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My darling Johnny!

I'm bursting with excitement honey! Really!

First and foremost, I received your two pictures and I think they're both wonderful! Right now I have them both in a frame before me—about three inches away! You are just as I imagined—only nicer! The colored photo is lovely and your expression is very sweet. In short, I'm very pleased! I'll always keep them in view! The first day I had them I was so thrilled and happy at receiving them that I brought both pictures to my office so I could look at them often! I mean that! Now that I have these pictures, I can see that the one I've always had (taken with Walt in Calif.) is a swell and exact picture of you—except that it is light! So now I have three swell pictures! Thanks a lot, Johnny, for sending them! In the small picture, does that shield (?) you and Anderson hold represent 31 Jap planes shot down or what? I'm just curious! Now back to your letter! I'm not answering the one you sent the pictures until tomorrow probably, however I wanted to tell you about the photos right away.

Golly, it is a good thing that the fellows didn't use the crocodile for a stepping stone! So you feel at home in the mud!!! You may as well for you have to go in it enough! Have you ever come across snakes in the jungles or is that military secrets? I'd be afraid in the jungles and I wish you didn't have to go in them either!

I guess we would make very good company together in the dark—but, please, with the lights on!! You said with them “out” but it's always better to be [illegible] illuminated room, don't you agree? That way we can converse better or did you have something else in mind? Tch, naughty boy—like all the men, I guess!! However, I'll be so glad to meet you that I probably wouldn't give much thought to electricity!

It's funny how that friend of yours passed out that rumor about your being wounded on Saipan! I'm glad you weren't there for that was some battle!! I guess your brother's girlfriend was worried! It's nice that she wrote you, anyway, so you know what's going on in Conn. Or—were you really at Saipan? I'm getting confused for now that I read your letter back, you said you weren't “wounded” there but [illegible] mention as to whether or not you were actually there! I'm not on the beam, I guess.

I think your cousin in the states should be happy that he's an instructor and not a combat pilot! True, it's more thrilling being overseas but also more dangerous! Your other cousin(s) must feel proud to be a pilot of a C-47!

Darling, still I say, nothing exciting ever happens in Jersey so you better see what you can do to liven things up—via a little telepathy of course!

Right now my mother called me to dinner so I'll finish in a little while! Here I am again! The weather is about 15° above zero today! It's real brisk, however I like it! Today I also saw two icicles on the window! Yes, winter is here!

Next Saturday (Dec. 9) is my birthday! Aw, do I have to tell you my age? Oh well, I'll be 20. I'm getting there! Do you like astrology? No? It's interesting! According to astrology or horoscopes I'm a Saggitarius [sic]! Silly, yes! I'd like to get a job working at night for the holidays! Yes I like to work!

All I can say now is “so long” until later! God Bless you and Good Luck!

With millions of kisses, I am,
Yours,
Corinne [Transcription ends]