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## LETTER ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN-VIC TO EDITH

1 December 1944

Somewheres in Germany

My Sweetie-pie,

Just to show you how "screwed" up the mail could be, I received today an air mail letter dated Oct. 26.

Don't worry about the Christmas cards send them out the way they are. After all, darling, it's the sentiment behind the card that counts anyway. I'm sending out a batch of Christmas cards, too. The Army PX gave us a bunch of inexpensive picture Xmas cards and I am sending these to all of our friends. A lot of the people (i.e.) Altman, etc. have changed addresses and the cards should catch up with them by the coming summer at the latest.

Darling, I adore you. I love you with every fibre of my being. I only wish I could put my words into actions.

Today the weather was bleak and rainy, but this did not daunt us for Shelton and I went into town and took our shower-baths nevertheless. They were just as elegant as ever! Imagine 2 baths in 3 days-Isn't war hell?

You know, the favorite tune of this ETO, don't you? It's "I'm going to Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter" and make believe it came from you. With the mail set-up generally in these parts the song has much significance. Fortunately, I do not fall in this category. God bless you, darling!

Last night I took all my letters and read them all over again.

They were thrilling and made my heart skip a bit as well as getting me all "hot & bothered" even when reading them for a second time. Honey, I counted the letters-66 of them'.

I've got a few books actually pictorial manuscripts written in German which I plan to send you when I send the copies of Stars & Stripes & Yank to you. One book is entitled the "Rheinland" or Rhine-land country which portrays the country along the Rhine and the other book is "Germany Awake", a book of Nazi propaganda beautifully illustrated which shows the rise of the Nazi party.

One of the men has presented the battery Comdr. with a cross-bow he found. It was a weapon used in the 1400's but I think this particular cross-bow is a copy of an original.

At the present time we are listening to a news broadcast from the United States. It burns our guts to hear them mention towns as being captured when they usually change hands about 2 times. Always keep in mind that a lot goes on before a town is captured, including the loss of many lives. People have a tendency to look at the names of towns captured in an impersonal manner. I know I did the same thing before I came over here.

Don't conclude from the last paragraph that I'm becoming embittered or callous because I'm not. I'm still your loving husband who loves to "kid & fool around" with the best of them.

My morale is excellent and I am really happy and not nearly as "noivice in the soivece" (nervous in the service) as I imagined I'd be. Naturally, there are situations where I'd probably be a bit

"ruffled" too.

Are you getting letters from any of the wives lately?

Capt. Shaw sends you his regards and mentions frequently that he'd like to have a plat of cabbage & meat balls-pigs in the blanket". He got quite a kick visiting us in Alexandria and Lawton.

I'm happy to hear that you're getting along OK with the Sokols and Speerts and hope the attitude continues at least until I get home-then let whatever happens. I've got you and you got me!

The radio is playing "I Walk Alone" so I'll say good-night, my beloved darling.

Sweet dreams-forever

Vic