTER THAN I HAVE THIS PAST WEEK. I DID WANT TO SEE WHAT I COULD OF THE SIGHTS HERE WHILE I HAD A CHANCE, FOR I DO NOT KNOW IF I WILL EVER BE IN THIS PARTICULAR TOWN AGAIN, AND OUR PRESENT STAY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY NOT BE VERY LONG. WE ARE HERE FOR A SPECIAL JOB NOW AND ONLY A FEW OF US ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET TO COME HERE TO WORK. THE WORK IS INTERESTING AND THE TIME OFF DUTY IS SPENT ENJOYABLY. I HAVE ALWAYS HAD YOU IN MY HEART AND IN MY MIND EVEN THOUGH I HAVE NOT WRITTEN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. I AM A LITTLE ASHAMED TO NEGLECT WRITING SO THAT I CAN GO OUT AND HAVE A GOOD TIME, BUT I HAD TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY.

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ALL MY LOVE TO YOU BOTH.

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