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London England
June 18, 1945

Dear Mother,

Thank you for the telegrams! You can imagine how thrilled I was to hear from you again. The kids in Chicago + Aunt Lola also sent me greetings, and I was very happy to hear from everyone. What made me most happy was the news of your marriage. Above all else mother I want you to be happy. God knows you deserve every moment of happiness you have. I have come to realize more fully than ever what a wonderful mother you are and I know that I could never repay you



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in a lifetime for all that you have gone thru for me. What I want to do when I join the family once again is bring as much happiness into your life as I possibly can. You see I have thought about this much while I was a prisoner and the experiences I have gone thru have brought them to a clearer picture for me than I could have had otherwise.

As anxious as I am to get home as soon as possible and see you and the family, I'm sure I'm doing the wise thing by taking advantage of this opportunity to spend some time in London. I might have been on my way home already if I hadn't come here, but I'm very happy now



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that I did come. It won't be long before I'll be back in the States and I'll have a nice long furlough to spend with you. And after my furlough I believe I'll be stationed in the States permanently. Also when I see you I'll have some good news to tell you.

All my neeces must be grown ladies by now. And David must be quite the young gentleman. I'm certainly anxious to see them all and especially the new comer Laurel. What a family I have! I've been away less than a year and it certainly has enlarged. Everyone seems to be doing their part but me. Don't you think it's my turn?

Say hello to Nat + Sally + Maurice + Bobby + Clarence + Annette



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& everyone else.

If any mail comes for
me please hang onto it.

So long for a while.

Much love to you & my
very best regards to Mr. Solof.

Love,
Hershey