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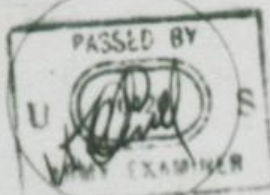
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(Date)

Italy, July 15

Just received
your dear
No. 29, of June 28.

Chère amie:

*) I had a good laugh
reveling the secret
distinction of foot-timers!
medical of adviser!

No letter from you, for some time -- but a very rich and lovely Mimosa package, with delicious Lebkuchen, little ham, and all: it melted on the tongue, ever so delighted.... There is not very much to report, as far as my own little life is concerned. The best thing about it is that it is so uncertain and may change over night: in fact, there seem to be changes in the making. I suppose I mentioned already that my Captain H. left for England. Now the civilian, who was my tent-mate and only company for the past few weeks, is going to leave me too. So I presume that something is going to happen to me, too -- before long. Besides I am just returning from a few-days visit I paid to a French unit -- which was rather pleasant, for a change. Their way of life is so much more charming and civilized than ours. Also, it is remarkable what attractive kind of meals they manage to produce, although their food supplies are probably poorer than those stupidly spoiled by our G.I. cooks. ... Speaking of supplies, how is the Provider getting along? Somehow I have the impression that the book is being received in a big way. Agnes' review, I am told, adorned the front page of the New York TIMES book section, etc. The only review I have seen, so far, was the one in TIME -- not too unintelligent and rather respectful, considering the flippant and snooty style of that magazine! For what date is the publication of the German edition scheduled? I am certainly looking forward to it. ... I hope you followed my good advice regarding your German property and the claims you should submit to Washington. The war will be over soon -- I should say, at any time between September 15 and November 25: when the Russians have taken Koenigsberg and launch their offensive on Breslau, while we enter Milano, Paris, and perhaps Marseilles... That will be nice day, won't it, though?

Love and wishes, and repeated birthday congratulations,

good old K.

PS The cigarette situation is alarming. This is an official request for at least four cartons of Lucky Strikes (or maybe, one carton of Luckies, one of Camels, one of Chesterfield, and one of Pall Malls: to give each firm a fair break...)

No news from S or Golo since I wrote you last. No word from Landshoff. You are the only faithful correspondent.

V-MAIL

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