Joachim W. and Annette T. Beer Collection

Creator: Joachim W. and Annette T. Beer
Dates: 1915-2005, bulk 1939-1948
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Biographical Note

Staff Sergeant Joachim William “Bill” Beer was born on October 10, 1914 in Leipzig, Germany. He immigrated to the United States before their entry into World War II and became a naturalized citizen in 1943.

Beer was inducted into the United States Army on October 22, 1942 and was called to active duty on November 5, 1942. He was stationed at various camps in the United States including Camp Grant, Camp Polk, Camp Barkeley, and Camp Cooke. Beer left the U.S. in September of 1944 and was stationed in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. He served in the 22nd Tank Battalion in the 11th Armored Division as a Supply Noncommissioned Officer. Because of his ability to speak, read, and write German, Beer also served as an interpreter and interrogator. Beer actively practiced Judaism and some materials relate to his experience as both a German and Jewish person during the war.

Beer left the European Theater on December 30, 1945 and was honorably discharged following the war on January 21, 1946. His awards and decorations include 1 Service Stripe, 2 Overseas Service Bars, the American Campaign Medal, the European African
Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 3 bronze battle stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.


Annette Tyllas Beer was born on January 5, 1918 in Chicago, Illinois. She has 4 older brothers Harry, Sam, Nathan “Nate”, and Charles “Bucky/Buckie” Tyllas. Harry, Nathan “Nate”, and Charles “Bucky/Buckie” appear most in the collection and are active members in the armed forces during WWII. Annette and Joachim W. “Bill” Beer were married on October 27, 1942, two days following his induction into the U. S. Army.

While Joachim W. Beer was stationed in Camp Polk, Camp Barkeley, and Camp Cooke, Annette followed and lived close to the camps. While in Texas, she lived with the Lusby Family and while in California, she made various friends. These people are present in the correspondence series on the collection. Annette T. Beer held a variety of jobs including a saleswoman at Mangel’s Department Store in Chicago, a clerk for the military at both Camp Polk and Camp Cooke, and an assistant at a dentist office in Chicago.


Scope and Content of the Collection

The Joachim W. and Annette T. Beer Collection contains correspondence, military service records, employment records, financial records, insurance records, and newspaper clippings. The bulk of the collection is made up of correspondence between husband and wife, Joachim W. and Annette T. Beer. The correspondence details life on the home front in Chicago, Texas, and California, as well as military life in training camps in the United States and overseas in the European Theater during World War II. The materials date from 1915 to 2005 with the bulk of the materials dating from 1939 to 1948. The collection also contains some oversize materials.

The Joachim W. and Annette T. Beer Collection also includes photographs, artifacts from Joachim’s service in the United States Army during World War II, maps, and publications of serials from the European Theater and the return trip to the United States on the S. S. Wm. Mulholland. The photographs, artifacts, maps, and serials have been separated out.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernable order. PMML staff have organized the collection by material type and chronologically there within.
Series One: Correspondence, 1939-1947, u.d.

This series contains correspondence materials including letters, V-Mail, postcards, and cards. The materials date from 1939 to 1947. The bulk of the series is correspondence between husband and wife, Joachim W. and Annette T. Beer, while he was at various camps in the United States and when he is stationed overseas. During certain periods, Annette would number her letters but would often lose track and repeat or mislabel the numbers. Her numbering system did help roughly date some letters that did not include dates. Throughout the correspondence, Bill and Annette often refer to each other as “Puptch.” Joachim W. Beer is mostly referred to as “Bill” throughout all correspondence. Some letters include clippings and ephemera that were originally enclosed though some letters are missing their original enclosed materials. Photos present in the collection that were originally included with letters have been separated out.

In addition to correspondence between Bill and Annette, the series contains the correspondence of both Bill and Annette with other various family members and friends. Most notable include Annette’s brother Charles “Bucky/Buckie” Tyllas, his wife Dolores “Del” Tyllas, Annette’s brother Harry Tyllas and his wife Edith “Cookie” Tyllas, Annette’s brother Nathan “Nate” Tyllas, Bill’s cousin Claire Mathes and her husband Emmanuel Mathes, and friends Pearl and Sam Simon, Jene/Jenie Cooper, Juanita and Carl Burnett, and Dory Bloch-Gellar. This series also includes some correspondence regarding Private Clarence J. Arnold, though it is not immediately clear his relation to Bill and Annette.

The series is arranged by the pairs exchanging correspondence and then chronologically there within with undated materials at the end.


This series contains materials relating to Joachim W. “Bill” Beer’s service in the U. S. Army’s 11th Armored Division in various camps in the United States and in the European Theater. Materials include military records, souvenirs, and ephemera. This series also includes ephemera from 11th Armored Division reunions. The materials date from 1942 to 1947 with some undated materials. The series is arranged by material type and chronologically there within with undated materials at the end.


This series contains materials relating to Annette T. Beer’s employment from 1942 to 1945 with some undated materials included. The series includes timecards,
correspondence, and various employment forms from jobs in Chicago, Camp Polk, Louisiana, and Camp Cooke, California. The series is arranged chronologically.


This series contains financial and insurance records for Joachim W. and Annette T. Beer including ration books, correspondence, appraisal documents, and tax forms. Materials in this series date from 1942 to 1946 with some undated materials. The series is arranged chronologically.


This series contains newspaper clippings from 1944 to 1953 with some undated clippings. The bulk of the clippings are from 1944 to 1945. The materials are arranged by size and chronologically there within with undated materials at the end.

Series Six: Miscellaneous, 1939-1948, u.d.

This series contains miscellaneous materials such as programs and menus that were not from Joachim W. Beer’s military travels, scraps from envelopes and telegrams, ephemera from special family and friend’s events in Chicago, blank postcards and stationary. The materials are arranged by material type and then chronologically there within with undated materials at the end.


This series contains all oversize materials in the collection including Employment records for Annette T. Beer, financial records, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and a poster. The materials are arranged by material type and then chronologically there within with undated materials at the end.

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8004261471 PHOTO 04907 Undated black and white photo of Bill in uniform pointing at the camera. Originally found in from Manny Weiser's letter to Bill dated 1/24/1943 - Item # 8004261212

8004261472 PHOTO 04908 Undated black and white portrait photo of unidentified man (potentially someone related to Annette based on comparison to other photos) Originally found in Bill's letter to Annette dated 3/10/1943 - Item # 8004261102

8004261473 PHOTO 04909 Undated black and white photo of unidentified family (potentially the Lusby family) Originally enclosed with Annette's letter to Bill dated 12/26/1943 - Item # 800426361

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Undated black and white photo of Karen. Originally enclosed in Jene and Phil's to Annette dated 4/1/1946 - Item # 8004261130

Undated photo negative from Bessie's graduation card to Annette (undated) of group in graduation cap and gowns

Undated black and white portrait photo of Bill in uniform (chest up), with 11th Armored Division shoulder patch visible on uniform sleeve

Undated black and white photo of unidentified woman in uniform with shoulder bag. Shoulder insignia visible on uniform jacket - patch with "CD" in triangle within larger circular patch with "NYC" patch underneath

Undated photo of group of men (potentially soldiers) standing behind truck holding shovels

**Artifacts**

Small wire in shape of "U". Originally found with Item # 8004261102 - letter to Annette from Bucky dated 8/26/1944.

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11th Armored Division, Fifth Annual Reunion pin for "J. W. Beer, 22nd Tank, Chicago, ILL.", August 14-16, 1947

11th Armored Division, Fifth Annual Reunion pin for "Mrs. J. W. Beer, 22nd Tank, Chicago, ILL.", August 14-16, 1947

Maps

Undated 1:5000 scale map of Gmunden, Austria with note from Bill "x place of living and work" with building indicated

1:500000 scale map titled "Esso-Wegweiser 14" and showing Germany and Austria (cities include: Munich, Innsbruck, Salzburg, and Linz). Reverse side is labeled "Wanderwinke, Esso-Wegweiser 14" and contains text in German and some photos.

Undated 11th Armored Division "After Action Report, Penetration of the Main Siegfried Line", with 4 maps and text

11th Armored Division "After Action Report" with half page map and text, March 1945

Serials

"Westward Ho!" publication produced onboard S. S. Wm. Mulholland

Vol. III, No. 1, December 13, 1945
Vol. III, No. 2, January 1, 1946
Vol. III, No. 3, January 2, 1946
Vol. III, No. 4, January 3, 1946
Vol. III, No. 5, January 4, 1946
Sunday, The Stars and Stripes, Southern Germany Edition

8004261513 Vol. III, No. 6, January 5, 1946
8004261514 Vol. III, No. 7, January 6, 1946
8004261515 Vol. III, No. 8, January 7, 1946
8004261516 Vol. III, No. 9, January 8, 1946
8004261517 Vol. III, No. 10, January 9, 1946
8004261518 Vol. III, No. 11, January 10, 1946
8004261519 Vol. III, No. 12, January 11, 1946
8004261520 Vol. III, No. 13, January 12, 1946

Previous day's publication listed this as "Final edition (souvenir)" with 4 pages and 8 slides.

Midweek, The Stars and Stripes, Southern Germany Edition

8004261523 Vol. 1, No. 7, October 3, 1945
8004261524 Vol. 1, No. 13, November 14, 1945

The Sniper

8004261525 The Sniper, Vol. II, No. 91, Weiden, Germany, September 21, 1945

Carry On

8004261526 Vol. 2, No. 6, Pond Barracks, Amberg, Germany, August 24, 1945
8004261527 Vol. 2, No. 8, Pond Barracks, Amberg, Germany, September 7, 1945
8004261528 Vol. 2, No. 10, Pond Barracks, Amberg, Germany, September 21, 1945
8004261529 Vol. 2, No. 12, Pond Barracks, Amberg, Germany, October 5, 1945
Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library’s online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

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she bowled two games, had dinner with her mother and couple of friends, hopes he can come to the cottage soon

Postcard from Bill: about the first being over and missing her, asking about her trip up to South Haven and how friends (the boys and girls) are, "Ch." thought her store was okay

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, August - September 1939

Letter from Bill: thanking her for her letter, what he did during the week, would like to go to the cottage, feeling lonesome, asking for cake and potato pancakes, asking about Cookie and how she is with Harry being gone, house is peaceful currently

Postcard from Bill: about his parents and sister going to Poland, will know if Harry can bring him to South Haven tomorrow, apologizing for not writing a letter the day before

Postcard from Bill: about not getting mail and feeling lousy, asking how she is, his last evening was terrible, asking if she misses him, note from Bucky & Dolores and Cookie & Doc signed at the bottom

Postcard from Bill: about his sister going to Italy(?), dinner with Harry, not sure what to do during the evening

Postcard from Bill: about how he misses her, going out and getting a drink with Harry, saying he needs to write something about Charl(?) an asking how her feet are, note to Cookie at the end

Letter from Bill: telling her to stop her nightlife/drinking and wondering if she felt sorry, wants to stay at the cottage,
wondering who Sam is and what happened with them, will send a cable to Dolores from the both of them, asking her to write letters, dream he got his trunk, asking her to not show the letter to Cookie

Postcard from Bill: apologizing if his letter was too sharp, feeling lonesome and having nobody to talk to but he gets to see her in a couple more days, asking about South Haven, got mail from London but hasn't gotten his trunk yet

Letter from Annette about his poor handwriting, reprimanding him for his worry about her, her foot still has an infection, saw the film "Lady of the Tropics," tornado hit Kalamazoo close by and people were injured, she hopes he can come spend a week at the cottage, asking him to trust her but she forgives him for his letters, asking about his news of Claire

Letter from Annette: about what she did after he left, sorry that she may have disappointed him, thanking him for the stationary so she could write, thanking him for coming out to visit, thanking him for the money

Letter from Annette: about the film "The Four Feathers," doesn't mind being "chief cook and bottle washer," Paulie came home late, talk about the weather, haven't received any mail

Postcard from Bill: saying that he will out there Thursday with the boat(?), otherwise he will come on Saturday with friends including Harry and Buck, will write letter tomorrow

Postcard from Bill: (9:15 p.m.) about talking with Flora, wished he didn't have to leave, asking where her mail is/he is waiting on it
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<td>9/27/1939</td>
<td>Card from Bill: &quot;To My Sweetheart&quot;, has some Hebrew writing on it, has prewritten message on it - seems from New Years and there is a picture/image on card.</td>
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**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, April - July 1940**

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<td>Letter from Annette: the start of her vacation, him leaving so quickly - glad he was getting taken home but lonesome when he was gone, seeing the film &quot;My Son, My Son!&quot; and causing Nate to have to wait later for a ride, her sleeping arrangements, not paying attention to any men or even dressed up to got to dance hall, how much she misses him.</td>
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<td>7/21/1940</td>
<td>Postcard from Bill: apologizing for leaving suddenly, hopes she is not mad, had a good ride and was back in no time, asking her to write at once.</td>
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<td>7/22/1940</td>
<td>Letter from Annette: about visiting her mother, how her day was her usual routine, tanning, weather, saw the film &quot;My Love Came Back,&quot; Bessie's sunburn, hoping he is feeling ok.</td>
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<td>7/22/1940</td>
<td>Letter from Bill: apologizing again for leaving quickly, the 2 1/2 hour ride back to Chicago and that he is proud of her, he has no calls and no one to argue with, asking her to write every day, asking her to be careful who she rides with, car accidents, the weather (hot),</td>
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asking how things are going and her health, when is she coming back

Letter from Annette: about spending her day at the beach and eating, having her mother over, complimenting his grammar improving and reading the letters was no trouble, hoping he makes arrangements to come visit, friends went to Boston Harbor while she played ping pong

Postcard from Bill: about being "half sick" from the heat wave and having no one to take care of him, asking how she is and if she is enjoying herself

Letter from Bill: about leaving suddenly and not wanting to argue with Bessie or to have to work with little sleep, how much he misses her (like as if they are married), will try his best to visit her during the weekend

Letter from Annette: about sunbathing and getting burned, encouraging him to come visit her, asking how he is feeling, won a dollar, swam and bowled

Letter from Bill: about how much he misses her/does she miss him, telling her to be careful in the water and sun, trying to find a car to come visit, asking about the beach and dance hall, has pimples on his face from the heat, if he comes to visit this weekend she should wait to go to the pictures with him, asks if she can read his writing, Enclosed: a newspaper clipping labeled "this picture got me mad"

Letter from Annette: about how hot it is, pencil has no point, went to see her mother, was the highest in bowling again, going to get the girls at work and then play cards

Letter from Bill: thanking her for the letters, another hot day, no business so they closed early, might go on a long ride with his cousin
tomorrow, his boss invited him to his cottage for the weekend, only 14400 minutes until she returns, gives his regards to everyone

Letter from Bill: about his plans for traveling to South Haven, went riding with a friend and found a place with all you can drink rot (?) beer for 5 cents, hoping her sun tan isn't painful, asking if she has figured out where he could sleep, happy she gained two pounds, asking if she still needs to have Cookie decipher his letters for her

Letter from Annette: about being lonesome and wanting to return home, evening was boring and dull, hopes the ride home was comfortable and safe, thanking him for taking care of her, her sunburn is healing, very tired from her burn, will write tomorrow

Postcard from Bill: telling her that he had a marvelous ride and sending everyone his regards

Letter from Annette: about finishing a letter and how she spent her morning, saw the film "We Who are Young," hoping to come back to Chicago on Saturday, sunburn is getting better, mom wanted to know if he got a ride back to Chicago

Letter from Bill: about his ride home to Chicago and apologizing for anything he may have done wrong, asking how her back is and telling her to be careful, asking where she slept, Charl didn't ask about her, asking about visiting her next weekend, asking if Mr. Moeller could give them a ride back to Chicago his next visit

Letter from Bill: with updates from his home, the remodel at her work building (with a drawing) and some news from coworkers, updates from his parents, happy her sunburn is getting better, apologizing for acting like a fool on Saturday
Letter from Annette: about arriving back safely, showing everyone in South Haven their photo, the weather, played a game with Bessie and won 15 cents, a lot of things happened in his last letter that she said he needs to explain to her in person, wishing he could come out for the weekend so she can ride back with him, reprimanding him for not writing a proper return address.

Letter from Bill: hoping she had a nice ride, asking why she didn't mention coming down Saturday to him while they talked on the telephone, Note from Bucky on the back: telling her to take care of herself, having fun playing ping pong with Bill, asking her to say hello to some friends.

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, August - November 1940**

Letter from Bill: asking her to get pictures they took, may come out Saturday, Charl and Lou back in his house, asking about her sunburn, everyone wished she hadn't gone back, asking how her ride back to South Haven(?) was.

Letter from Bill: about Lou offering him a ride to South Haven, they will all go back together on Sunday, happy to have the weekend with her otherwise he would just waste time.

Letter from Bill: wishing her luck with her operation.

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<td>Letter from Bill asking about family, telling her to go out when she must and to get enough sleep, talked to Eileen, Lou may leave Friday night and he may go with Lou so she needs to let him know right away if there is room for him. Enclosed: A small note/paper included about love; A note from Dolores: about sending socks for her borrow during her vacation in South Haven, asking how she looks and the weather, will likely leave (for South Haven?) on Sunday, Tony Zale fight results. Handwritten note on envelope: &quot;expecting you, advise Bucky, Dolores there is plenty of room&quot;</td>
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<td>Letter from Bill: about being sad because he won't see her for another week, thanking her for a lovely weekend, apologize to her mother for him if he did anything wrong, updates on some friends, with a weather report, sending regards to some friends</td>
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**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, September-October 1941**

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<td>Letter from Annette: about her trip up to Detroit, what Charlotte's apartment is like, details on her day, asking how he is doing, the dinner they will eat, vacation is a <strong>Godsend</strong>. Original photo of Annette enclosed with letter (labeled &quot;Annette 'without her shoes' very poor manners, very sorry&quot;) has been separated out.</td>
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<td>Letter from Bill: about her letter and how vacation will do her good, met some friends and her cousin, saw in the paper that Rock Garden Club raided, hoping Charlotte teaches her to cook, A. J. Cronin's &quot;The Keys of the Kingdom,&quot; discussion of how long she will stay with Charlotte. Enclosed: newspaper clipping &quot;A Double-header&quot;</td>
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<td>Letter from Annette: about having a wonderful time with his friend Max, started his sweater, she's having such a good vacation she hasn't had the time to miss anyone, as long as he lives at the &quot;Y&quot; he should go to school there</td>
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<td>Letter from Bill: about his friend Max and hoping she will meet him again, felt blue last night, he is happier since he got her letter, Rosh Hashanah is weird without her, Enclosed:</td>
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newspaper clipping "Courtney edict fails to close gambling spots"

Letter from Bill: about the Rosh Hashanah dinner, saw Dolores who looked bad and asked for aspirin, saw Cookie who also looked bad, talks about what Harry said about Cookie but asks to keep it confidential, asking for news from her, discussion of Yom Kippur plans, reminding her to tell him when she leaves

Letter from Annette: about not receiving his special delivery letter, wishing him a happy new year, feeling good but lazy, saw "Lady Be Good," won't be home until after Yom Kippur and will attend a synagogue in Detroit, weird spending holidays away from mother, his sweater is coming along well

Letter from Bill: detailing his last few days - going to school and coming home, praise for A. J. Cronin's "The Keys of the Kingdom," holidays felt empty this year and anxiety, asking her not to get mad at his foolish letter, thanking her for the sweater, apologizing for his writing, reminder to make no plans on his birthday - he takes priority

Letter from Bill: thanking Charlotte and her for the Rosh Hashanah card, hope he isn't bothering her with his mail, her bracelet will be ready by Friday, asking for news, will work tomorrow for Mr. Gross, asking her to say hello to Max, asking her to write and why her letters are so cold, partial lipstick imprint on top of letter

Letter from Annette: thanking him for his mail and telegram, feeling great but missing him, won't be home until after the Jewish holidays because she has no money, asking if he has money to spare, what Max did for the holiday and that may come out for dinner, telling him that he should have come with her for the
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the coat he wants, asking if they are closing
the store, her plans for returning home and
telling him to stop worrying, feeling
marvelous, news about Max, chastising his
sarcastic remarks about stamps, a delicious
meal, asking how his bed at the "Y" is

Letter from Bill: thanking her for her letter -
his first in the new house, got a haircut and
milkshake, information about her store, glad
she feels better, postman asked if he had
heard from her yet, wishing her a pleasant
Yom Kippur

Letter from Bill: about sleeping well, planning
to see Lester and sending 3 stamps,
breakfast was tasty, weather looks bad,
asking who she thinks will win the World
Series, his weight, currently waiting for
Lester

Letter from Bill: (9:45 p.m.) hoping she had a
nice Yom Kippur, surprised and disappointed
that she didn't write him for Yom Kippur, his
Yom Kippur meal and who was there, plans
for when she returns to Chicago, gave new
address, asking how she is and if she feels
good enough to work again, reminding her to
write if she changes her plans, asking her to
understand how he feels

Letter from Annette: apologizing for not
writing, working hard to have his sweater
done for when she arrives in Chicago,
enjoyed the holidays but didn't fast because
she was afraid, plans to meet him downtown
on Saturday, haven't told her family she is
coming home she wants to surprise them,
mail from family and greetings from Charlotte
and Lou

Letter from Bill: about when he will pick up
her up from the station, asking her to forgive
that he has written in pencil, telling her to
disregard his last letter and that he accepts her excuse for not writing

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, February 1942**

Letter from Annette: (6:30 p.m.) back in Chicago, misses him terribly, Harry and Cookie were on the same train home and her and Blanche, sorry for she did not have time to send a card in St. Louis because they had just enough time to change trains, trip from Alexandria to Chicago took 22.5 hours, Bessie and Pearl were mad she did not write, called work to tell them she would be back tomorrow, tells him as long as he is in the US they should try to be together as long as possible, going to unpack and get ready to go back to work, got the February allotment check for $50, got a letter from the Sun about renewing his subscription

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, November 5-19, 1942**

Postcard from Bill: with greetings from Camp Grant, will write longer letter once he is settled in, don’t write until he is stationed

Letter from Bill: about an attempted call, getting settled into Camp Grant, getting their uniforms the next day, telling her not to write until he knows where he will be stationed

Letter from Bill: about getting his uniform, got 2 shots and right arm hurts a little, instructions for getting her allotment with address of where to mail it, will try to call when he can, she can write if she wants to

Letter from Annette: (copy 1) about their phone call, Sam likes shirt and cologne she gave him, decided to not buy a bond
because she is buying stamps, potentially take a train to Rockford to visit before he leaves, asking if he needs anything, Pearl gave her his address so she can write

Letter from Annette: (copy 2) about their call, strange that he isn't around anymore, might go bowling, Cookie is having trouble finding a room near Harry in Louisiana, going on a walk with Pearl

1 18 800426076 Letter from Bill: about not knowing where they are going - they are out of Kansas City, MO he thinks maybe Louisiana or Texas, food, asking about home and how everyone is, will take some time before she starts getting checks, by end of letter they arrived in Camp Polk Louisiana after 44 hour ride

1 18 800426077 Letter from Annette: (copy 3) about getting ready for a farewell party for someone leaving to go to army, going to see a movie, would have rather stayed home because Bill is not with her, promises to write him every night before bed, got a call from a Mr. Beer asking how he was doing wasn't sure how he got her number but will take his calls and update him, Jack Simon tells everyone about him

1 18 800426078 Letter from Annette: (copy 4) setting up her allotment, went to the bank, her plans to condense their bonds, spent her money on stamps, some news from home, his clothes came from camp, Federal Reserve sent her a copy of a letter, promises to sleep earlier next time

1 18 800426079 Letter from Bill: with his first impressions of Camp Polk, assigned to the clerk staff, his daily schedule, asking for the Sunday Sun, liking the weather, will be busy and might not be able to write every day, citizen papers, sending regards home

1 18 800426080
Letter from Annette: (copy 5) about the USMC's birthday making her think of Bucky, needs his new address so she can send all the letters she has written, wanting to be with him for the New Year, the Simon's are taking care of her, their bonds, asking if he needs anything

11/10/1942

Postcard from Bill: "Orders are to seize all reds", about potentially calling her

11/11/1942

Letter from Bill: getting a haircut, asking how she is doing and whether she is happy, reminding her to renew the insurance, keeping busy with work and losing track of the days, took a preliminary drivers test, has seen a lot of country since leaving, might call on Sunday, includes a Mangel's Feminine Apparel card with an address

11/11/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 6) about her stationary and her coworkers helping her save pennies, hasn't heard from him in 4 days, updates from friends and herself, saw a parade and went with Pearl to see two movies, some friends and their pregnancies, a note from Pearl at the end

11/11/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 7) about the excitement caused by his first letter, finally going to mail all the letters she wrote but had trouble finding stamps, he isn't far from where Cookie is staying, asking where to send his sugar rationing card as well as his cousins address, his friend Manny seems strange, asking if he wants his radio

11/12/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 8) about Cookie leaving for Louisiana and the girls seeing her off at the train station, not making much money, people thought he was in Los Angeles and not Louisiana, she has been busy writing him and thankful she has a typewriter, sending him a photo from their

11/13/1942
honeymoon, conversation with the man at the train station's gate

Letter from Annette: (copy 9) about walking to the Daily News Building and getting a paper sent to him, may go bowling tomorrow, potential picture of Bucky - some say it's him but others don’t think it is, signed with a kiss in red lipstick

Letter from Annette: (copy 10) about getting dinner and playing cards, misses him, his call made her happy and sad, feeling blue, asking about his sugar card, thanking him for the ring and that it gets many compliments

Letter from Bill: (12:15 p.m.) about his lunch, his job and camp life, seeing a movie without her for the first time in years, bonds, asking about friends and family, the weather

Letter from Bill: (7:45 p.m.) about her visiting and staying at Cookie's or making a reservation at the camp's guesthouse, requesting led, asking her to be patient, asking for a photo

Letter from Annette: (copy 10, mislabeled) about having a busy day and making money, Mr. Gross insured her ring, his clothes are clean, bought two of his dog chains and will mail them, got a letter from Claire and she wants his address, hasn't gone to Slae yet, wants to arrange a time to get together soon, Edward Brown’s address, her bracelet isn't ready

Letter from Bill: about his schedule - exercise and classes, inspections, working K.P., got shots/vaccinations, got letters, thanking her for the picture, letter from Bessie but not Cookie

Letter from Annette: (copy 11) (11:20 p.m.) about her work, her day, bonds, hasn't visited the dentist yet, made good money this
week, say Mr. Joseph but couldn't understand him, asking if he wants a watch, he needs to be able to wake up on his own

Letter from Bill: about the paper and hasn't received the Sun yet, attended a lecture in the morning and has no time, happy when he gets her mail and that she likes her ring, won't be able to write and probably won't be able to call, asking her to make a copy of their marriage license and air mail it to him for her allotment

Letter from Annette: (copy 12) thanking him for his letter, they are thinking of the same things, his English is much improved, nearly one month since he left, humorous story about Pearl burning a pork chop, Pearl also got a job, reminding him to write her instead of "some other people", asking if he needs money and if he got her letters

Letter from Annette: (copy 13) about Buckie having another soldier send a wire home and speculation that he may be injured but he arrived safely and will be home for the Christmas holidays, will got to the Red Cross to see if she can find out where he is, will get lead for his pencil, Mrs. Gross invited her to a Bar Mitzvah but she probably won't go, saw Harry from the "Y," saw a movie with Pearl, haven't heard from Cookie yet

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer,
November 20-30, 1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 14) about Bucky finally contacting them and his wounded ankle/hurt back, Bucky will be home soon and have furlough, mailed packages of pencil lead, a shower she went to, going to a show with Nate and Bessie, telling him to not write dirty letters, grateful for his writing
Letter from Bill: asking for lead, checking up on the newspaper at the New Sun, and a copy of their marriage license, his daily activities and supply room job, loves getting mail from her, mail from friends and plans to write everyone

11/21/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 15) disappointed to not have any mail from him, dedicating a pole on the block to him and Bucky, working and money, asking if he got the newspaper, hasn't been gaining weight, asking if he needs money

11/21/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 16) about how writing makes her feel close to him, saw the film "Wake Island" while Bessie saw a different movie, asking him not to see "Wake Island," hasn't heard from Cookie, asking if they will see each other after Christmas

11/22/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 17) about their phone call, dedication for men in the army on her block, will take care of the marriage license and pick up her bracelet, Thanksgiving is Thursday, promising to do everything he asked, typed "Hearts Garden" poem by Charles Robert Newman

11/22/1942

Letter from Bill: (12:05 p.m.) received her letters and lead, reminding her about the marriage license, money, asking about Bucky, asking what she is doing for Thanksgiving, reminding her to send a picture

11/22/1942

Letter from Bill: (7:30 p.m.) about his dinner, telling her not to pay for phone calls and wondering where she gets the money, will send her money when he gets paid, asking about home, information on Camp Polk's guest house, will call her next Sunday

11/22/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 18) about his recent letter and lack of time, her day and things she is sending him, hasn't written

11/23/1942
Claire back, quit work but went back, hasn't been able to save much money, bought shoes, asking if he got her packages

Letter from Bill: received her package, hurt his finger and went to the hospital for an x-ray but they couldn't see any fractures, awful weather is why everyone has a cold, apologizing for his language, asking her to send some things like cough medicine, writing from the supply room again

Letter from Annette: (copy 19) about mail and packages, searching for watches, doesn't need money, her earnings from work, news about friends and family, hasn't heard from Cookie, hasn't called the dentist, wanting to come visit, Bucky should be home soon, asking him to call on Sunday, almost a month of marriage

Letter from Bill: about nearly a month of marriage, Cookie invited him to Thanksgiving dinner in Alexandria but it's impossible for him to go, reminding her to get the marriage license and newspaper, getting more shots, promising to pay next time they call each other, telling her not to worry

Letter from Bill: about getting the newspaper she sent, interviewed to play piano with the company band, becoming a squad leader with 8 men under him, wants to go to the service club or a show but can't, the weather, his routine, got the marriage license

Letter from Annette: (copy 20) about receiving three of his letters at once, strange not being with him for Thanksgiving, asking about his finger, will send the medicine he asked for, asking if he has received her Thanksgiving package and happy that he likes the dog chains and received the marriage license, update on her health and daily routine, Bucky was injured during a
bomb raid because another soldier jumped into his foxhole and fractured his ankle, Bucky will be home soon, Bessie got a letter from Cookie

Letter from Annette: (copy 21) about Bucky being home, hoping he had a good Thanksgiving, played cards and didn't win but didn't lose money, Bucky just found out they were married, she didn't want to bother Bucky too much since the Marines went through so much, war has caused a lot of sacrifices but she knows they will win

Letter from Bill: about his day, Thanksgiving dinner at camp, getting tested on what he's learned the last 2 weeks, his request for allotment is being reviewed, asking what she sent and thanking her in advance, asking how Thanksgiving was, will call her on Sunday, will send money, requesting a photo, don't worry about saving but pick up bargains when you can,

Western Union telegram from Bill: about their marriage anniversary

Letter from Annette: (copy 22) thanking him for the telegram, will be able to visit him after the new year, proud of him for becoming squad leader, asking if he will play piano, encouraging him to go out and have fun, Bucky is rather weak since returning home, asking if he got her most recent package, encouraging him to stay positive, asking him to call on Sunday

Letter from Bill: thanking her for the package, busy because of inspection

Letter from Annette: (copy 23) about seeing the films "Pied Piper" and "The Gay Sisters," doesn't trouble anyone with her lonesomeness, going to dinner with friends, asking how he is, hasn't seen Bucky lately,
asking for a photo, did he make the band, how is his cold

Letter from Bill: thanking her for the candy package, skipped the show again to write her, talk of their phone call, asking what she wants for Christmas, every day is the same at camp, sending her allotment, added another page to this letter from 11/29/1942: his arm is hurting, wishes he could better express his feelings for her, thinking about her on their wedding day, hoping for a reunion soon

Letter from Annette: (copy 24) about how much she appreciates his phone calls, there are few well-mannered people, called doctor to get medicine for him, Bucky has malaria, went to a Simon family gathering, Bucky thinks her ring is beautiful, hasn't been able to talk to Bucky much, asking if she can come down on Christmas for the weekend

Letter from Bill: about his daily routine at camp, received her letters, will try to send a photo, got paid, planned on going to a show but is busy reading her letters, always working

Letter from Annette: (copy 25) about his friend Sgt Odle visiting and how happy it made her, work is busy and Bucky visited the store, got his letter, Cookie wants her to visit, reminding him to take care of his cold

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, December 1-10, 1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 26) telling him to take care of himself, details on her busy day at work, finally got her bracelet fixed, her
tooth bothering her, telling everyone at work about him and her visit with Sgt Odle, bought shoes and some talk of finances, has been dating her letters like he asked

Letter from Bill: sent money, asking to buy him something without asking if he needs it, spending all day working the supply room, no mail from her today and wondering why, weather, army keeps him busy but he still misses her, asking about Bucky, having difficulty reading the paper because of interruptions

1 10 800426121 12/1/1942

Letter from Bill: (5:00 p.m.) about a Joan Blondell show and dance that he wants to attend and needing entertainment, will attempt to make arrangements with Harry and Cookie for Christmas, glad to hear Bucky is okay, no longer feels like going to the show, asks her to write and will probably call like usual

1 10 800426122 12/2/1942

Letter from Bill: (10:15 p.m.) about the dance and Joan Blondell show and considering his evening wasted, telling her to stay in good shape, heart gets heavy when he thinks of her

1 10 800426123 12/2/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 27) enjoyed his past couple of letters, reflections on their relationship, urging him to write what is on his mind, visiting Mamie Green and staying over at her house, glad he enjoyed the package, won't send unnecessary foods anymore, will send devils food cookies, discussing money and telling him to not buy her anything, asks if he wants a watch, note from Mamie Green wishing him the best

1 10 800426124 12/2/1942

Letter from Annette: (copy 28) about eating dinner with Arlene Schor and then bowling poorly, Arlene will send cookies to him, talk of the gas rationing's effect on the city, weather, work has been busy, asking when

1 10 800426125 12/3/1942
she will see him, bought a new dress on sale and will wait to wear it until she visits

Letter from Annette: (copy 29) first thing she does is look for his mail, telling him that she will not spend the money order he sent and will go to the bank to deposit it with another ten dollars, discussion of her expenses, friends visiting, asking how he likes working in the supply room, news from friends and family, too tired to go out, asking him to call on Sunday, asking when they will see each other, address that he requested

Letter from Bill: (3:30 p.m.) about the photo she sent, Sgt Olde isn't back yet, other soldiers want to meet her, got a package yesterday from NY, feeling the food pinch, letter from Mamie and promising to write what is on his heart, asking about friends and family

Letter from Bill: (7:10 p.m.) saw pictures in Life magazine of fire in Dosfau (?), Harry and Cookie arriving at camp soon, description of their visit and his happiness at seeing them

Letter from Annette: (copy 30) about work, seeing Charlotte Stein and others after work, Eddie is 38 and may not have to leave after all, news from home, mail delays, went to the bank to deposit money, happy he went to the dance, encouraging him to have fun

Letter from Bill: about their phone call and discussion of the cost getting too expensive, potentially meeting in Alexandria while he is on pass, asking why she can't save, asking about home, asking if she got all the bonds from the Federal Reserve, urging her to see a dentist, maybe going on a road march that weekend, doesn't do anything but write her

Letter from Annette: (copy 31) about their phone call, happy about Harry and Cookie
visiting, urging him to make plans for her to
visit, description of her night with friends,
Bucky getting back to normal and will have to
go back to Los Angeles/his base in 12 days

Letter from Annette: (copy 32) about using
pen and ink instead of pencil, busy at work,
went to post office to mail cookies, Mamie
Green starting to help at work, staying up
open late for Christmas, Eddie is staying in
Chicago and will get married to Mae, missing
him and wanting him home, saw an
acquaintance and news from home, plays his
record a lot and will record her own to send
him, just got his letter from the 30th, she
saves his letters and reads them multiple
times

Letter from Bill: about Claire inviting them
over for Christmas but having to decline
because there is no furlough for him, working
in the supply room again, asking about her
new dress, telling her to keep writing

Letter from Annette: (copy 33) Arlene Schor
mailed cookies and to thank her once he
gets them, discussing the anonymous parcel
he mentioned in a letter for the 4th/5th,
talked to Harry from the "Y", made some
money playing poker, mail, money, doesn't
know when she will get to the dentist,
Christmas gifts, only wants him for Christmas

Letter from Bill: about mail, all set for road
march, work doesn’t stop in the supply room,
wishes she were there, the weather, asking
about friends, needs to report what his squad
does during the day

Letter from Annette: (copy 34) about
shopping with a friend and asking him not to
scold her for it, getting him new shoes for
"Chanaki", listing to President's wife on the
radio, gifts for Christmas, impossible for her
to gain weight, plans to write Cookie, friend
at Camp Grant who can't wait to leave, still not sure who sent the mystery package, 34 letters for 34 days apart

Letter from Bill: (8:00 p.m.) about receiving 4 letters from her and mail, don't worry if she doesn't get mail they are doing on a road march, telling her not to come down without proper arrangements first, not sure when he will get a weekend pass, urging her to save money, their courtship, telling her to go bowling, telling her to go to Detroit if they can't see each other, commending her for saving $40

Letter from Bill: (9:30 p.m.) letter about the preparations for their three-day march, doing laundry and watching a dice game with foul language, rumors about leaving the country that have no foundation

Letter from Annette: (copy 35) about how much money she needs to earn tomorrow, itemized breakdown of her expenses and savings, asking if he is proud of her hard work, taxes and how she will pay them, his road march, news from friends

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, December 11-20, 1942

Letter from Bill: detailing his three day march, unsure what to get her for Christmas and telling her to not buy him shoes, what he is wearing, Continued in letter dated 12/13/1942: returning to camp from the march and thanks for her packages, thinking of their phone call, very tired, wants her to come visit but not sure how to arrange it, promise to send her photos

Letter from Annette: (copy 36) about going down to see him or having him come up to her since transportation by railway will not be
Letter from Annette: (copy 37) about being home on a Saturday night rather than going to a show, correcting his spelling, her earnings for the week, out of debt now, hoping he calls tomorrow, asking him to be careful if he leaves town to go hunt, updates on the Simons, asking if he needs money and what size shoe he wears.

Letter from Annette: (copy 38) discussing how she feels when he cannot call, suggested gifts for a friend to send a soldier, detailing how she spent her Sunday, asking how his feet feel from marching, news from home, possibility of moving closer to him, Bucky (Charles) and Dolores may divorce.

Letter from Annette: (copy 39) about work being busy and taking in a lot of money, asking about his march, talk of visiting him and of her allotment, Bucky's plans to get a ten day extension and possibly going to Louisiana, hoping to make $45-50 this week, note telling him airmail is faster during the week.

Letter from Bill: thanking her for the packages and telling that he doesn't need anymore, practicing for a parade and work updates, planning to go to Alexandria soon, might call her, short letter because of a lecture.

Letter from Annette: (copy 40) about not getting mail from him, work goals, tired of waiting to visit him, their phone bill, how it feels to be without him.

Letter from Bill: about work keeping him busy, will be done with basic training 1/9/1943, won't get Christmas furlough.
asking her to stop sending clothes, hoping his pictures turned out well, what is she doing for Christmas and New Year’s, she can visit in January, asking about Bucky, can only write late at night

Letter from Annette: (copy 41) about his march, mail and packages he received, the cookies she sent him, appreciates that he wrote her while on the march, his Christmas present, how he needs shoes, discussion of when he might be shipped overseas, where she could stay in Alexandria, urging him to call her on Sunday, glad his friends liked the cookies, they should buy presents together

Letter from Bill: about not getting mail and work being a madhouse because they are accelerating their basic training, company going to the range soon, asking if she is making money, seeing Road to Morocco and Dorothy Lamour

Letter from Bill: about mail, did a five-mile march, flag ceremony, did his laundry and got new linens

Letter from Annette: (copy 42) about mail, their friends are getting married, gift she bought for Pearl, discussion of whether they should visit each other, arguing why she should get a job in Alexandria, Bucky leaving soon, her work

Letter from Annette: (copy 43) asking him to write more about how he loves her, her work exhausting her, sorry Sgt. Odle is sick, feeling a bit sassy and reprimanding him for telling her to stop sending clothes, Bucky is having a going away party soon, wishes he will call on Sunday

Letter from Bill: about his work and having inspection, not sure what gift to get her and telling her to not overwork herself, interview about whether he had objections fighting
fellow Germans, reasons why he hasn't had her visit him yet, asking about Bucky, his feelings for her and how it will feel when they are reunited, sending her a letter from Emanuel (?) Letter from Emanuel was not originally with this letter during processing. It has potential to be Item # 8004261237 but PMML could not tell for certain so it was processed separately.

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Letter from Annette: (copy 45) about receiving a gift from Claire and Emmanuel, felt blue because he didn’t call, Bucky's send off, Harry's car ran out of gas at midnight and
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Letter from Annette: (copy 46) about a General from England who she helped in her store, exhausted from work, asking about his visit to Alexandria, note from Pearl thanking him

Letter from Bill: about including 4 pictures and listing Christmas cards he has sent, doesn't need shoes at the moment, cannot get her a Christmas gift, don't worry about him getting shipped since it will still take some time, will try to call Christmas morning, discussion about her visiting him, included part of a mistle tree that he put in with a wish.

4 photos (Photo of four soldiers saluting, labeled "Camp Polk, La., Dec-1942"; 2 copies of a photo of Bill in uniform, labeled "Camp Polk, La., Dec-1942"; photo of Bill in uniform from waist up, slightly out of focus, labeled "Christmas, Camp Polk, La., 1942") originally enclosed in letter have been separated out.

Christmas card from Bill, "To Someone Indoors at Holiday Time"

Letter from Bill: about mail, working K.P. (kitchen patrol), his score at the rifle range, disgusted with army life, asking if she got the pictures

Letter from Bill: about when he awoke, working the supply room, the pistol range, a march, getting shots on Christmas

Letter from Annette: (copy 47) about Christmas without him, mail from him makes her feel right, her plans for Christmas and
hoping he gets the day off, received the $500 bond, her pay will be smaller now that the holidays are over

Letter from Annette: (copy 48) about having no time to play cards, her disappointment that Cookie was not home when he visited Alexandria, she understands how he felt when he visited Alexandria and saw happy couples, telling him not worry about a gift, anxious for his phone call on Christmas

Army-gram from Bill: apologizing for the short letters, plans to call on Christmas, will go to Alexandria again but doesn't want her to stay on camp

Letter from Bill: about Christmas coming while she is away, thanking her for the cards, earned 2 stripes and became a lance corporal(?), still works in the supply room, won't be at the Christmas party or the Jack Teagarden dance, went on a 9 mile march yesterday, rumors about their future, talk of their last Christmas, feels bad he wrote so many short letters, excited for Christmas dinner

Letter from Annette: (copy 49) about their phone call, will let him decide when she comes down, congratulating him on his stripes, her Christmas party, how much she has saved and finances, length of her stay in Alexandria, news about Bessie's pregnancy, wishing him a Merry Christmas, joyous New Year, and congratulations on their second month anniversary

Letter from Annette: (copy 50) about playing Gin Rummy, hoping she gets mail from him, hasn't seen a movie in three weeks, Pearl trying to get another bond, with a note from Pearl about getting Annette to write on both sides of the paper, taking defense stamps apart, asking how Sgt. Odle is
Letter from Bill: about why Cookie is not at fault in his last trip to Alexandria, detailing why he does not want her to come down without proper arrangements, his Christmas dinner, telling her to contact the Red Cross in a case of emergency, asking about her, who he has written to

Letter from Bill: worked in the supply room, marching in pouring rain, difficulty calling and a soldier who waited 15(?) hours to call his wife in vain

Letter from Annette: (copy 51) happy to have gotten mail from him, seeing the film "The Moon and Six Pence" a friend visited her at work who Bill had written to but couldn't read Bill's handwriting, Claire's new address in New York, thanking him for the photos he sent and asking for a large photo

Letter from Bill: about visiting Alexandria and getting a fine reception from Cookie and Harry, Enclosed: "Story of Hitler's 14th Motorized Infantry" newspaper clipping

Letter from Annette: (copy 52) about going to a friend’s house and playing poker and winning $13, disappointed that he didn't call her, two months since he left, the film "Desperate Journey," she was worried because he didn't call, congratulating him on his marksmanship

Army-gram from Bill: about finishing his report on his visit to Alexandria, her allotment got approved

Letter from Bill: weather, his journey to Alexandria, what he did with Cookie and Harry as well as their friends, discussion of her coming to Alexandria after basic training is over, discussing Cookie, Harry, and some friends, got a box of candy in the mail, telling her to take care of herself
Letter from Annette: (copy 53) his letters, busy at work with exchanges, war bonds, discussion of a possible quick trip to visit him at Camp Polk since a friend is driving to Nashville TN, might be difficult since a lot of girls are leaving her work.

Letter from Bill: about working in the supply room, advising her to be ready to leave for Alexandria on short notice, asking if she got Christmas presents, money and discussion of her coming to Alexandria, spending too much money on phone calls, looking to their future together, asking what she wants for her birthday, asking what she wants for her birthday, asking what he wants for his New Year’s Eve, hoping to send pictures, moved into a new barrack with friends, wishing her a happy New Year.

Letter from Annette: (copy 54) about Arlene Schore quitting her job, sorry for arguing on the phone, updates on some friends, details on the British general who gave her a box of candy, asking if he needs anything or money, nothing going on in Chicago now that Christmas is over.

Letter from Annette: (copy 55) hoping that by next year he will be back home and that they can start building their future together, news from friends, the letter he sent to the girls at her store, not excited for an upcoming party, asking what he is doing for New Year’s Eve, falling behind in her correspondence.

Letter from Bill: about not going on parade with everyone else and some updates on camp life, doesn't like a recent photo of himself, doesn't like how much they pay for phone calls, someone got reduced from Lance Corporal to Private due to inefficiency, food was bad at dinner.

Letter from Bill: about money - he got paid and wrote out the statement, ping pong, her visit to Alexandria and preparations, his New Year’s Eve plans.
Year's Eve, addition saying he feels blue, let him know as soon as she gets the check

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Letter from Annette: (copy 56) about a New Year party and her plans for the day, happy to get mail from him, questions about moving to be closer to him, say hello to Odle, work update, taxes, response to his picture he had previously sent

Letter from Annette: (copy 57) about dinner and not getting to bowl, weather, getting ready for her trip to visit so she can leave when he gives her the word, out of stationary, going to the dentist, with a poem she found in the paper

Letter from Bill: about getting her letter, his New Year's Day, sorry she has to spend important days alone

Letter from Bill: about laundry, his buddies playing poker, worked all day in the supply room, not going to Alexandria tomorrow, her birthday, sorry for not expressing himself well, asking her to bring her camera when she visits, listening to music, played chess, mail, wrote Cookie about Annette's trip down

Letter from Annette: (copy 58) about not getting mail or a call, missing him, what they did Saturday night, won money playing poker, they took out the victory tax, might go see a show downtown, news about Arlene Schore and others from home

Letter from Annette: (copy 59) about seeing a movie at the Gold Theatre, one of his aunts passed away, asking how he has been, looking forward to getting mail tomorrow and how happy she is when she gets his letters
Letter from Bill: about her letters, discussion of whether she should stay in Chicago or come to Alexandria, telling her to get in touch with Cookie about coming to Alexandria, not calling on Sunday anymore, her last letter was silly, asking about Charles Tyllas, got a pool table, her birthday party, going to a show on Wednesday, might call her on Sunday if she is home

1/4/1943

Letter from Annette: (copy 59) about Jack being sick, the funeral, met some of his relatives, a friend's child delivered stillborn, work, wanting to visit him, news from home, asking if he needs anything

1/4/1943

Letter from Bill: been very busy, discussing what his unit will do next, basic training is almost over, will call Sunday if he knows anything, telling her not be upset about his last letter, not sure if she should come down to Alexandria but still make all preparations just in case

1/5/1943

Letter from Annette: about working most of her birthday, only wishes to celebrate her birthday with him, a gift she received, details of her trip to visit him should be leaving on 18th, Jack's illness, asking if her visiting will be hard on him when she has to leave, if all goes well she will see him at the end of the month

1/5/1943

Letter from Annette: (copy 61) about Sgt. Odle sending a birthday card, other mail, excited for the trip to Alexandria, still planning on leaving the 18th, hopes to convince her boss to let her go on vacation, other people leaving at work, money, discussion on what she has packed to bring with

1/6/1943

Letter from Bill: being busy at work, rumors about the cadre, discussion about his aunt who passed away, slide show about venereal
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the taxes, how he spent his last couple days, finished basic, apologizing for stern letters, asking for news about people from home, getting compliments on the sweater she sent

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Card from Annette: "To My Sweetheart (husband) In The Service" 1/11/1943

Letter from Bill: about her last letter, apologizing to her, urging her to contact Cookie, been busy, trying to get a pass, a lecture he attended, no more cameras on camp but they can take some pictures when they are together in Alexandria

Letter from Annette: (copy 66) about Ohio, updates and excited about her visit, adding hospitalization to her healthcare plan, disappointed with only receiving one letter, friends getting married, hoping he stays in Camp Cooke for the month, asking him to not be too disappointed if she can't visit

Letter from Annette: (copy 67) got the ok from work to visit, almost positive about driving down as planned with her friend but if something happens she will take the train instead, if possible call on Sunday, cold is better

Letter from Bill: about being busy, inventory having a seemingly endless amount of pieces to be checked, reading the paper makes him lonesome, staff sergeant got demoted to private, took blood to decide his group and has an interview for something tomorrow, telling her not to forget her raincoat

Letter from Bill: about being extremely busy, letter from Cookie, interviewed about his 1/13/1943
relatives in Germany, if he has objections to fighting, working with a lot of reference books and unsure where to start

Letter from Annette: (copy 68) about mail, what she does during the evening, her trip to visit, will get Victor's help with taxes after she gets back, her blouse, her cold is better, asking him to call on Sunday, shoe shopping in Alexandria, friend and family updates, as well as a note telling him that he is writing another woman too often

Letter from Annette: (copy 69) got letter from Cookie that she is expecting Annette and getting ready for the trip, taking the train instead of driving, will leave Wednesday instead of Monday, asking him to call on Sunday so they can discuss arrangements, no news from home, asking if he needs anything

Letter from Bill: got the application to become a citizen, should he change his first name, excited for her trip, being busy, news from camp, her photo

Letter from Annette: (copy 70) thanking him for the compliments, going to a show with Pearl, missing him, excited to be together, her cold is getting better

Letter from Bill: about attempting to call her, work in the supply room, mail, poetry by his 2nd Lt., potentially changing his name to Jack William Beer, the weather, made arrangements for her to stay at the guest house on camp, leisure time, playing piano, glad her voice is recovering, excited to see her

Letter from Annette: (copy 71) out of stationary, getting train tickets, anxious to leave for Alexandria, saw the picture "Mayor and the Minor" downtown, sorry for not
writing him in the morning, if all goes well they will spend the next week together

Telegram from Annette: telling him that she will arrive at Alexandria at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday 1/20/1943

Letter from Bill: about being anxious, when he could get to Alexandria, some instructions for her for when she arrives 1/20/1943

Letter from Annette: about arriving in Alexandria, bowling with Cookie, saw the movie "I Married a Witch", strange to be there without him, nice weather 1/25/1943

Letter from Annette: dinner with Blanche and Harry, her plans to knit a sweater, apologizing for not deciding to knit him a sweater, her room, went bowling again 1/26/1943

Letter from Bill: (Tuesday) not able to write, its cold/weather, the food is lousy, how are you/having a good time, can't wait to see you (letter dated 1/?/1943, date taken from postage on envelope) 1/28/1943

Letter from Bill: (Wednesday) weather, will try getting to Alexandria on Saturday, tell her to wait in the lobby of the house instead of the bus station, potentially have her take the bus to Leesville if he can't make it and they will go to camp together, apologizes for his handwriting, asks if she is having a good time (letter not dated, date taken from the postage) 1/28/1943

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, February 6-18, 1943

Letter from Annette: about their time together (3 weekends), her neighbors in the hotel, will attend to all the necessary duties he gave her once she gets back to Chicago, Carl's 2/6/1943
baby, feels strange to write again, tomorrow she is getting back to her usual routine

Letter from Bill: thanking her visiting, his travels back to camp, received a telegram from her boss and enclosing it, getting complimented on his sweater, urging her to see the dentist, missing her, offered another weekend pass but said he doesn't need them until she comes to visit again, wrote to some friends from home. Enclosed: Telegram from Mr. Scalia to Annette (2/8/1943) asking when they should expect her back at work

Letter from Bill: about her letter from Alexandria, writing instead of attending an officer meeting, received the Sun paper, the weather, Carl says hello, if Carl's wife comes down they could get a double apartment

Letter from Annette: about being welcomed back to work, the list of things to do that he gave her, updates on the Weitzfelds, going to the bank, her usual routine feels like a dream, going to see Victor once her earnings from 1942 come in, going to the dentist next week

Letter from Bill: about getting paid, asking how getting back to Chicago is, asking if she got the pictures back and the allotment check, apologizing for not sending a valentine, talking to the captain about going to school, rumors at the camp, seeing her made him feel 10 years younger

Letter from Annette: (10:00 p.m.) about work and fixing the stock room, updates on some friends, saw Mr. Gross after work, makes more mistakes when she writes than when she types, asks how he is feeling, misses him, updates on Bucky and Bessie, asking why the officers were laughing about the telegram, telling him to take his weekend
passes when he can but not to take another woman out

Letter from Bill: about Carl being a father soon, decided to write instead of going to a show, talk about furloughs since basic training is almost over, moving somewhere next week, trying to get some schooling and go for warrant officer, generals inspecting the camp, asking for news from home. Enclosed: "News Capsule of the Week" including sections with "weird foreign causes of accidents", a joking recipe for a favorite American dish, and "Official Russian Communique"

Letter from Annette: said about not getting any mail, work was boring, just finished writing Claire, might go play poker, Harry left for Pennsylvania, will pick up his bracelet next week, asking if Carl is a father yet

Letter from Bill: about mail, his work, his talk with the captain about school, didn't go to a show, discussion of how she could get closer to him, will try to get a furlough, reminding her to see Victor, inspection by a general. Enclosed: two copies of letter dated February 12, 1943 from Bill to Fred J. Schlotfield, District Director, U. S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service: about receiving the letter from January 20, 1943 and informing them of his entering the Army and being stationed in Camp Polk, LA. One copy includes handwritten note from Bill to Annette "for my [illegible] doll"

Letter from Bill: about being covered in grease, providing guns for the Co., misses her and is lonesome, eager to see the photos they took, glad for Bessie, wants to get a furlough and maybe go together to NY to visit Claire, will make up for not sending her a
valentine, complimenting her on the money she saved, don't forget to send pictures

Letter from Bill: (1:50 p.m.) about mail, feeling lousy since it's the first Sunday he is not with her since her visit, played ping-pong, very restless, having to clean tonight for inspection, will probably have to check all the guns he issued yesterday, excited to hear from Bessie, weather, who he was written and still needs to write, slow day, dinner, ready for inspection, asking about getting his radio to him, with attached note asking for her to get a sweater for his 2nd Lt.

Letter from Annette: (10:45 p.m.) about missing him, how she spent her Saturday, on Sunday saw "Road to Morocco" and "The Navy Comes Through", has a lot of things to do before work opens tomorrow, wants to go to the Social Security Board to get her name changed just in case they start drafting women, wants to go down where he is to get a civil service job, Bessie gave her stationary with her name on it

Postcard from Bill: "A Rough Idea of How I Spend My Time"

Letter from Annette: about getting three letters from him, a friend invited her out to dinner, hasn't been getting much sleep lately, should be getting his bracelet tomorrow, films should be ready and will see about them tomorrow, Bessie should have her baby in about 10 days, business smells and isn't making commission, bought gold gards (?) and asking if she can keep them, asking about Carl, talk about a furlough

Letter from Bill: about returning all the guns he had to borrow, rumor about there being another 25-mile road march, AWOL soldier returned after 2 weeks, tired and lonesome, complaints about classes and work
Letter from Annette: (11:15 p.m.) about her evening and dinner with a friend, business is not too good and will only make her salary this week, no mail from him, mailed a house coat to Claire, telling him his grammar has improved in his letters, received her earnings for 1942 and talk about finances, trying to go to bed early tonight,

Letter from Bill: about not being able to write during the week, not having to go on a march today, telling her not to spend a lot on his bracelet, talk of a furlough, asking for pictures again, weekend test involves the whole company, reminding her to see Victor and the dentist, with another note about finishing a march, another march tomorrow

Letter from Bill: (5:05 p.m.) about furlough getting pushed back probably another 13 weeks, says he is using bad language because of how he feels, going to talk to the captain about school again, tired of this camp, another road march coming up, discussion of living in Leesville, doesn't think the army is the right fit for him, about his letters, asking for pictures

Letter from Bill: about getting more officers in camp, glad she passed the decisive day in perfect condition, happy for Bessie and any day now he will be an uncle, still might be a chance for a furlough

Letter from Annette: (10:30 p.m.) thanking him for how much he loves her, would love if he could get a furlough, will go back with him wherever he goes, asking for more specific details of when the furlough would be, there is a store in Monroe and asking how far that would be from him, asking him to call her on Sunday, will call about Aunt Hannah this week, his letters are beautiful, finally has the pictures but she doesn't think the ones of her are good, can have the radio packed for
mailing right from the store, didn't get the bracelet yet, asking when she can come down, asking him to tell the 2nd Lt. that she will see if she can get the sweater tomorrow

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| 2/20/1943 | | Letter from Bill: just got back from a march and disappointed there was no mail from her, elements of the company test - obstacles, roadwork, and inspection, got out of having
to carry a weapon, his breakfast, wishing she was still there visiting but hopes to get a furlough soon, updates from Carl and asking about friends and family, asking how she is, asking her to write, still waiting for pictures, not able to get any mail today

Letter from Annette: (8:25 p.m.) about getting the sweater for the 2nd Lt. after work, got his letter from the 17th about the furlough, asking him to make arrangements for her to come down, telling him that her place is with him, asking how Carl is, telling him to be patient, won $9.35 playing poker,

2 4 800426246 2/20/1943

Letter from Bill: (1:30 p.m.) about getting her photos, decided to write instead of going to a show, talk of a furlough and hoping the restriction will be lifted, talk of when they can be together, rather write than call, talk of some photos, reminiscing on their time together, including a poem about Camp Polk, talk about his radio and sending it, asking about home and for updates on everyone. Enclosed: Typed poem "In Memory of Camp Polk"

2 4 800426247 2/21/1943

Letter from Bill: (7:30 p.m.) about going to the Service Club but feeling lousy because she is away, asking how she spent her Sunday, plenty of rumors about furlough and cadre

2 4 800426248 2/21/1943

Letter from Annette: (10:15 p.m.) about not writing or talking to him yesterday, didn't really want to hang out but ended up spending time with Mamie, Harry, and some others, won a few dollars playing cards, asking how he is, worried about him since he didn't call, very tired, hasn't smoked a cigarette all day just testing her will power, asking when she will be able to join him

2 4 800426249 2/22/1943
Letter from Bill: about getting lots of mail and a package, rumors about leaving for 14-18 days for some kind of maneuver, unsure about furlough, urging her not to worry too much and not to come down without his instructions in case he is not there, don't send any money, apologizing for not getting her a presents for Valentines, birthday, and anniversary, glad that she is taken care of, feeling bad for marrying her and then leaving, will try to call soon, urging her to go to the dentist, will write more letters

Letter from Bill: thanking her for the sweater the Lt. was pleased, asking her to send another sweater for the captain, busy with work, thinking about their time in Alexandria, talk of a furlough, updates on Carl, not playing baseball with the company because he would rather write

Letter from Annette: happy to get letters from him and the Chaplain, no news from Chicago, asking for updates on Carl and if he is a father yet, Mae's wedding is coming up, getting a suit fixed up, trying to quite cigarettes, haven't received mail from Claire yet, asking if he needs money

Letter from Bill: about going to see the Houston Symphony, sorry he couldn't call but will call next week after they get paid, telling her not to worry about him, discussion of the concert with the program included, daydreaming of her and if they weren't married he would go nuts, can't think of anything to write, tells her if the call doesn't go through in time for her to leave the house but tell the operator she didn't want to wait any longer, asking where his bracelet is and if she sent it. Enclosed: Concert program from Houston Symphony Society, Field House, Camp Polk, LA, February 24, 1943
Letter from Annette: about his letter, talk about his furlough, hasn't heard from Claire, Mae is anxious about her wedding, Buckie is still in California, liked the poem he sent, glad he liked her photos and will send more, will go see Victor if she can arrange it, Mr. Gross can't get the band she picked out for him

Letter from Annette: about her temper at work, not smoking in a week, soldiers and their wives came in the store and it made her miss him, hopes he gets furlough, gained 5 pounds, will see if the pictures are ready and forward them to him, note saying she does not need any presents or money

Letter from Bill: Carl had a baby boy, discussing leaving camp for training, torn between having her come to Leesville, congratulating her on not smoking, inspection and guard term, doesn't need any money but will send her some, includes a sheet with doodles he drew during work that he says shows how much he misses her

Letter from Bill: how he is homesick and lonely, asking her to go out and get the Burnett's a gift, doesn't want her to come down if he isn't around, leaving Monday for the field and not sure how long they will be gone, discussion of getting a car and having her drive down with Harry, asking for Harry's address

Letter from Annette: about a letter from Claire, urging him to go out on his days off, a delay in sending a bracelet, excited for their call on Sunday, note written on the back on the envelope - it's a girl, Bessie, 1:15 am, Tuesday

Letter from Bill: about her missing him, sent her a check including some for the sweater that she sent and the rest as an anniversary
gift, they have been married for 4 months, his financial situation, his plans for the weekend

Letter from Annette: (12:30 a.m.) busy at work since people think there might be a clothes ration, an issue with her paycheck being short, hanging out with the girls, winning money, talk of friends, wanted to talk to him but understood it was impossible for him to call, went to dinner and updates about people she saw, saw "Now Voyager", asking for updates on the furlough, didn't get mail from him, asking about Carl and if his wife had the baby

Letter from Bill: (8:25 a.m.) about getting paid, visiting Leesville and DeRidder, whenever they decide for her to come down there she should stay in DeRidder, going to the grocery and other stores, money, mail, discussion about what to do if there is a decision on the furlough, her work, soldiers and their wives, asking about people back home, waiting for a call, disgusted at the call delay, has read some magazines

Letter from Bill: (10:45 p.m.) about trying call her but there was still a 4-5 hour delay, will try again Saturday night

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, March 1-10, 1943**

Letter from Annette: about Bessie going to the hospital (but no baby yet), congratulate Carl, mail from Buckie with an update on when he might leave next, business is busy, Mae Serlin getting married, going to the dentist next week

Letter from Bill: just got back from the field, tried to call but couldn't get a connection with the delay, will try to write while out on the
field, rumors about furlough, asking if she got the check he sent

Letter from Bill: apologizing for not being able to call but will try again, not sure when they are coming in

2  5  800426265  3/2/1943

Letter from Annette: about Bessie giving birth, won $5 in the bet guessing the baby would be a girl, hoping he is okay, will come to Leesville whenever he sends for her, baby will be named Gail Tyllas

Letter from Bill: congratulating her, received Nate's wire, expect a call Saturday or Sunday, at camp now for a few minutes getting supplies and then will leave again

2  5  800426266  3/2/1943

Letter from Annette: about Bessie's baby, his phone call, thanking him for the check and asking whether to deposit it or get a gift for the baby, made an appointment with Victor, asking about Saturday, with a note from Nate about Bessie and the baby

Letter from Bill: still in the field, one of the trucks went off the bridge and turned over during blackout driving, weather is good, P.F.C. pay, asking name of Bessie's baby, will try to call

2  5  800426267  3/3/1943

Letter from Annette: about Bucky leaving for advanced training, didn't get any mail from him but heard from Claire, Cookie got a wire from Harry to go to Philly, potentially going to Alexandria once Cookie and Harry come back, the gift she got for Bessie, wants a baby for them but when the war is over

Letter from Bill: about their phone call, weather, blackout road march, pulling a truck out of a ditch and then falling onto its side, P.F.C. pay raise and money, furlough talk and at least trying to get a 3 day pass, might have to go with the Regiment on maneuver in June maybe to Texas, Arizona, California,
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Letter from Bill: about feeling blue, her expenses, furlough possibly in April, she can make preparations for leaving but he might come home for a few days, may not be able to send money and will have to save money for his furlough. Photo of unidentified man (potentially related to Annette based on comparison to other photos) originally found with letter has been separated out.

Letter from Annette: (8:30 p.m.) about being late to work and how slow work has been lately, no mail from him but hoping for some tomorrow because it makes her feel good, Bessie's baby is too small to leave the hospital, asking him to pray for Bessie's child, phoning the Dernbergs, blackout later

Letter from Bill: asking for a photo of her to enter into a contest - Queen of the Armed Force, leaving for the field for a few weeks, is she mad about his letter about the presents, asking about a chain for his dog tags

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, March 11-19, 1943**

Letter from Annette: written at work about the baby coming home and buying a gift for the baby

Letter from Bill: (9:35 p.m.) should be going to bed but wanted to write a letter, just got back from seeing "Random Harvest" but couldn't concentrate on the movie, couldn't look at the movie without comparing it to her, remembering when he came to the country and met her, just had to get his feelings out, received a letter from Claire, will be going on March 15-19, staying in March 22-26, and then going out again March 29-April, still holding out for furlough, the whole camp is restricted to the barracks and they will have an inspection tomorrow morning, might be
restricted for one week or longer, misses her but tries not to think about her because it drives him crazy

Letter from Annette: (11:15 p.m.) about mail, finances and taxes, missing him and wanting to see him, and Nate picking up the gift she bought for the baby

Letter from Annette: (8 p.m.) about Bessie’s return home with the baby, the movies "Casablanca" and "Pittsburgh," reprimanding him for an overly stern letter, thanking him for the money to buy something for herself, news/updates from home, asking for updates about people at camp, handwritten note at the bottom apologizing for the letter

Letter from Annette: about spending the day at Bessie’s house with the baby, his letter to Bessie, weather is good but a lot of people are sick, no mail from him, going to dinner soon in honor of Mae’s upcoming wedding, seeing her niece and other babies is making her want a baby, feeling lonesome, sent some candy

Letter from Bill: (6:00 p.m.) about being in quarantine, scared for Bessie’s baby, telling her to take care of herself, saw some WAACs at post, missing her wanting to see her, still holding out for furlough

Letter from Bill: have a lot of work, a sandstorm, still in quarantine

Letter from Bill: thanking him for his compliment, bought him a dog chain and P.F.C. stripes, no longer buying cigarettes, with note about the dog tags and bracelet

Letter from Bill: (8 p.m.) about his quarantine, a beautiful nurse, the sandstorm is still raging, still hoping for furlough, possible promotion
2 6 800426290 Letter from Bill: (11:45 a.m.) about her angry letter, enjoys her letters even if they're hot-tempered, hoping for furlough, asking not to forget the P.F.C. stripes

3/16/1943

2 6 800426291 Letter from Annette: (10:00 p.m.) about a blood test with Mae and Eddie, plans for his furlough, little business at work, questioning why she can't be with him

3/16/1943

2 6 800426292 Letter from Bill: (6:30 p.m.) apologizing, telling her to keep herself healthy and stop working so hard, can't get used to army life, feels lousy and considers asking for a transfer, says she can come down only if she gets a ride with Harry and Cookie but wait until the first of the month, worried he hurt her feelings, upset stomach

3/16/1943

2 6 800426293 Letter from Annette: (7:30 p.m.) about work, Jack, hopes he got the candy and dog chain, calling Aunt Hannah, asking how long they will be quarantined and his thoughts on getting furlough, thoughts on their past together, might be a W.A.A.C if she can pass the physical, including a small "Star-Point Game"

3/17/1943

2 6 800426294 Letter from Bill: thanking her for the sweets, the weather, 3 Co. in his regiment have measles, might get a new Colonel and then have a chance for furlough, waking up later than usual, asking how she is doing, Carl received the package

3/17/1943

2 6 800426295 Letter from Bill: about Odle going back down to private, being acting Supply Sgt., her plans to visit him, saw W.A.A.C. at the hospital but wants her to be a civilian and not join, didn't call because of his measles, talk about furlough, excited for her to visit, telling her to be proud rather than sad

3/17/1943

2 6 800426296 Letter from Annette: (7:55 p.m.) got plenty of mail from him, work is busy, already sent the P.F.C. stripes and to try to sell them if he

3/18/1943
doesn't need them, loves him and being married to him, about the nurse he met at the hospital, spoke to Bessie and might have a ride down to visit, might go to see "Gone With the Wind" with Pearl, updates on people and their jobs back home, ended up not going to the show

Letter from Bill: (11:20 a.m.) update on furlough, telling her to get ready to leave but don't leave, would rather come to Chicago first then drive with her back, if she didn't get the stripes don't send them or if she did he will try to sell them, apologizing about the bracelet, Lt. and his girl broke up, chaplain saying the furlough situation is developing fast, wait for his answer before doing anything

Letter from Bill: (7 p.m.) about receiving the chain she sent in the evening mail, beneficiary on insurance is his parents but will change that tomorrow, weather warming up, nothing else new to say about furlough

Letter from Annette: about mail, telling him not to eat all the candy she sent and get sick, uneventful week, probably will play cards later, talk of weather, asking how can he work a full day if he is quarantined, just gave Pearl money for a call from January, asking about Olde's wife

Letter from Bill: about seeing a concert and show, a strange dream, furlough update, can't wait to see her, had the beneficiary on his insurance changes, his stomach, should know by next week about her coming, missing her, have been married 5 months

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, March 20-31, 1943
Letter from Bill: (9:40 a.m.) about being nervous and remembering their past, company is still in quarantine, telling her not to worry about him, lot of work in the supply room, chance of leaving the US in 6-12 months, talk of their marriage, his dinner, furlough doesn't look like it will happen for him but possibly getting a 3 day pass, telling her to drive back with Harry and Cookie, take the train if they decided to take the train instead of driving, will at least get white pass so he can see her at night, thanking her for the stripes, attached letter from 3/21/1943: asking if she can find a portable radio for a 2nd Lt. and discussion of how to pay for it, either send it or bring it with her

Letter from Annette: (6:15 p.m.) about her Saturday and why she was too busy to write, about work and everyone chipping in for a wedding gift for Mae, didn't have time to write on Saturday night because she was invited over the Mr. and Mrs. Gross' house, could have slept longer this morning but had a lot to do to get ready for her trip, asking him what she should tell people at work about her trip, been sorting through her clothes all morning, hasn't made up her mind about taking a civil service job or not, asking about his furlough

Letter from Bill: about receiving her short letter, still in quarantine

Letter from Bill: (20:00) with nothing to report, hopes she likes the included story, weather is nice like if he were on vacation and not in the army, asking about the pictures, Odle is sick, talked to captain and should be getting corporal ranking in the next month, asking about her travel plans, enclosed: "Jones Rowboat" story from Camp Polk, LA, March 1943
Letter from Annette: (11:00 p.m.) being thrilled about the expectations of his furlough, all prepared and waiting for him, his letters keep her going, can't wait to get his letter tomorrow because she thinks it's going to have a definite date for his furlough, thanking him for praying for Gail, she has a cold, asking him what is wrong since it is bad enough for him to go to the dispensary, telling him she wouldn't join the W.A.A.C.s while he is in the country since she wants to be with him, misses him terribly, hopes he comes home.

Letter from Bill: (12 p.m.) about not getting mail, no furlough yet, inspection went well, sorry for the short letter, asking about sleeping bag.

Letter from Bill: (21:30) about a concert he saw, asking how she is and how Cookie and Harry are doing.

Letter from Annette: (9:45 p.m.) about how and why Pearl calls her a "run a round", dinner with her friend Sylvia, thanking him for the gift and used the money to buy earrings with her initials on them, been making mistakes in her typing, asking him to hurry up and come home or she will leave the first week in April, asking about his friends, updates on the Simons, Bessie's baby is doing fine.

Letter from Annette: (10:00 p.m.) about going to dinner to honor Mae getting married, thanking him for expressing his feelings and understanding about feeling blue, his letter from Sunday and how she understood that he wasn't feeling good, telling him they have a lot to be thankful for, telling him she will take care of him soon but to take care of himself in the meantime, will look into the portable radio as soon as she can, if she doesn't come down with Cookie and Harry.
she will come the first week in April, talk of her visiting

Letter from Bill: about receiving her letter, sorry to hear about her troubles at work, everything is a great mess and he doesn't know about furlough, will try to call Saturday or Sunday, asking if she is coming by car and telling her to go ahead and come with them, guesses he leaves for maneuvers on June 21

Letter from Annette: (10:30 p.m.) about receiving his short letter, asks how he is feeling and how his stomach is, received a letter from Claire, still has a cold, wasn't able to see Bessie's baby because she was sick, news on Cookie and Harry, asking if he has news about furlough, Claire wants them to go to NYC, asking him to call on Sunday

Letter from Bill: about being busy, hearing about Carl Dernbury Jr.'s death, will answer as soon as he has time to write, furlough looks bad again, will call Saturday night or Sunday morning

Letter from Annette: about her evening with Pearl at Bessie's house, won 80 cents playing cards, update on Bessie's baby and Harry, Harry is leaving on the 28th but it's too soon for her to leave since she isn't prepared, wasn't any mail from him, received the shawl that Claire sent, asking for furlough updates

Letter from Bill: about their anniversary, will write a longer letter as soon as possible, vehicle inspection coming up, asking how Harry is traveling and if she can go with him to visit
Letter from Bill: (12:20) about having so much to write he doesn't know where to start, her not making a lot of money at her job in Chicago and the idea of her getting a nice office job at the camp, his plans out there haven't really changed and they are leaving for a maneuver on June 21, furlough rumors, hopes to get a weekend pass for April 20-22, telling her not to carry so much luggage, asking her to try to get the radio, telling her she needs sunglasses, money and travel, asking about the life insurance, out of quarantine since yesterday, keeping busy in the supply room, weather, might see an Abbott and Costello show later, asking if she got the pictures developed and printed, thanking her for the letters that cheer him up, talking about the cost of his bracelet, didn't go to the show but went to get ice cream at the service club instead, went to the guest house to make arrangements

Letter from Annette: (12:30) about the perfect connection of their phone call and getting his letters, news of Carl Dernberg's death, how it worked out that she was home to get his call instead of out with Cookie, she doesn't have a suitcase, going to tell Mr. Scalla that she is leaving for a month but doesn't know what he will say, asking if she should leave on April 8, went with Pearl to the photographers, everything is arranged for her clothes and belongings, list of questions regarding her trip to see him, excited about leaving and will inform him via telegram the day that she leaves, might go see the show "Black Swan" tonight

Letter from Annette: (10:45 p.m.) about what she did after writing him earlier that afternoon, felt depressed and wanted to do something, listened to "Take It or Leave It" and other programs on the radio with Pearl, pressed a few of her things for her trip,
misses him terribly and feels down in the dumps, afraid to talk or think too much about her visiting in case it’s just a dream, asking him to forgive her for doing all the talking on their call, asking him to believe she hasn’t been spending money foolishly, wants to be with him since he represents the happiness in her life, Cookie suggested applying for compensation, asking how he is doing and if he needs anything

Letter from Bill: about being tired after a busy day of meetings, conferences, and inspections, the hot weather

Letter from Annette: (11:10 p.m.) about seeing him making her feel great even though the day was poor, spoke to Mr. Scalla about her leaving and he was disappointed, hopes she hears about his furlough in the next week, Esther had a miscarriage, telling him to take care of himself and asking about his weight, gave Eddie the film to be developed, asking him to tell the 2nd Lt. that there are no portable radios

Letter from Bill: (11:15) telling her to come as soon as she is able to leave, detailing what she should bring and where she will stay, being so busy he can hardly think straight, discussion of jobs in the area

Letter from Bill: (12:10) about where they will stay, about her letter asking him to help set up Pesach, will talk to the captain about a pass, reminding her of things to bring

Letter from Annette: (12:15 p.m.) asking him to forgive her writing in pencil, attended Mae’s wedding shower today, writing in her bed reminds her of writing him her last letter from Louisiana, anxiously waiting to see him, got his letter from Sunday

Letter from Bill: about the day they met and wishing her well
Letter from Bill: (20:30) about measles and a restriction, likely not getting a pass, their separation is temporary, urging her to take care of herself, feeling lousy, their phone call from Saturday, having stomach issues again

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, April 1943

Letter from Bill: (12:31 a.m.) received her letter and telling her to stay until further notice, furloughs being granted, asking how long it took her to get to Alexandria, urging her to give her boss notice

Letter from Annette: about getting mail from him but his answers were not too explicit, asking how he is doing and saying he must be exhausted from all that he does, was going to pack some of her things but couldn't get a carton, been a relaxing evening, doesn't know if Cookie will be going down with her, had a disappointing day, short note from Pearl at the end

Letter from Annette: about getting news of his furlough and being excited, asking him to come as soon as he can, giving him info on the train to Chicago but telling him to check the time schedule, asking how much money he needs for train fare

Letter from Bill: (13:20) about travel for his furlough, asking her to not make arrangements or dinner plans, asking where they will stay, she should expect a couple calls from his friends, inspection, going to the Service Club, did some work in the supply room, discussion of the trains to Chicago

Letter from Annette: (6:45 p.m.) about having a busy day but hearing from Bucky that he is going to have a layover in Chicago for a couple of hours, Mae's bridal luncheon,
asking about his stomach and getting x-rays, waiting for him to be home and they can go to the bank to change the account to a checking account, telling him not the be particular about when he gets his furlough and to take it whenever he can, apologizes if he called that morning

Letter from Bill: about his excitement to see her, still checking the train schedule, the weather, asking if a friend of his called her, mail from Bessie, asking where they are going to stay

Letter from Bill: about her letter from Sunday, excited to see her, very busy, reminding her not to make arrangements or dates, may get another stripe

Letter from Bill: (mislabeled June 7/8, 1943, correct date on envelope) about his excitement, needing a rest, making Cpl., about his stomach trouble

Letter from Annette: (7:00 p.m.) about meeting his friend Bernie from the supply room, weather is grand but telling him to bring a coat just in case, will discuss quitting her job when he gets there, info about train to Chicago but telling him to check the times, has been packing all the clothes she isn't going to wear while she is gone, updates on everyone at home

Letter from Annette: (11:00 p.m.) about seeing "Journey Into Fear" with Pearl, asking why he needs to see Dr. Sims when he comes back, excited about him coming home, received a letter from Claire, finally got an iron, telling him not to worry about where they are staying since Pearl said he can stay there, asking if he can get a room in De Ridder for them when they get back, hasn't seen the dentist yet, doesn't have any plans for Sunday, doesn't think he needs his
coat, telling him to swallow his pride if he needs money

Letter from Bill: about missing her, will let her know about coming home

Letter from Annette: (8:00 p.m.) about the usual Friday night dinner, asks how he has been feeling, assumes he is busy since there hasn't been any mail, guessing he will be in Chicago a week from Monday and telling him that everything is ready with the exception of her belongings for the trip, Cookie left for Alexandria, hoping there hasn't been changes to his plans to come home

Letter from Bill: about leaving for furlough, why she should quit 2 days early, doesn't need to write him after the 14th because it probably won't reach him, not sure if she should come down with him after the furlough

Letter from Annette: (9:20 p.m.) just finished work and business is bad, wishing he were there, she's feeling blue, fixed her hair the way he likes tonight, the furlough is his holiday so wherever they stay is up to him, Bessie's baby is fine, behind on her correspondence, not sure what to advise about bringing a coat, asking if he needs any money, took up smoking again, says she signs her name "Mrs. J. M. Beer" for practice and so she doesn't accidently sign Annette Tyllas

Letter from Bill: pretty busy, can't wait to see her, asking where they are staying, trying to get into Chicago on Sunday or Monday, asking for an address to locate her if she isn't at home

Letter from Annette: about going to a wedding, visited Pearl's aunt, excited to have him home soon, he must have been busy
since he didn't call, baby Gail, reminding him to send a wire when he leaves camp, asking if he needs or wants anything, with note at the end from Pearl

Letter from Bill: (11:15 a.m.) about Cookie, anxious to leave, asking her to take care of her health, hoping he doesn't have to spend time in Alex

Letter from Bill: (20:20) received mail from her, counting the hours until he is with her, Army wrote to the Chicago Sun about his promotion from P.F.C. to Cpl., telling her she may pick where they stay, money, will discuss whether or not she should come down with him when he is home, may not be able to write for a bit after he gets back to camp

Letter from Annette: about his promotion to Corporal, asking when he will be in, had a fairly busy day, asking what is wrong with his stomach, asking him to take care of himself, proud of his stripes, time seems to be standing still

Letter from Annette: (7:30 p.m.) about when he will leave camp, disappointed he hasn't made up his mind about her coming back with him, why she should go back down with him, weather, boss wants her to work until Easter, asking why he told her she could come down and then change his mind

Letter from Annette: (7:20 p.m.) this is the last letter she will write before he leaves, got his mail, didn't make dates for Sunday or Monday, if he sends telegram with what time he will arrive she will meet him at the station, Bessie and her baby might be there too, only willing to stay in Chicago if he has a very good reason, could stay at Pearl's house or a hotel, telling him to bring his coat
Letter from Bill: received her letters, telling her that he cannot wait any longer but is unsure exactly when he will get to leave 4/15/1943

Telegram from Bill: telling her that he will arrive in Dearborn Station, not Union Station 4/18/1943

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, December 1943

Letter from Annette: (9:00 p.m.) had dinner after work and saw "Above Suspicion", catching up on correspondence, day was smooth but she didn't have a good day, felt funny not having him come to the store today, got mail from Bucky but none from Pearl, hopes his trip was pleasant, was down in the dumps so she bought a dress, telling him not to worry about her cold, telling him to take care of himself and stay warm 12/14/1943

Letter from Annette: (11:30 p.m.) asking him not the be mad for writing so late, had a fair day, been fortunate and gotten rides home from work the last couple of days, very lonesome because she hasn't gotten any letters, asking him to write, Mrs. Lusby took in her dress so she is ready for the party tomorrow but wishes she was getting prettyed up for him, got caught up on her correspondence, asking how his trip to California was, asking him to not keep her in Abilene too long, Mrs. Lusby fixed her dress, asking how he is doing, trying to get in touch with Miss Richardson at the Red Cross and make an appointment this week, included address for her friend Gladys 12/15/1943

Letter from Annette: (11:40 p.m.) about their Christmas dinner, wore her new dress, party was a success, received 2 letters from Pearl, got his letter about the trip on the train, by now he must be back to duty, asking if he is getting a furlough, misses him 12/16/1943
2 9 800426351 Letter from Annette: (7:15 p.m.) about not having much to report, wasn't any mail today, bought a new pair of brown shoes, asking what is new with him, she bets it's pretty cold in the desert, read the article from the Cowned (?) and asking why he wanted her to send it, wrote a joke at the end letter from Annette: (12:00 p.m.) about sleeping in, work was busy yesterday, the Lusby's are good to her, might go to town and see a show after lunch, received a letter from Claire and they are each getting a package from her, it's lonesome there, can't find his citizen paper in her suitcase and asking if he took it

2 9 800426352 Letter from Annette: (12:10 a.m.) got a letter from him after lunch, impressed with his descriptions, went into town, brought the films to be developed and if the pictures of her turn out good she will send them to him, saw the movie "Girl Crazy", helped Mrs. Lusby wrap Christmas presents, misses him and hopes it isn't too long before she gets word from him to come down and join him, asking about his friends and the latest rumors

2 9 800426353 Letter from Annette: (7:30 p.m.) about dinner at the Pig, got his letter that he arrived at Camp, asking about Burnett and if he got his gift yet, business was fair today, telling him not to work too hard, asking him if he needs sunglasses

2 9 800426354 Letter from Annette: (10:30 p.m.) about doing laundry, asking if she should send for some of her clothes or if they will get a furlough, telling him to write her if he needs something, thinking of the first of the year and talking of packing up and going to him, her job won't pay her very well, has friends in LA, not sure of her Christmas plans was invited to dinner but hasn't given them an answer
Letter from Annette: thanks for enclosing other letters, about her dinner, enjoys staying with the Lusby's, asking when she will go out to him, missing him and writing lots of letters, asking him to let her know if she is writing too small

Letter from Annette: (12:30 a.m.) about repairing a skirt of hers, doesn't have to woke up until 9 so she has plenty of time to sleep, fair day at the store, asking how he is feeling and what it is like being back at the hall, received Christmas cards, thinking about when they will be together, her cold is gone, asking if he wants to pay the insurance for the ring since she doesn't have the $10, discussion of Mr. Gross' health, sends her regards to everyone

Letter from Annette: about mail, will go wherever he goes but will stay in Abilene until he knows for sure, went shopping and bought shoes, now she is broke, her holidays, urging him to go to Los Angeles on a pass, buying a gift for Claire

Letter from Annette: about her evening after work, got a letter from Pearl, very excited about the gift Bill had Pearl get for her, asking if she should tell Pearl not to send clothes since they may be coming home, Hack said she was going to give her a bourachs (?) sack, news of possible furlough has her on pins and needles,

Letter from Annette: about her day/Christmas, telling him to enjoy his holidays despite being in the desert, apologizing for not having sent a gift to him but will make it up to him

Letter from Annette: sent the pictures they took, says they aren't too good but the Lusby's came out swell, telling him to put the pictures away, asking if he received any of
her mail. 6 photographs (of potentially the Lusby family) that were originally enclosed with letter have been separated out.

Letter from Annette: (10:07 p.m.) about how much she misses him, Lusby's left today for a trip to see Clayton's sister and will be back on Tuesday, Mrs. Lusby rented the room next to her so at least she knows someone else is in the home too, has a horrible dream that he was out with another woman and its made her miserable, ready to get back to work, hopes she will get some mail tomorrow, asking about his furlough and what he wants to do, discussion of different furlough options, went and ate at the Pig, met a girl who was alone at the Pig and they went to see "Riding High", can't seem to enjoy pictures without him

Letter from Annette: (Monday, 10:30 p.m.) about her evening, got a gift from Pearl, got a note from the postman to call about a package and believes it’s his gift to her, was good to get back to work, misses him and can't wait to see him, his watch is being fixed, rumors about the 11th A.D. leaving for Indian Gap, Pennsylvania, only rumors that interest her are about furlough, washed her hair tonight, weather is cold, Lusbys will be home tomorrow and she has been lonesome without them, no plans for New Years. Enclosed: "Soldiers are Naturalized" news clipping from Lake Charles, LA with Bill's name underlined

Letter from Annette: (Tuesday, 10:30 p.m., potentially mislabeled date) about this holiday being the longest she has ever had, misses him, went to the post office to get her package, details on what Claire and Emanuel sent, going to write them a thank you letter immediately, can't wait for his furlough, thinks they should go to New York or he
comes to Texas, thanking him for the regular mail and asking if he needs anything

Letter from Annette: (Tuesday, 10:45 p.m.) ran out of space on the other letter but had a few more things to write, will look in the suitcase for the citizens papers she didn't send them home, confused because he said he didn't buy her anything for Christmas but she is getting a package from Marshall Fields, business smells it is all exchanges, can't save any money, telling him not to feel blue since they will be together soon

Letter from Annette: (Tuesday, 7:55 p.m.) about mail, business is pretty good, asking what is new with him and if he got the pictures she sent, news about her suitcase, asking him to write her about the furlough

Letter from Annette: not doing anything for New Years, received her gift from him but it was too big, will purchase his magazines tomorrow, feels good but misses him, apologizes because she did get mail from him yesterday, asking if he really thinks he can make warrant officer

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, January 1944

Letter from Annette: (8:45 p.m.) about how she spent her day on New Year's Eve - work, dinner with a friend whose husband is in the Navy, went to Charlies Night Club, and stayed out until 4 am. Slept in late, went to the Dixie Pig for dinner, will probably wash some things and go to a show tomorrow, can't wait until they are together again, going
to mail the magazines he asked for, got a letter from him and a bottle of Evening in Paris cologne from Carl Burnette's wife, thanking him for his long letters but will understand if mail doesn't come too regular

Letter from Annette: (10:59 p.m.) about not being tired since she slept so late, thinking about him always so she decided to write, weather is cool so she has a fire going, fixed her hair, spent the day relaxing, asking about furlough plans, telling him to forgive her for the various stationary, asking how he spend New Year's Eve

Letter from Annette: (8:50 p.m.) detailing how she spent her day, read an article about smoking and is trying to cut back, tried to get magazines for him, hasn't done anything and will be happy to get back to work, asking about friends, apologizing for the short letter

Letter from Annette: (11:45 p.m.) about her neighbor Lillian keeping her company, work was good, went on a ride out to camp after work with Hack, thrilled to receive all the letters enclosed with his letters, found his citizen papers and they brought back memories, has been getting mail from Fred, asking him not to send money but to mail $10 to Mr. Gross, she is safe for another month

Letter from Annette: (9:00 p.m.) about how each day passes and she hopes they will be together soon, listening to "When Day is Done" and "Donkey Serenade" on the radio, missing him but thankful work keeps her busy, work and what she expects to make, tomorrow is her birthday, telling him to be careful on maneuvers, asking when they will be together again, received two letters from him and now her morale is high, asking for news and the latest rumors, asking if he needs money and telling him not to send her
any, asking if he likes her letters, sent some pictures, asking if he likes the magazines

Letter from Annette: (9:02 p.m.) about getting his letter just in time to wish her a happy birthday, anxiously waiting any news that they can be together, her day at work and getting a birthday cake, got dinner at the Pig, Mrs. Lusby got her bubble bath, had a good day, asking for the latest rumors

Letter from Annette: (10 p.m.) Claire Mathes (?) letter was returned and asking what the correct address is, new of Georgia is encouraging, his letter was great reading, hopes she isn't catching a cold, things are the same at the store, will write to Pearl to mail the watch, had to exchange the jacket since it was too large and asked for a rain coat, ate dinner by herself but the waitresses keep her company, wrote a joke at the end

Letter from Annette: (9:05 p.m.) about not getting mail, business was bad and cold weather, rearranged the furniture in the living room, the Lusbys, Abilene lost power in many areas and writing by candle light, received letter from Pearl and she might get Annette a raincoat, missing him but morale is high, wrote a joke at the end

Letter from Annette: (10:45 p.m.) about not getting any mail from him, very busy at work, asking if he is getting her mail regularly, plans for Sunday, was saving the second box of candy from Claire for when they were together but she opened it, asking if he needs food and if he got the magazines, days are long when she thinks of him, asking for the latest rumors

Letter from Annette: (10:25 p.m.) about how she woke up freezing and how she spent her
day, spent time with Joe's friends and their wives for his birthday but it made her lonesome, wore her new shoes and velvet dress, hopes to get mail from him tomorrow

Letter from Annette: about having an exciting day, got a package from Fields with her new rain coat, thanking him for the gift, called Pearl long distance, asks him to forgive her spending today but says it's the foolish little things that keep her morale up, hasn't been mail from him but got a lot from others back home

Letter from Annette: (9:45 p.m.) about receiving his letter and the possible shortening of his maneuvers, waiting for a wire about the possibility to get together, heard the President speak, asking him to let her know if he sent Mr. Gross the $10, business was fair, Pearl sent her the allotment check and might send her clothes, spends every night writing, received his cards today

Letter from Annette: asking him to forgive the late hour that she is writing, received the clothes that Pearl sent, asking how he is doing and if he has any rumors, didn't get any mail from him and felt down in the dumps

Letter from Annette: (10:15 p.m.) about the movie "Sahara," missing him, check was fair, lots of snow, had to take a cab to work, Pearl sent her a coat and suit, asking about Fred and Hack, no mail today

Letter from Annette: (11 p.m.) about her last letter being short and the cold weather, took three pictures and will send them to him, hoping there will be a definite date for his return, glad she has a picture of him
Letter from Annette: (10 p.m.) about work and what she did after, just received his letter from the 9th and apologizes for already sending the magazines, received a bond that Dernburg (?) sent and was surprised, glad he likes his bed roll, cold weather, can only enjoy herself when he is around, asking if he needs money since he won't get paid until Feb. 10th, talking about what to do with the allotment check, thanking him for the card, trying to get news of what the 12th Division plans are but no one knows

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, January 15-28, 1944

Letter from Annette: (12 a.m. or p.m.) about work and having a fair day, Maureen didn't work so she caught a ride with Alberta, wasn't any mail from him but got a letter from Pearl, rumor about getting sent to Camp Cooke in California and it's not just a "Latine Rumor", will probably stay home tomorrow unless there is a good movie in town, hasn't heard from Claire

Letter from Annette: (9:30 p.m.) about how she spent her day with the Lusby's, took some pictures that she will send when they are developed, saw "Best Foot Forward", asking how he is doing, going to ride to camp with Alberta to pick up her husband

Letter from Annette: (11:55 p.m.) about having to do inventory at work and being very tired, thanking him for the pictures, did some shopping and is almost down to the bottom on money, lifted the rationing on shoes, sorry to hear he lost his pencil, should have a letter from Pearl today with the form about her income tax, would rather him be in the desert than overseas
Letter from Annette: (10:02 p.m.) about writing a letter to Hack and him driving a tank, got home early tonight and washed her hair and catching up on correspondence, asking about a fellow in a picture he sent, hasn't written to the Grosses and is waiting to hear from him if he sent the money, will send home clothes she doesn't wear sometime this week, waiting for news from him on where they will go.

Letter from Annette: (Wednesday, date potentially mislabeled, 8:55 p.m.) about getting dinner with friends, Karen and Mrs. Lusby still have a cold, got a picture of Bucky, business is the same and the weather is good, going to spend the evening going through her clothes and send ones she isn't wearing home, doesn't do much other than working, eating, an occasional show and letter writing.

Letter from Annette: (Thursday, 9:50 p.m.) about going to the cleaners after work and getting coats cleaned, asking if he knows when maneuvers will be over, got a letter from him and it took a week to arrive, going to get Maureen to bring her home a box for the clothes she wants to ship home, will call the Red Cross tomorrow to try to set up an interview, bets he is so full of sand that he will never go to the beach with her, finally managed to save some money.

Letter from Annette: about getting a ride home from work from Alberta, got a carton so everything is ready for her clothes to be shipped back home, received a letter from Hack, spent time with the Lusbys and then Maureen, anxiously waiting to join him, business was terrible and only made $2.

Letter from Annette: (10:30 p.m.) about sleeping in and spending the day doing nothing, spent the afternoon with Maureen,
business has been terrible all week, asking how he is doing and when they will see each other, received letters from Hack and Bessie

Letter from Annette: (10:30 p.m.) about waking up late, disappointed there is no set date for when they might see each other, he doesn't appreciate that she is by herself awaiting news like a soldier with her chin up, thanking him for enclosing Nate's letter, Bess is going to visit Nate and might already be there, she will pay Mr. Gross, encouraging him to tell her if he needs anything, money she needs to earn at work, received letter from Pearl and needs to write back to a couple other people

Letter from Annette: (8:45 p.m.) about constantly writing letters, weather is grand, business has been bad all week, been without her watch for a week and getting it cleaned, didn’t get any mail from him or anyone today, going to wash somethings but not in the mood, hopes he returns to Abilene instead of having to go to Georgia,

Letter from Annette: (10:45 p.m.) third day with no word from him and getting anxious even though she knows it’s not his fault, spent her evening pressing clothes and writing letters, didn't make good pay at work this week, Lusbys are great people, weather has warmed up, no mail from Pearl today, all she does is write letters, getting worried since she hasn't heard from Buck in 2 weeks, enclosed a letter from Juanita she thought he might like to read, wouldn't mind settling in Fort Worth or Dallas, hopes he never has to go overseas

Letter from Annette: (11 p.m.) about work and eating her usual dinner at the Pig with Maureen, disappointed when there wasn't mail from him, asking how he is and if there are any late rumors, nothing to report other
than a letter from Pearl, hasn't heard from him in about a week and getting down in the dumps, bought a hat for Claire

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, September 1944**

Letter from Annette: (Letter #3, 6:20 p.m.) started the trip homeward, detailing getting a temporary driver's license, trailer tire blew out in the desert, stuck in Arizona for a couple days but having a good time, bought 4 bracelets, got a blouse as a going away gift, telling him to not worry, war news and talk of their life after the war, promise to write every day, pictures she enclosed came out well

Letter from Bill: (22:00) about a trip, on the eastern seaboard but can't tell her much because of censorship, asking about her trip to Chicago, lonesome, didn't attend any services for Rosh Hashanah, asking if she gained weight, telling her to be patient with the mail because it must go through the censor, asking how much she spent on a pen, good news from overseas, asking about family, west-side must be in an uproar, asking if she is getting a driver's license

Letter from Annette: (1:50 a.m.) about how strange Chicago is without him and being sad she couldn't see him, her thoughts are only of him and writing makes her feel closer to him, sad that he drank to drown his sorrows and asking him not to do that again, Bessie thinks Nate is wounded, got letters in the mail, plans for tomorrow, asking how he feels, news from a friend

Letter from Bill: (8:15 a.m.) about disappointment because she hasn't gotten to New York and he is leaving soon but will call again, staying with Many(?)
write Claire, worried about her, asking her to send a wire when she arrives, stomach hurts from alcohol, keeping seeing girls and thinking they are her, discussion of money, asking her to keep writing

Letter from Bill: lucky to have been able to catch her on the phone but sad they couldn't see each other, photos came out well and sending most of them, she probably got his package, asking her to send either V-Mail or air mail so he gets it as fast as possible, asking her for a subscription for the Pony Edition of the Times, doesn't need anything else, encouraging her to go school, asking if there is any news from anyone, telling her not to worry, asking for pictures and addresses for Harry and Nate

Letter from Annette: (11:30 p.m.) about sleeping in, visit from inspector in War Department Intelligence with questions about Bill since it appears he is going to be assigned to Special Duties, had an exciting day, friend had a baby, its Yom Kippur Eve and feeling blue and cried, doesn't feel that Chicago is the place for her and might leave for New York, asking him to write as often as he can

Letter from Annette: (1:10 a.m.) about playing poker and winning some money, went to Synagogue, does not know where to go, money, who she could live with, hasn't spoken to Cookie hopes to hear from him, wasn't any mail today

Letter from Annette (4:15 p.m.) received his letter and the pictures, tried to get rid of some junk, lost without him, coincidence that reminded her of him, called Claire and might go to New York, poor weather
Letter from Annette: (8:30 p.m.) wrote earlier but still has more to say, what she did after she wrote the first letter, miserable weather, discussion of his new assignment, reflections on their time together, might not be able to get the Pont Times but will get the Time, his "frosty" letter, going to fix her pen, sending him a box of goodies, money, she is fortunate to have him, telling him to write if he needs anything.

Letter from Annette: about how her days are going by quickly, still not sure if she should go back to her job in California, no mail from him, money, not sure whether she wants to go to California, New York, or stay in Chicago, brought her pen to be fixed, went to the Post Office and bought stamps for him.

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, October 3-19, 1944

Letter from Annette: (12:30 a.m.) about this upcoming birthday, visiting Sam and details from her day, giving him addresses, weird to have no news from him for a week, going to wake up early and scout Chicago for a job, if she finds something good she will stay.

Letter from Annette: about playing poker, her job search and Camp Cooke looking like her best option, got a letter from the girl he met at Synagogue, disappointed that she can't know what he is doing, might take some time for him to receive the Pony express edition of the Times and asking if he wants a Chicago newspaper, Bucky had his picture in the paper.

Letter from Bill: about sailing on the ocean, Yom Kippur services, the ship is crowded but they are trying to make it comfortable, asking her try to get a copy of the LIFE Magazine from July 31 No 5 Vol 17, asking her what
her plans are, made a mistake in his last letter and asking her to sent Many (?) a check for $20, asking about family, hopes this will be the last birthday and anniversary they are apart, played chess, traveling on a British ship, asking for soap whenever she sends things, the band played in their compartment, pities the censor who has to read his letters

Letter from Annette: about her vacation being an expensive waste of time, offered a job in Ordinance, weather, sent Christmas goodies and thinking of a birthday gift, new puppy at the house, asking if he wants a picture

V-Mail from Bill: about being on a British ship, too bad they couldn't see each other, asking what her plans are and how she is doing, asking about the family, telling her to expect a longer letter

Letter from Annette: (5:50 p.m.) about needing a new typewriter, feeling like she is wasting her days, Chicago's West Side being filthy, no mail today, asking if he wants a subscription to Life magazine, his camera is safe, wishes she were working

Letter from Annette: (10:15 p.m.) about how pleasant the day is, her plans and what she did with her day, poker is getting boring and she is not going to play anymore, gossip about family, unsure about her future and if she should go back to California, news from friends, jokingly asking for a new typewriter and watch, asking about his friends

Letter from Annette: about the film "Between Two Worlds," pen he gave her is leaking but will use it until she gets her other one back, still unsure where to go for work, just got back from tea with salami and crackers and its currently 1:05 a.m., mailed him a fruitcake, his birthday tomorrow, hopes they
get to spend his birthday next year together, news from friends, wishes she knew where he is and waiting for mail is difficult, unsure where to go for work

Letter from Annette: (8:30 p.m.) with news from friends and family, talk of her work future, how she spent her day, listening to "District Attorney" on the radio, got her teeth checked, Fannie and Jackie wish him a happy birthday

Letter from Annette: no mail from him, a friend of his Velply (?) Sloan called, can't find a job that pays well in Chicago, confused on what to do, news from friends

Letter from Annette: (1:55 p.m.) about what she is doing, listening to News of Aachen on radio broadcast, reading the book "The Forgotten Ally," going to scout for a job and wanting to keep busy, wired Camp Cooke for a 30 day extension, listening to "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," asking for a recording of his voice, asking about his friends, typewriter is a pain, might play poker, "It Had to be You" on the radio, wearing the broken dog chain he sent to her

V-Mail from Bill: (only have pages 1 & 3) in England, can't write much with the censors, the trip to England and their camp and the English countryside, asking if Claire talked to her about going to New York, asking for addresses for Harry, Nate and Bucky, asking about family, did she mail the check to Many, British money, asking for food, asking for photos, did she ever get that Time Magazine he asked for, asking if Claire got a new address

Letter from Annette: (8:15 p.m.) about not having an exciting Sunday, listening to the Woodbury program, saw Lena Horne at the Chicago Theater with Pearl last night, saw
"Maisie Goes to Reno, received a wire yesterday from Camp Cooke with an additional 30 days leave granted, hoping for mail from him tomorrow, lonesome without him

V-Mail from Bill: in England, about not getting mail and giving her an address if she needs to wire him, visiting Liverpool and the weather, asking for addresses, asking if she quit smoking, won't write anyone unless they write him first

Letter from Annette: (2:15 p.m.) about a possible job, finally received a letter from him, updates on friends, hoping to get more mail from him in the afternoon his letter was fine but could be more affectionate

Letter from Annette: (5:40 p.m.) about not having written in two days and idling away her days, got lunch with friends and went shopping, hoping to get mail from him, how she spent yesterday, discussion about going to California or staying Chicago, Bucky is going back to combat

V-Mail from Bill: in England, about not getting mail, camped near an old church and castles, going to the dental clinic tomorrow, PX opened, asking if she has stopped smoking, hard to write without incoming mail

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, October 20-31, 1944

Letter from Annette: about wasting a day testing for a job and then being referred to a downtown location, might go back to selling, promise to cook for him, won $1.70, last of her stationary from the hotel, will likely stay in
Chicago, Nate is in the fighting zone in a 2 man fox hole, missed him and hopes he is well, watched the film "Since You Went Away" again and cried more than last time

V-Mail from Bill: about going to the dental clinic and having to get a tooth pulled, has 3 missing teeth, wishes she could take care of him, asking for Nate and Harry's addresses and if she has heard from Bucky

Western Union Telegram from Bill: wishing her well on their anniversary, wishes they were together and for a speedy reunion

Anniversary card from Annette

Western Union Telegram from Bill: wishing they were together on this special occasion, wishes for a speedy reunion, happy anniversary

Letter from Annette: (5:22 p.m.) thanking him for the anniversary telegram, went to Sharon's birthday party, gave the baby a gift of $3 but won $5 playing cards, going to try to be a dentist's assistant and details of what her new job would be, telling him not to worry about her homelife, if she hears news of peace coming she is going to start looking for an apartment for them, hopes that he will be home for their third anniversary,

Letter from Bill: about her letters, asking her to go to work not for moneys sake but for her health, the dentist, did she decide to stay in Chicago, asking for Claire's address, thinks she should get an office job, thanking her for the picture and asking for more, sending her money for their wedding anniversary, visited London and Hyde Park, got a portable radio, asking about home

V-Mail from Bill: asking about the difference between Air Mail and V-Mail arrival, change in cable address, her transportation money is
getting sent to him and he will forward it on to her, asking if she has received her allotment check, reminding her to get Time magazine

V-Mail from Annette: about his letters, sad she can't be in England with him, will send him photos when she takes some, got him Ray Ban sunglasses as an anniversary gift, if he receives something late it is not on her part, talk of some of his friends

V-Mail from Bill: in England, about mail, listening to the radio, asking about friends and whether she decided to go back to California or stay in Chicago, she sounds somewhat depressed and he feels the same, heard FDR is supposed to give a speech in Chicago, reminding her to get him reading material

V-Mail from Annette: with Bucky’s address, Claire's P.O. Box number, going out to get the incidentals he requested, telling him to let her know the speed difference between straight mail and air mail, telling him to have fun

Letter from Bill: in England, asking her to number her letters so he can tell if any are missing, telling her to get a typewriter when they lift the restriction, will try to write every night, she has earned a couple weeks furlough, enclosed approval for TIME Magazine and asking her to take care of it, telling her to buy a pen with the money he sent, asking about her meeting with Charlotte, thanking her in advance for the fruitcake, telling her to answer his question about Mae, telling her that he trusts her, needs to go back to the dentist, sorry about Bucky and asking about Nate and Harry, seems to him like her trip to Chicago has made everything worse for her
Letter from Annette: (6:45 p.m.) about getting his long letter, hopes they will be together on their third anniversary, spent the day rearranging her room and unpacking clothes, starts her job working for Dr. Rodin tomorrow, IG and Jene want her to go to San Francisco, his letters have been coming regularly but she is disappointed in them, she wants him to be more affectionate in his letters, angry with him about his letters, mailed his sunglasses, hadn't sent Manny the money yet but will, hasn't seen Cookie

Letter from Annette: (6:35 p.m.) about her first day of work and everything she learned how to do, worry about him seeing his old girlfriend, President Roosevelt spoke at Soldier Field, her lunch and dinner, going to a Halloween party, been married for 2 years and 1 month

V-Mail from Annette: already wrote a long letter but wanted to send a note about her day, Nate's address, lonesome for him, news from Bessie

Letter from Bill: in England, about Marc Strasbourg being in England, trying to figure out where his parents are, the weather is getting cold, a dance that reminded him of her, laundry disaster, reports talking about battles in the Pacific and wondering where Bucky is, still waiting on addresses, bicycle is the primary mode of transportation, camp showing the movie "Wintertime," reminding her to send photos

Letter from Annette: (8:45 p.m.) about her second of work with the dentist, doesn't seem right that he is seeing the sights of England without her, telling him to be more affectionate, a package with shaving supplies and a salami, telling him to let her know how long it takes to receive the parcels, hasn't gotten the subscription to Omnibook yet but
will do that soon, hopes he doesn't think her letters are too short, "Anna Karinia" is on the air

V-Mail from Bill: asking why he hasn't gotten any mail from her, weather is cold, his stomach has been giving him trouble, asking if she is working again or if gotten his money order

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, November 1-19, 1944**

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Letter from Annette: about his letters and speedy mail service, hoping he gets a pass in England or Scotland, telling him to not worry about his handwriting, thrilled about the gift he is sending her, hoping he comes home in the next year, Mrs. Chorney (?) received the money order

Letter from Bill: in England, about her missing letters arriving, seems like she is taking life easy, wishing her luck in whatever decision she makes about work, asking about Cookie and Dolores, asking for Nate and Harry's addresses, talk of Charlotte and Lou, asking for Velpky Slown's address, glad she is reading van Paassen, trying to catch up with Claire, telling her to check with the First National Bank if she decides to leave Chicago, asking about home, asking if she got a package, her new allotment, and a money order

Letter from Annette: (4:30 p.m.) discussing her job and can't say if she likes it or not, "furious" that she has not received a letter in a week, mail from friends, got him an Omnibook subscription and sent a package with goods, not sure if her job pays enough, hasn't sent Manny his money yet
V-Mail from Bill: about her V-Mail letters, surprised how little mail from him she has received, asking what kind of correspondence she wants to use since V-Mail is faster but you can't write a lot, thanking her in advance for the things she is sending, band plays while they eat dinner, going to services more regularly, hasn't gotten the "Time" yet but will be patient, news from friends and asking about home, asking if she got a job, "Buffalo Bill" being shown

Letter from Bill: about two years since he entered the army, this letter censored by base censor and not by company censor, got a new job as intelligence sergeant but dislikes it and involves reading maps and reports, the envelope used means private affairs only, stomach still bothering him, asking why she decided she wanted kids when he left, asking why she decided to become a dental technician and details of her job, their finances, telling her to avoid Cookie and a certain place of business, saw the movie "The Girl He Left Behind," promising to be faithful to her, thanking her for the sunglasses, telling her to take good care of herself, asking if she got the money order and his package from the P.O.E. (?)

V-Mail from Bill: about mail, saw "The Girl He Left Behind" in an English town and saw "Mr. Winkle Went to War" at camp, heard she got a job with a dentist, weather, telling her he sent an air mail letter earlier, asking for updates on home and friends, no news in regards to Claire, no news from Red Cross about his parents, asking if she misses him, telling her to take care of herself

V-Mail from Annette: continuation from page 1 of letter of the same date (no present in the collection), about seeing the film "Double Indemnity," got his pajamas back from Pearl,
can't smoke as much, President just finished speaking, got her first allotment check and will be deposited tomorrow.

V-Mail from Bill: just got back from a pass visiting London, received a lot of mail from her, caught up with Claire but it was disappointing and visited a distant cousin in London, okay with her job if she likes it, saw the movie "Marriage is a Private Affair", will write longer letter later, asking her to check on TIME, thanking her for Nate's address but still waiting on Harry's.

Letter from Annette: (8:45 P.M.) voted in the presidential election and FDR won, working hard but enjoying it, lost 80 cents in poker, news from her brothers, no mail from him in 2 days, buying a new coat, money, Bessie's baby, changed around furniture and straightened closet, will try to write daily, Pearl tried to find him candy but none were the correct kind for overseas, thinks of him constantly. Enclosed: Newspaper clipping with a poem about missing him.

Letter from Bill: in England, answering all of her letters that he received, news he heard from home, sorry that she he had to take civil service and quartermaster examinations on an empty stomach but congratulating her on passing, thanking her for her anniversary card, discussion of her new job, happy she decided to stay in Chicago, details on his trip to London and getting into contact with Claire, got her a surprise in London and will mail it, saw the film "Marriage is a Private Affair," asking for photos.

V-Mail from Annette: about writing nearly every day and wondering if Air Mail is slower than V Mail, received mail from him, asking if he has visited a clinic for his stomach, telling him to relax, his pajamas, wondering about the money order he sent, wishing the boys.
well, telling him to take care of himself and see the doctor, asking about his teeth

Greeting card from Bill: two soldiers dancing on the cover

V-Mail from Annette: (7:45 p.m.) thanking him for his recent letter and money order, might have to spend the money paying their phone bill instead of buying an anniversary gift, delaying her purchase of a coat, work was pleasant today

V-Mail from Bill: in England, about not getting mail from her for five days, he is busy this week, attending an intelligence school, received no packages, asking how she is liking her job

V-Mail from Annette: (6:48 p.m.) about her dinner, sorry for not writing, got a coat, V-Mail is faster than air, received $15 from Camp Cooke, will mail letters she got from Camp Cooke in separate letter, she has her ribbon and discharge papers from the army, sorry he hasn't heard from his parents

V-Mail from Annette: (11:25 p.m.) about writing again because she felt bad for skipping two days, her appreciation of Pearl, her day, hopes he comes home soon

V-Mail from Bill: about school, hasn't received mail from her in eight days, asking her to continue to write, hasn't gotten any of her packages yet, a Red Cross dance, asking about home, asking if she got his mail and check, music that he is listening to, her present hasn't come from London yet

Letter from Bill: asking if she has received any bonds for him from Washington, enclosing two money orders, not much to report, no mail from her in the last 2 days, some trouble with his stomach, telling her to take care of herself
V-Mail from Bill: about being diagnosed with an ulcer but the decision needs to be supported by x-rays, not sure if he has to go to the hospital, asking about home, telling her to buy something that she wants

Letter from Bill: about her job as a dental technician, Eisenhower making a push to end the war, last day of class and exam, Thursday service had a large crowd, work must tire her, asking about home and if she has gotten his 3 checks, asking if she has cut down her smoking

Letter from Annette: pleased he was able to catch up with Claire but also somewhat jealous, her salary increased, got letter from Bucky and he expects to come home soon, just finished packing up a box of candy for him, enclosed letters from Camp Cooke because she thought he would want to read them, wishes she could go with him on the visits to meet his old friends, going to see "None But the Lonely Heart", will try to see "Marriage is a Private Affair"

V-Mail from Annette:(7:10 p.m.) about not receiving any mail from him, having money but nowhere to spend it, Charlotte Kalb asked about getting an apartment but declined, work and how Dr. Rodin is very charitable, telling him not to worry about her getting damage from x-rays, Bessie is nervous about Nate, hopes the post-war world will be one worth living in, Bucky expects to be home soon, news about Dolores and Cookie, her plans for tomorrow, keeps thinking of him, talk of his sunglasses

V-Mail from Annette: about her Sunday, getting dinner with friends and seeing the film "An American Romance," while at the movie they showed pictures of London in the news, downtown Chicago isn’t the same without him, heard his voice earlier reminding her to
do something, has work tomorrow and will be busy with activities, to date she has received 2 $10 bonds from him

V-Mail from Bill: about finally finishing school and getting on a 92% on his final exam, going to the hospital for his stomach, hasn't gotten what he ordered for her from London yet but hopes it will reach in time for Christmas, asking if she got the package he mailed before he left to go overseas, asking about a briefcase and Claire's address, took care of his Christmas cards and mailed some today, hasn't gotten any packages yet, dance at the NCO club, asking about her work and if she got the coat she wanted, asking for pictures

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, November 20-30, 1944

3 6 800426464 V-Mail from Bill: about mail, getting X-Rays, camp got Christmas parcels but none for him yet, sorry if his letters come across as cold, will write air mail tomorrow

3 7 800426465 Christmas card from Bill

3 7 800426466 V-Mail from Annette: about his going to school, reminding him to tell her to send things he needs, work was pleasant but hard, asking if he still loves her

3 7 800426467 V-Mail from Bill: about mail, getting X-Rays, camp got Christmas parcels but none for him yet, sorry if his letters come across as cold, will write air mail tomorrow

3 7 800426468 Letter from Annette: (letter 1) received letters from him from 11/5 and 10/4 so she knows the mail is irregular, telling him that she will start numbering her letters, encouraging him to stay confident and work hard with his current work, hasn't seen or spoken to her sister-in-laws, explaining why she stayed in Chicago and why she likes her work, their finances, the magazines she has ordered for him, news from home, hoping this is the last Christmas apart, won't get a new typewriter
until the war is over, asking about his meeting with Claire, sometimes wishes she had a child

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 2) about Thanksgiving feeling like just another day, doesn't have a desire to do anything or go anywhere, mail delivering is pathetic, hope his schooling is going well

V-Mail from Bill: about her letter acknowledging the check he sent and telling her to tell him when she gets the other two checks, listens to the radio all night, asking her for a small photo, happy she is enjoying her job and learning new things, asking what kind of coat she is going to get, telling her next time she goes to Carl's to have a Comm (?) on rye on him

Letter from Annette: (letter 3) about her Thanksgiving morning, reflecting on last Thanksgiving with him, a song on the radio, encouraging him to dance

Letter from Bill: in England, about making his letters more affectionate, telling her to stop worrying about his fidelity, probably going on a pass to London but won't see Claire, his Thanksgiving meal, including a letter from Jenie for her to read, took care of all of his Christmas cards, talking about her cutting back on cigarettes with the shortage, asking for updates from home, asking for a picture not a snapshot, will try to get the present he promised her in London

V-Mail from Bill: about finishing his mail and sending her a long air mail letter, only working a half day for Thanksgiving, holidays without her are strange, going on a pass to London soon and wishing she could be with him in the city
Letter from Annette: (letter 4) about being late to Thanksgiving dinner, no work today, received some V mail from him, discussion of his ulcer and angry at him for doubting that she mailed packages, hasn't called Bessie lately, still angry about his comment about the packages, telling him to not buy her anything

Letter from Annette (letter 5) about her being rather sarcastic in her letter from the morning, very worried about him and his health, what she did after writing the first letter, news from home and seeing the film "None But the Lonely Heart," wishes she were with him, hopes numbering her letters helps and promises to write him a letter a day, asking if he got addresses for Harry and Bucky in a previous letter and giving them to him again, received a letter from him that was censored, purchased stamps, received the P.O.E. parcel

Letter from Annette: (letter 6) misplaced her pen but found it the next morning, news about family and Nate is finally getting mail, work is going well and may get a raise, going to see the opera "Porgy and Bess" in December, her expenses, styling her hair, worried about his health, asking if he has any news of his parents

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 7) about her Sunday and going to Fannie's for roast duck, people at home going to football and hockey games, won a few dollars playing poker, discussion of mail, weather is still warm

V-Mail from Bill: in England, just got back from a pass in London, received some of her mail, telling her to quit her job, listening to the radio, congratulating her for her work at Camp Cooke and for getting a reward, telling her to not get too blue, promise to catch up on what they missed, details on his recent
trip to London, sending her a gift, asking for nail polish and baby powder for the Verstaendige, news about some friends and family and asking about home, asking for pictures

Letter from Annette: (letter 8) congratulating him on his success in school, received his mail and 2 money orders, discussing differences between Air and V mail, anxiously waiting to hear the results of his x-ray, news from friends, thanking him for sending Christmas cards, listening to "Take It or Leave It," noticed she lost a charm from her bracelet, ordered rum candy for him, asking him for a photo

V-Mail from Bill: about taking a bath instead of a shower, did some reading that reminded him of their stay at "East 3rd Hakel" (?) and asking if she remembers the good old times, not much to report

Postcard from Bill: image of the Houses of Parliament, London, sending love and kisses

Postcard from Bill: image of the Bank of England, sending love and kisses

Letter from Bill: sent his bracelet because a link came off, asking her to take it to jeweler to get it fixed

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 9) about her day, knows how he feels when mail doesn't arrive, feels like they have been separated for years

V-Mail from Bill: about listening to a radio broadcast from New York, not much to report, no mail recently, asking if she remembers their evenings in Texas, reminding her to send pictures

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 10) about work and gossip, asked about joining a club to honor Sam Zwerling but unsure, friend's
baby was stillborn, asking him to forgive her writing

V-Mail from Bill: about her wearing his pajamas, busy tonight, stomach problems and went to doctor, might attend a dance at the NCO club, didn't received any packages yet, asking about Nate and Bucky

Letter from Bill: about mail, info on English coins he is sending, would like to write her a long letter but there is nothing to report, feels better if she writes affectionate letters, a big name Rabbi will attend their services tomorrow, going to the dance on Saturday, might not be able to write until Sunday, Enclosed: a joke "Man's Best Friend" card

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, December 1-10, 1944

V-Mail from Bill: in England, telling her that he can read her letters, will write her a long letter on Sunday, asking her to send photos, happy to hear that Bucky will be home soon and asking if Bucky will make Christmas

Letter from Annette: (letter 11) about shopping and meeting some friends, got pictures taken, getting dinner at Gibby's and seeing some celebrities, saw "Love is no Private Affair" and ran into some friends, hoping that Claire is well and asking if he has heard from his parents, money, work, mailed him candy and included some pictures, accidentally opened his letter to Pearl, telling him to request food in his letters since she must have a letter every time she sends a parcel, will send a money order to Manny, handwritten note from Pearl

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 12) about helping Dr. Rodin decorate his office, found the
missing charm from her bracelet, asking how he is feeling

V-Mail from Bill: in England, about hearing "Together" by Sammy Kay making him blue, surprised that Mickey Nielson had a boy, thinks it was smart of her to decline the apartment with Charlotte, thoughts on Cookie and Del, hoping the medics find him medicine, hasn't received any packages from her, remembering their Sundays together, living on Claire's package, finally had an orthodox chaplain, went to a dance at the NCO club, asking if multi-page V-mails get delivered in one batch or not, thanking her for the clippings she sends, telling her to buy her coat and to send photos in it, discussion about Nate and Harry, asking about Mae and asking why she hasn't answered his questions about Mae

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 13) about Dr. Rodin's office being beautiful, needs to buy new clothes, allotment came today and his bonds are coming through regularly, apologizing for writing such a short letter, asking if he got the glasses

V-Mail from Bill: in England, nothing to report, hasn't received any mail or packages from her, asking about her Christmas shopping, asking what her plans for Christmas and New Years are, will hopefully fix his stomach soon, asking for photos

Letter from Annette: (letter 14) about how it's getting close to Christmas and they will spend another holiday apart, rushed home to get mail and got her bracelet, work is good and learned to cast a gold inlay, no news about Bucky, updates on friends, asking who the Verstaendiges are, will fill his request for nail polish and baby powder, talking about her pictures and her new hairstyle, asking how he is doing, thanking him for Claire's
address, mailed Manny his $20, asking if the packages she sent have arrived

V-mail from Bill: in England, about getting mail and TIME magazines, her letters cleared up some confusion, got a letter from Pearl, assumes the packages are coming in soon, mention of the man from the War Department but says he talks about it in his letter, war is getting along alright, NCO club trying to have another dance, wishing her a happy Chanukah (Hanukkah)

Letter from Bill: in England, about finally receiving all of her letters and the first 2 TIME magazines, discussing why the man from the War Department visited her, glad she decided to stay in Chicago, discussion of his clothes and equipment at Aunt Henna’s, asking about home, asking for a photo of Bucky, telling her to write what she feels instead of keeping it to herself

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 15, mislabeled) about her dinner, her quilted housecoat, Pearl and Ann are dancing, listening to recordings like Bing Crosby's "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby," hasn't see him since September 11, Dr. Rodin fixed the bracelet for her

V-Mail from Bill: in England, about receiving her letters and waiting for the packages, apologizing for scolding her, will write her a long letter once he get hold of the typewriter, thanking her for the bank statement, telling her to buy what she desires, TIME magazine is making its way around the company, weather is getting cold

V-Mail from Bill: in England, about having tooth troubles and getting a filling in a tooth, received another Time magazine, Chanukah
services at camp on Saturday, longing for her is getting worse

V-Mail from Bill: in England, received her letter with enclosures from Camp Cooke, asking her to get cough medicine, still no parcels yet and assuming somebody else got them, will write a long air mail letter tonight

Letter from Bill: in England, congratulating her for getting a reward, glad he married her and will not comment anymore on Claire, talk of her salary, remarks on her letters from when she first returned to Chicago, her affectionate writing boosts his morale, thanking her for the bank statements, asking if she ever got the coat she wanted and asking for a picture of it, telling her not to worry

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 15) about putting the English coins he sent on a bracelet, their dog Boots was killed by a truck, sent him photos of herself, added new curtains in Pearl's kitchen, cancelled a date with friends to stay in, listened to "Embraceable You", hopes he had a nice time at the NCO dance

Letter from Annette: (letter 16) about work going by quickly, feeling a bit disgusted with herself, reflecting and reminiscing on when they lived in the South Side, Pearl is very sad about their dog dying, purchased the baby powder and will get the nail polish tomorrow, asking how he is feeling and if he got the results of his x-ray back, worried her packages contents have spoiled by now and that his sunglasses may be lost, in the dumps but starting to feel better, going to play penny poker

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 17) about seeing "Mr. Skeffington" by herself but feeling better after "one grand cry," thick snow fall, asking
for Claire's address, Bucky won't be in until Spring, no news from Nate in almost 3 weeks

V-Mail from Bill: in England, about her packages finally arriving and telling her that the glasses are perfect, doesn't need anything else unless he requests it now, wishes she could be around for the holidays, NCO club had a dance, asking for pictures, wants to know if she got everything he has sent, asking for cremalin compressed tablets, gives her the address to send the nail polish and baby powder, sorted clothes and equipment and recommending "What to do With Germany," asking about home. A handwritten note (potentially from Annette based on handwriting) is included with this V-Mail with notes regarding getting cold medicine and cremalin tablets and lists the address for the Verstaendig (?). While this note was not originally sent with this V-Mail, based on content it can be assumed that Annette wrote this note to herself to remember Bill's requests.

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, December 11-30, 1944

Letter from Annette: (letter 18) about receiving mail, hoping that her packages make it to him by Christmas, updates on friends, no longer getting the coat she wanted, met a woman from Germany who "wept bitter tears" and invited her to come over in the future, Christmas shopping, telling him to dance, news about family, will try to get the book he recommended

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 19) about Jack getting chicken pox, Pearl's dad was sick, played gin rummy with Pearl and owe her money, telling him to take care of himself and to take his medicine regularly
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<td>Letter from Annette: (letter 21) apologizing for not writing yesterday, Bucky might be home for Easter but no news from Nate, saw the film &quot;Conspirators,&quot; description of her coat, found the nail polish he requested and will mail it in the morning, tells him to let her know if he or his friends need anything, wears the bracelet he sent her at all times, news from home, including a letter from Jack that she dictated to him. Enclosed: Handwritten note by Jack Simon telling Bill to win the war, hurry home, and that Annette wants the bacon</td>
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V-Mail from Annette: (letter 23) about last minute Christmas cards, no mail is causing her anxiety, following the news closely and hoping for victory, hopes he received a package she sent.

V-Mail from Bill: in France, about not writing or getting mail because he has been on the move, the sunglasses she got for him are perfect, met an Irish woman at NCO club dance who was similar to her and glad that he left England before he did anything questionable, thinking about Christmas and what they would have done together, telling her to go out and have a good time, asking if she got his mail, got a new job with intelligence, hoping to get a photo soon, asking about family and friends, includes his new address.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 24) about her day, Dr. Rodin gave her a $25 gift, saw "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo".

Letter from Annette: (letter 25) about penny poker, got snow, news from home, days without him feel wasteful, wishes she knew when he was returning, this is the longest that they have been separated, lucky that she got to be with him while he was stationed in the states and reflection on when she saw him last.

Letter from Annette: (letter 26) thanking him for the flowers he sent her, her dinner, Pearl gave her a letter to enclose, news from home, telling him to not take her last letter about their parting in California too seriously.

V-Mail from Bill: in France, about not receiving mail, asking about home, moved to France and how it has taken a beating, doesn't say anything about the war since the home papers know more than he does.
wishing her a happy birthday, hopes to be together soon

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 26, mislabeled) about oversleeping, received his cards from London, her flowers are beautiful, jealous he saw all of those places without her, link on her bracelet broke, asks how he is doing and for a picture of him for her wallet

Letter from Annette: (letter 27) about misplacing a letter Dr. Rodin had asked her to mail containing a check for $4,000, wants to see "Winged Victory," listening to "These Foolish Things That Remind Me of You," saw the movie "The Sullivans" with Pearl, hasn't had mail in a couple of days, Dr. Rodin checked her teeth, Treasury Department requested that she interview for a job, going to press her flowers, still no plans for New Year's

V-Mail from Bill: in France, about finally getting mail, requesting food, was in Paris last weekend but didn't stay long, glad everyone likes the bracelet he sent and wondering how she is doing, asking for updates on family/friends, asking for gray gloves with fur lining, asking if she got the check he sent

Letter from Annette: about the photo she sent and hoping he likes it, going to celebrate New Year's with a show and steaks at Barney's, hoping they will be together in the new year, returned her coat, asking what he found wrong with Claire

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, January 1-15, 1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 28) about how she celebrated New Year's, cried at twelve o'clock but no one saw her, hoping she gets mail from him tomorrow
Letter from Annette: (letter 29) with more details of her day, wishing he would return soon and telling him that he is "aces," reread and filed all of his letters, asking about his ulcer and what X-Rays showed, reassuring him that she would take care of him and reminding him that she is owed a breakfast in bed.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 30) about getting back to work being good, ordered Life magazine for him but might not get there before February, update on a friend in the army, with a note from Pearl about getting Annette to cook.

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, doesn't have much time to write since they are devoting their time to chasing the Germans, received a lot of her letters and promising to answer them soon, weather is rough, not much to report about him, waiting for her promised photos.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 31) about celebrating her birthday tomorrow without him and feeling low, forwarding him a letter, her plans for tomorrow, getting a raise at work, can't wait for him to return to Chicago so he can pick her up and work and see her in her nurse uniform.

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about his handwriting being bad and not getting a chance to write a substantial letter, the boys got her Christmas cards and liked them, asking if she received the money order, hoping he will be around for her next birthday.

Letter from Annette: (letter 32) detailing shopping on her birthday, deposited his check and bond, bought herself a pair of sterling silver barrettes for her hair, got a drawing of herself, Mrs. Gross is sending him a package of cookies, saw "The Seventh
Cross" and "Summer Storm", worrying when Bill's letters do not arrive, enclosed her horoscope for her birthday. Enclosed: 2 news clippings of "Horoscopes" by Frances Drake

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honest, relieved now that she has spoken
her mind, will love him no matter how he
comes back, wondering what he is thinking,
asking if he is angry and telling him that he
asked for it

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about feeling lost
when he doesn't get her mail, winter
weather, still waiting for her photos, asking
about home and family

V-Mail from Annette: (mislabeled with letter
35 and 1/9/1944) about finally receiving his
letters from France, worried about a woman
he went out with in England, tells him she
wrote him a lengthy letter the night before
about her feelings towards the affair, telling
him to let nothing interfere with their love,
telling him that she will always be faithful to
him, she forgives him and thanks him for the
honesty

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 36) about her
dinner and being in the dumps, didn't sleep
well, work was pleasant, filed income taxes,
fantasizing about her day if he was around,
sent him a photo but thinks it is not very
good, noticed that she is dating letters
incorrectly, letters are titled "Dear Bill"
because she was angry, hasn't heard from
Warren, asking how many hearts he has
broken and telling him to be careful

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about getting a
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front, asking about friends and family

Duplicate of previous V-Mail from Bill: in
Belgium, about getting a letter from her, cold
weather, wants a T-Bone steak, telling her that he is pretty close to the front, asking about friends and family

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 37) about her dinner, speaks of him constantly, weather is hovering around zero, waiting on his letters, terribly worried about him and fantasizing about their life together, telling him to take care of himself and come home soon, hasn't purchased a coat yet

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 38) about being lonesome for him, asking if he could have become interested in the Irish woman and asking if he kissed her

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about getting no mail, F.D.R. asking for nurses, asking if she has heard from Nate, Harry, and Bucky, spends time reflecting on their time together in the States, asking about home

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 39) about her job and getting her teeth cleaned, sometimes thinks of Dr. Rodin as a father rather than a boss, only received 2 letters from him since he has been in France and hoping for more, hoping his work is successful and he must be furious about her angry letter, needs to catch up on writing

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about not receiving her photo yet, wish he could have seen the flowers he sent, glad she didn't leave Dr. Rodin for the Treasury Department job and weighing the benefits of both jobs, didn't receive the peanuts Pearl sent yet, sorry about her bracelet needing to be fixed, nothing new to report on his stomach issue, cold weather

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 40) about the numbering of her letters, still no mail from him, received a check for $10.50 from Camp Cooke, head is splitting because she is trying
to quit smoking and sleeping too much, reading the paper looking for names she recognizes, got the check on her birthday

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 41) about writing being the only cure for a confused mind, won three dollars and Dr. Rodin's sister-in-law's house, surprised she considered staying in California, didn't realize being lonesome would hurt so much, didn't get any mail from him, Buck will be home in a few months, another weekend without him but promising to make him happy when he returns home

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 42) about her night, had a hard day at work, Bess thought she saw Nate in the paper but it wasn't him, no mail today, Dr. Rodin asked if Bill should address letters to the office but she said no, hasn't smoked in three days

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 43) about going to Barney's at 11:30 p.m., saw couples at Barney's and wished she had gone to see a movie instead, loathes being pitied, wants to be alone for a time, writing at the Palmer House, lonely without him, missing letters from him, terribly worried and he is the only one she can tell her troubles to

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 44) about spending most of the day writing him, left the Palmer House and was going to see the show "Hollywood Canteen" but went to Gimbel's instead, the waitress saw she was lonely, enjoying the quiet house, getting impatient with mail, asking him for a photo, thought of sending him a wedding band, wore toeless shoes and almost froze her feet

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 45) about reading his old letters and apologizing for reprimanding him so much, will write Claire, thanking him for writing her so many letters
V-Mail from Annette: (letter 46) listening to Lux Radio's "The Master Race," no mail yet, Dr. Rodin is a victim of her temper, thinks about their future together all the time, Carl's wife hasn't heard anything from Carl since early December, Nate is in the hospital and losing weight, having a cry with Bessie over the phone, hasn't had a cigarette in a week, asking about the others in the company, boring evenings

V-mail from Annette: (letter 47) about Pearl surprising her by playing the voice recording he made in Berkeley as well as recordings from Harry, Nate and Bucky, asking if he can make another recording

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, January 16-31, 1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 47, mislabeled) about getting a letter and worrying about him and wishing he was as safe as she is, Jack is as thrilled as she when mail comes, telling him that she did not buy coat, telling him that she likes her work very much

V-mail from Annette: (letter 48) about getting his recent letter and promising to quickly fulfill his requests, received a $120 check some time ago from him, glanced through papers and will look bad when he returns from all her worry

V-mail from Annette: (letter 49) tried to play cards but could only think about writing him, the house thinks she is wacky, asking if he likes her picture, feeling better because she hasn’t smoked in over a week, asking if the new censor she noticed can read his handwriting, keeps thinking of him and the other soldiers in the freezing cold and feels foolish for not doing anything
V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about a dream he had of her, asking a pocket knife, says Russians started their offensive and maybe with the combined efforts of all the Allies we are going to start on the versions of the 5 groves (?) to Berlin, weather is the same and towns don't look very happy, thankful the US didn't get hit at home with the war, hoping packages are on the way

V-mail from Bill: in Belgium, about not getting mail from her, a friend lost his child because of unknown reasons, tried to get in touch with Harry but didn't have enough time to wait for them to find his unit location, line from the Stars and Stripes about a soldier loving his wife "at home and abroad," asking about home

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 50) about her work, got 2 teeth filled, wishes he could meet Dr. Rodin, good news about the war, news from home, seeing a Jewish play, trying to find news from Belgium

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 51) about getting a package ready to send to him, missing him, telling him about the headlines in the paper about the war, weather, unfair that he is in danger while she can go have fun, no mail from him

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 52) about not getting mail, going to the bank, searching all day for fur lined gloves in gray and hoping he doesn't get them too muddy, saw film at the White Palace but didn't pay attention to the movie, asking if he has received the Omnibook yet

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about not getting mail and being worried, the 11th is part of the 3rd Army, Patton is their General, still in Belgium, still waiting for photos, updates on war and says its coming to an end, wants to
let the politicians decide what happens to Europe so he can go home after the war

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about taking bathing his body in sections while wearing a steel helmet, telling her to get a specific issue of LIFE, no mail today, days without her aren't worth counting, asking for news from friends and family,

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 53) about not getting mail but sending off the parcels he requested, Dr. Rodin's wife is making cookies to mail and telling Bill that she has everyone working for him morning to midnight, her morning, afternoon, and evening rituals

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about inauguration day in the States but in Belgium they only have snow, saw Warren and Victor (?) but hasn't heard from Carl or Nelson, only looking forward to having her pictures to carry in his pocket, had a dream about her, hopes the Soviets can get to Berlin quickly, part of the army of "Pistol Packin' Patton"

Letter from Annette: (letter 54) about making breakfast and reminiscing on their past, thinks she is catching a cold, Nate is in the hospital and has been put on Limited Service, Dolores' boyfriend came from overseas and discussing Harry and Cookie, getting annoyed with Sam and Pearl, news about friends, feeling like getting into an argument and asking him if he is up for it, enclosed some clippings and a picture of Buck, telling him to pay attention to the date if she messes up the letter numbering

V-mail from Annette: (letter 55) about how the household can't understand how she writes so much, got into an argument with Pearl that she also mentions in previous letter, saw "Canterville Ghost" at the
Paradise Theater, thought she saw him there and is reminded of him everywhere, papers are saying that the war is going well, hoping for mail tomorrow, asking about the boys

Letter from Bill: in Belgium, says the only reason for this letter is the clipping from the York (?) Magazine, should be getting V-Mail since they were able to write the last couple of days, Enclosed: a newspaper clipping with a "Demobilization Chart" and French money (one 10 Franc and one 20 Franc)

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about getting no mail and arriving in the States six years ago today, saw Patton, wishing she were with him and wanting to have her around for wintersport, asking about family

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 56) about getting back to work and having cookies baked by Mrs. Rodin for him, asking if he has ever noticed anything missing in his parcels, letters she received from him, the papers cause her confusion and worry, Carl's wife is worried about Carl and hasn't heard anything since early December

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about getting mail and a package of hard candies from her, asking for a photo of the sketch she had made, anxious to see the photos she took and thanking her for the parcel she sent, letter from Carl with his address, gets a kick out of horoscopes, sorry he couldn't send her a birthday card, sorry if he sounds absent minded and asking about home

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 57) received a letter from him, telling him to forgive an incident at Harry and Del's house, detailing her worries for him, not living but rather just existing while waiting for him, how much she misses him
V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about getting a lot of mail, magazines, and cards, glad that she likes the bracelet he sent, she can take care of his teeth when he gets home, discussion of friends and family, hoping her photos show up soon, weather is cold and sleeping in buildings whenever possible, asking for an address and about home

1/23/1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about her recent letter, hopes they will be together this time next year, noticing that she seems to cry at all occasions, wants to go to San Francisco to celebrate victory when it happens, caught up on his mail

1/23/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 58) about trying to cheer up Nenie, needing to write slower and improve her script, stating that he must have the picture she sent by now, gained weight since she quit smoking, looked through old photos they took and offering to send one to him, going to sit down and reread all of his letters this week, Pearl got his V-Mail, promises to cook for him

1/24/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 59) about how she must write, telling him it is okay that he doesn't have much to write about, understands his trouble with expressing himself, wrote Claire a letter

1/24/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 60) about writing during lunch, no mail from him but she is used to that but tells him not to feel bad, not much news from the Belgian front, wants to go to New York someday, saw newsreels of returning soldiers and believes he will be home soon, will send photos when it gets warmer and asking him for a photo, comment on why he has so many photos of Claire, asking for his friends address

1/25/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 61) about Harry being reported as Missing In Action and then
a Prisoner of War, Cookie must have known, glad that he is at least alive

Letter from Bill: in Belgium, a short letter about news clippings and propaganda he included. Enclosed: small news clipping with news on the 11th Armored Division with handwritten date 1/25/44; two copies of "Eastern Bulge Collapsing; 3rd Nears Border" article; news clipping from Yank Magazine of a New York lingerie store where women model the garments; Safe Conduct Pass (US/GB-ZG61) with text in German and English for German soldiers who wish to give themselves up

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about not getting her mail yet, his sunglasses are handy, will probably have to conduct services tomorrow because they don't have a Jewish chaplain, asking if she has cut down her smoking, tired of spending their best years apart

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 62) about her morning and how it is unfair that she can do what she pleases while he fights to stay warm and potentially for his life, saw the play "The Katherine Dunhan Revue," can't wait for him to see baby Gail

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, with Lilian Hochfelder's address and encouraging her to write Mrs. Hockfelder, jealous of her dinner at Gibby's, giving credit to Pearl, discussion about Claire and telling her that he is getting tired of waiting for the photos, telling her to spend the $120 he sent, asking about her work, food requests

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about any mail being better than none, his magazines are coming in regularly, nothing to write about, thinks about her 24 hours a day and talks about her 25 hours a day, waiting for her pictures
Letter from Annette: (letter 63) about her wonderful afternoon with baby Gail, spent the morning listening to news about the Western Front, she dreamed about him for the first time but it was disappointing because they argued, reminiscing about a show they saw together, sending him the medicine he requested, wants to move into her own apartment but can't justify the cost.

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, with Nelson Robert's address, asking her to send a camera, get doughnuts and coffee on Sundays, Claire's address, caught some hell in her most recent letters but glad she forgave him, she is the only one for him and hoping the war ends soon, in the writing mood, Warren will try to write her soon, telling her not to worry about the French girls.

V-Mail from Annette: (mislabeled letter 63) about her work, Harry being MIA rather than a POW as Cookie had told them.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 64) about Fannie's, her pen, news about a friend.

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about mail, glad she got a raise, telling her to pull herself together, finances look good, telling her to visit Claire and Emmanuel, some of the boys got silver stars, no pictures yet, asking if she heard from the girls in San Francisco.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 66) about his recent letter and how her office got a kick from his joke, listening to a gala in honor of the president's birthday, Frank Sinatra on the air, telling him to not look for Harry, Buck is due to come home any day, asking him to address his mail to her office.

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about not getting mail, Warren will write her tonight, weather is getting very cold again, reminiscing on their time together.
V-Mail from Annette: (letter 67) about missing him, talk of the war c. 1/??1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about finally getting her photo but feeling more lonesome, convinced he will be back within the year, telling her to get whatever she needs, telling her to keep chin up and promising to give her breakfast in bed when he returns, mail, will carry her photo in his right shirt pocket at all times

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about getting a package from October 1944 and complaining about the mail service, everyone is watching the Russian offensive, asking about family and friends 1/31/1945

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, February 1-15, 1945

Letter from Annette: going to write him a V letter after lunch but wanted to send what Frannie gave her last night, asking him not to tell people that she sent it, misses him and no mail today 2/1/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 68) about writing so much that she forgets what letter number she is on, just sent a cartoon in an air mail envelope, have not received the Blue Letter/Blue envelope letter from December, hasn't touched a cigarette and gained 5 lbs., asks how he is doing and assumes he knows about the Russian advances, Dr. Rodin has been made Chairman of the Jewish National Fund 2/1/1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about mail coming regularly, got paid and made arrangements for it to be sent to her since he has no use for it, asking her to let him know when she gets the check, lists letters that she has not confirmed, says she is 2/1/1945
complaining a lot about not receiving mail from him but assumes that has changed, shocked she is giving up smoking, glad she took care of her teeth, telling her not to worry too much about him, asking for news about Harry, Bucky, and Nate

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about getting 15 V-Mail letters, details on make-shift religious services on Fridays since there aren't a lot of Jewish boys, telling her that he will write a letter giving her a piece of his mind - too long to write in V mail, telling her not to knock herself out, gloves, asking what hospital Nate is in and what is wrong with him, weather took a turn and it's getting warmer

Letter from Annette: (letter 68, mislabeled) about moving out of Pearl's house because she could feel that Sam wanted to live alone with Pearl, now living with Fannie, thought about going to New York but glad she stayed in Chicago, if news keeps going as it is she is going to get the first vacant apartment and be ready for his return, went to Dr. Rodin's Installation last night with Pearl, going to see Dr. Sims to get his medicine and then to visit the Browns, no mail from him today so she reread some old letters, note from Pearl at the end

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 69) has a glowing afternoon and evening with Mae and her baby, the baby reminded her of Karen from Abilene, she would love to have a baby to love, telling him to hurry home and they will have fun raising a family, Chicago has dim outs and it's dangerous to be out alone at night, wrote a long letter to him earlier with a lot of news, got letters from him and Bucky

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, about no getting mail from her and sending a 9 page letter to her, telling her not to get the gloves, asking for updates on friends, not much on the war
front but knows the Germans are taking a beating, asking if she read the 11th in the paper and even were mentioned on the radio, asking about the medicine he asked about weeks ago

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 70) about her change in address after moving in with Fannie and sent details in a long letter the other day, hasn't notified the Office of Dependency about her new address, Fannie treats her like a daughter, staying in to write letters and listen to the radio, how she feels about his England affair, asking if it was really an affair, telling him that while the whole of Chicago is stepping out tonight she is at home alone, not angry just confused, going to write him a letter, hasn't received the French coins only the ones from England, asking him to write her at the office so she gets the mail in the morning

Letter from Annette: (letter 71) about just finishing up her 3 page V-Mail to him and her opinion hasn't changed, was in a horrible mood at work, including a clipping from Virginia that Nenie (?) sent along with pictures of Miss Judith, Nan (?) Brown, and one of Harry, changed the office around and bought plants, how she loves him and if the Russians continue she will have him in person soon, thinking about having him home, how every song on the radio makes her think of him and makes her sad, won't be happy until he is home

Letter from Bill: in Belgium, about having to write a good morale letter, after reading her letters he thinks there is something wrong with her, telling her there is no reason for her to get fed up with her friends or anybody else, worried about her health when she worries and doesn't go out, telling her that her health depends on her mind as much as her body, telling her to go to movies that will
make her laugh and not cry, asking her if she has heard about the 11th on the radio, telling her she doesn't sound like his Annette in her letters, should be proud of her share that she is doing for the struggle instead of feeling pity, telling her to forget the letter about the girl in England, telling her that there are no missing letters but he just couldn't write for a couple of days, telling her the money for her own upkeep won't break them and its ok to spend, glad she is writing Carl's wife, sorry to hear that Nate is in the hospital, glad she is cutting down on smoking, telling her to contact her friends and to not worry about the future, hoping for a speedy victory so they can be together, thinks her going east is swell, medicine from Sam's brother, suggesting going to Texas, if she doesn't like anything her said in letter just forget it and consider it as never said, telling her to get back into circulation in the meantime, gave her Claire's address

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 72) about how she spent her relaxing Sunday, saw "The Great Mr. Handel", played cards with the girls but cards don't interest her, nothing seems right without him, saw Mr. Gross and he wants Bill to attend a gala event in April, Mr. Gross was shocked that she writes daily, looks at his pictures every morning

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, things are still the same and the only change is the weather, asking her to tell him when she receives the check he sent, no mail from her today, asking for news on Harry, Bucky, and Nate

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, all he received in the mail was a TIME magazine, asking for updates on friends and her work, so used to getting her daily mail that he feels lacking on days it doesn't come, asking how she is doing on her no smoking pledge
V-Mail from Annette: (letter 73) thrilled to have gotten some mail from him, hopes Dory (?) in Switzerland answers his letters and helps locate his parents, moved the rest of her clothes over last night, thinks he will like it where she is, Pearl has tickets for the Jewish Play and they will probably go tomorrow, telling him to come home and keep her company

2/6/1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Belgium, got a lot of mail from her but some of them confused him, thanked her for the coin and will add it to his collection, ran into a couple of guys from their old stomping grounds, asking why she is having trouble getting nail polish, can't wait to be able to help her do some shopping, giving her the idea of joining the Red Cross and going where he is

2/6/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 74) hopes there is victory by the time he gets this note, went to a show with Fannie and Tom, been busy at work, almost a month without smoking

2/7/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 75) mailed a change of address so she gets her mail at the office and first thing in the morning, got a letter from Dory Geller and it's evident Dory never got his letters, giving him the forwarding address, wishing him good luck contacting her and hopes that will help find his parents, Claire is worried and telling him to write her

2/8/1945

Letter from Annette: (letter 76) just finished writing him a V-Mail but writing more since she is sending Dory's wedding invitation, listening to "March of Time" on the radio, news that the War is going well but knows he faces danger, hope they are together soon and can celebrate their 3rd anniversary together

2/8/1945
V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, was feeling kind of blue before he got her mail, has lost the mesusah she bought him on his last furlough, received 2 packages with taffy and pictures, assumes she is getting his letters regularly and trying to write as often as possible, asking if she was ever able to pick up some medicine, how much snow they are getting compared to Chicago, glad she went to the stage show with Pearl, telling her to go out if she feels like it, might have some interesting news coming up, asking for updates on Harry, Nate, and Bucky

2/8/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 76, mislabeled) what time it is in Chicago and what she is doing while she thinks about what time it is for him and what he must be doing, has borscht and will make some when he comes home, update on her weight, saw Mrs. Gross and it reminds her of him

2/9/1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, received her mail and thanking her for the clippings, hopes everything is ok in regards to Harry, knows she is trying to keep up with the war and their movements, thanking her for calling Dr. Sims and expects the medicine any day, attended Friday night service, surprised by the idea of the apartment, thought she might take a vacation to see Claire, thinks she would have fun looking for a place, asking for updates on Bucky and Nate

2/9/1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, received a lot of mail from her, made arrangements to send her another check, received a package from Pearl, telling her not to get the gloves since it will be summer before they arrive, doesn't think the household is right for thinking she is crazy for writing so much, anxiously waiting the shipment and cookies, thinks her idea of putting content slips in the packages is smart, telling her to keep up her correspondence with Carl's wife, not sure

2/10/1945
why he brought up the affair at Cookie and Del's house and telling her to forget it, has no room for old pictures but appreciates her offer, able to shower for the first time since crossing the channel, Red Cross will be around tomorrow with coffee and doughnuts, saw Hack and he sends his regards

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, received some of her letters but the news in them was kind of mixed up, got the clippings and pictures, sending Bucky congratulations, about Nate's sickness and how limited service doesn't necessarily mean he will be back in the states, Harry's news did not surprise him and he knows the area where he was captured, she should be able to figure out where it happened since she follows the news, hopes and prays that Harry is ok, about her apartment and New York would be a nice change but it is her decision, wishes she dressed more proper when she goes downtown, took some pictures and will send them to her, had doughnuts and coffee from the Red Cross, weather is like Chicago

Letter from Annette: (letter 77) was writing him a V-Mail but ripped it up since it didn't sound like her, not up to par tonight, regrets being in Chicago and sometimes feels she was wrong in returning, apologizes for discovering her Chicago friends interest her no more, has been isolating herself, feels at home at Fannies, saw the movie "Mrs. Parkington", prefers being alone and going places by herself is not new, she is only down on the weekends so she is sorry if the letter is confusing, can't wait until he returns, asking about people he had mentioned, has been following Patton's army as close as she can, kissed the paper but wishes for a real kiss

Letter from Bill: in Luxembourg, sending a clip from the Stars and Stripes, lots of V-Mail
coming her way and he has nothing to add. Enclosed: a news clipping "11th Armd., Tanks Made 500-Mile Dash from Channel to Bulge" from Stars and Stripes Feb 9, 1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, didn't get any mail from her but wiring because that's her wish, Valentine's Day and presumes she is going out to have fun, asking for updates from the home front

Letter from Annette: (letter 78) about writing him, often imagines he is outside waiting for her after work, received some V-Mail from him, wants him to come home and she will forget any ill feelings, plans to go to the loop on Friday and will get some film developed, work is busy and she is enjoying it, telling him she will write Roberts and asking how he was injured, the war is getting her down, understands it's difficult to write long letters and he can't say much with the censor regulations

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, getting mail from her, has a slight cold and might take it easy for a couple days and read, telling her the cold is nothing to worry about, surprised by her moving in with Fannie and asking for her new address, thinks it was a smart move, glad she is still friends with Pearl, asking if she saw Dr. Sims and for updates on Harry, Nate, and Bucky, asking her to let him know when she gets the checks

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 89, mislabeled) received a lot of mail from him as well as Warren and Fred, couldn't take care of patients just wanted to read letters, been worried about him and hopes he wasn't kidding by saying they will be together in 45, Dr. R picked up her typewriter from Pearl's and all that's left there is her trunk, living with Fannie is great, doesn't think she is receiving all the mail and hasn't gotten the blue letter
he mentioned, her pictures, asking how his stomach is, needs to learn to control her temper, feels foolish talking about the "Big Three" since he probably knows more about it, answering all his questions from his letters, will take care of his requests for food immediately

Letter from Annette: (letter 90) about receiving the surprise flowers from Bill at the office and Pearl coming to visit at work later in the afternoon, he is right about her mood and that she is not herself but her morale is high, telling him not to worry about her, news has been encouraging, thanking him for the candy too and saying he is lucky to have Pearl to run his errands for him, what is playing on the radio, reading the book "Under cover" by Roy Carlson, attaching the card from the flowers so he can read it

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, remembering their Valentine's Day last year, no mail from her today, dreamed about her in Alexandria, getting spring fever will all the sunshine

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 91) wrote a long air mail but wanted to send a V-Mail since it will get there faster, how much she loved and was surprised by the flowers, weather, Fannie is making her fat with all the cooking, working hard but loving it, getting spring fever and wants to travel but will wait for him so they can go together

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, received mail and her package with the gloves, still has a cold, telling her to read "Immortal Wife" by Irving Stone, hasn't sent him her new address so he assumes its ok to still send them to Pearl's house, Pesach (Passover) is coming up and it's the first one in 6 years where they are not together, asking what she did on Valentine's Day
Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, February 16-28, 1945

Letter from Annette: (letter 92) how she spent her day off with Fannie and Tom, wrapped up his parcels and hopes he gets them in one piece, thinks she is doing pretty good on money and describes her spending, wishes she was in San Francisco and doesn't care for Chicago, hasn't smoked since Jan 11th, thought her quitting would mean more smokes for the guys overseas, put the program from "Great Mr. Handel" show in with the letter

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, telling her to write IG, didn't get any mail from her, his cold is still lingering, weather and having spring fever, asking for updates and how she likes living with Fannie

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, not getting mail from her, got letter from Manny and encouraging her to write him as well, his cold is improving, Red Cross was around with doughnuts and coffee again, Special Service played some pictures, every time he thinks of old times he could get mad at everyone, asking how everyone is at her new home

Letter from Bill: in Luxembourg, attaching a slip from Capt. Paternite (?) to help speed along getting the medicine, promised explosive news but it's not ready for publication yet, asking for updates on Harry, Nate, and Bucky, might be back halfway into the supply rechert (?) but will update later, attaching a letter form IG for her inspection. Enclosed: letter to Bill from Igee ("IG") dated Feb. 3, note from Capt. Paternite (?) authorizing the bearer to purchase medicine dated 2/17/1945, and "Hubert by Sgt. Dick Wingert" cartoon
Letter from Annette: (letter 93) received letters from him and pleased with the mail situation, talk about his 9 page letter, received the French money, Nate was placed on limited service due to a cold and weakened condition, only knows that Harry is "missing in action", sorry that he finds her letters lacking details, finally adjusted to living a normal life, her typical daily schedule, spent the morning and afternoon with Fannie, saw "The Keys of the Kingdom", why she goes to the movies by herself on Sundays, feels he is always with her like in the song "I Don't Walk Alone", has a sketch of him next to his picture on her night table.

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, about mail and packages, finds the news about Harry disturbing and how Cookie handled the situation is strange, understands how she feels and wishes he was home to take care of her, imagines she is a bundle of nerves but telling her to take care of herself and watch her health, telling her missing in action is a pretty rough statement and covers a lot of ground but it happens quite often that men show up at a later time, hasn't heard anything from Carl, asking for updates on Bucky and Nate.

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, received mail and TIME magazine, thanking her for the clippings and pictures, feels sorry for the way the news were hitting (?) her especially the "English Affair" but they are buried and forgotten, they are having a picture show playing "Christmas Holiday" and he might go, living at Fannie's must be a dream, asking what is faster V or Air mail and what address to use.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 94) about getting a money order, the "Demobilization Chart", gaining weight, not smoking anymore, can't think of what to write.
Letter from Annette: (letter 95) thinks that Air mail gets there sooner than V-Mail, woke up late and had to rush to work, got mail from him and knows he is in Luxembourg now, glad he’s seeing DeSimone, remembering times they spent together, feels terrible about the medicine he requested, Dr. Sims was supposed to mail it to her and she hasn't received it yet, he should have several packages coming, imagines he was said when he lost his mesusah and will buy him a new one, she wears his dog tags and plastic mesusah around her neck, happy to be getting mail from him regularly, hasn't heard from Claire

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, no mail from her and not much to report, went to the show but they had problems, seeing "Take it Easy" tonight, been dreaming about her the last couple of nights and is disappointed when he realizes they are dreams, asking how she is feeling and how everything at home is

Letter from Annette: (letter 95, mislabeled) about getting mail from him, appreciates him trying to build her morale up but telling him she is ok, responding to his criticism from his earlier Feb. 3 letter, enjoys work and story of Dr. R dealing with an older patient with a loose tooth, hasn’t heard anything about the 11th because they don’t listen to the radio at work but she does listen to it at night, curfew starts on Monday, no news about Harry, update on Gail and her upcoming birthday, sending her regards to Lt. Roberts, sorry he wasn’t explicit enough about the gloves and if he won’t use them to send them back and she will exchange them

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, no mail from her and not much to report, weather is nice and air corps is taking advantage of it, had some entertainment last night with Casanova and a 4 piece members of the Division Band
played for a couple of hours, can't wait to hold her in his arms again

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 96) snowing in Chicago, mailman brought only part of his V-Mail so she is waiting for the other half, worked late, finally picked up the sketch she had done of herself from Marshall Fields and hung it up at the office just for fun, wishes she could mail it to him but will try to take a snapshot of it, promises to write a long letter tomorrow

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, received her letter with Dory’s wedding announcement and will write her tomorrow, saw "The Keys to the Kingdom" tonight, will write a longer letter tomorrow

Letter from Annette: (letter 97) enclosure a clipping from the Tribune, knows just about where he is, how she spent her day off with Fannie, went to the office and was happy to have gotten some mail from him, wishes he was there to take more pictures of her, listening to the news and wishes it were all over, updates on people at home, listening to "The Story of Jane Eyre" on the radio

Letter from Bill: in Luxembourg, asking which is faster Air or V-Mail, telling her to let him know when she gets the checks and to use the money for whatever she wants, remembering their 24 prep and 3 week trip to Washington and New York, remembering their stay at "Picasso's House", admires how she is able to take all of the news on the home front, proud of how she has kept her chin and head up, attached a clipping/page from the York (?) magazine, asking her to tell Mae he enjoyed the pictures, asking if she has made contact with Claire and if she has any news from Bucky and Nate, will probably attend Friday night services as usual, asking if she got the pocket knife and other small
things he requested, don't send food packages unless requested

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, received mail and TIME magazine but needs special attention and time to respond, went to Friday services, saw "One Body Too Many" in the afternoon, Mr. Gross' request is nice but he won't be able to make it but wants her to go and have a swell time, wants a big package of cookies and cake

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, even though she is thousands of miles away his thoughts are always with her, saw "Abroad with Two Yanks", trying to get their portable radio working, weather is nice and getting spring fever again

Letter from Bill: in Luxembourg, mail hasn't come yet but he is hoping for letters from her, received a package of cookies from Rodins, the Chicago dim out, talk about Mae, telling her Mr. Gross is wrong and to keep up the daily writing, including some clippings, had coffee and doughnuts as usual, asking how living with Fannie is. Enclosed: news clipping "Only Love"; news clipping "Burned Up"; news clipping "11th Armd. Div. Seizes Fifth Town in Reich"; and news clipping "11th Armd. Div, Sleepy Nazis Hit by Thunderbolt"

Letter from Annette: (letter 97) isn't easy to write knowing how comfortable and good her life is all while he is fighting overseas, apologizes for not writing the night before, planning on seeing "Objective Burma" as her usual Sunday show, Fannie is good to her and washed her hair, talked to Pearl on the phone since she doesn't see her much anymore, telling him none of her friend's husbands compare to him, spoke to Dr. Sims
who promises to mail her the medicine, getting worried since she hasn't heard from Claire, works hard during the week and the weekends are not for her, thanking him for the regular mail

Letter from Annette: (letter 98) received some mail from him, saw the show "Meet Me in St. Louis", Nate is still in Belgium, Mae and Eddie live in the same apartment and their baby is gorgeous, hopes he is well and assumes the sniffles must have been bad for him to get a couple days off, had a busy day at work, telling him to request food in all of his letters so she has a request for each of her packages, been getting mail regularly, can't wait to be together and asking if he looks the same, still hasn't smoked, curfew starts tonight in Chicago

V-Mail from Bill: in Luxembourg, about spending another holiday apart, received her letters, about her move, suggesting she throw out or donate half of her "junk", explaining who a couple of people he mentioned in his letters are, writing Claire regularly, asking if she is writing the family regularly, Pearl's gift for her for Valentine's Day came as a surprise to him and needs to put in another order for April, asking her to check the transportation of Air and V-Mail

V-Mail from Bill: received her mail but nothing to report from him, saw "The Secret Command", listening to music from home on the radio which is making him homesick, news looks pretty good and the war is bound to be over one of these days, asking for updates about home, work, and about Nate and Bucky
Letter from Annette: (letter 99) hopes the regularity of receiving at least a letter a day continues, just wrapping up the tablets he requested and what’s to know what exactly is wrong with his stomach, telling him to make sure they are the right tablets when they arrive and that he has approval from Capt. Paternites, spoke with Mrs. Hochfelder on the phone and plans to get together with her soon, telling him its better when he is around to explain the cartoons and had to ask people what the one he sent meant, thanking him for IG’s letter and wrote the girls, all they do at home is relax and talk of him, nothing to report about "the honorable H.A." but will ask when she sees Cookie, got a letter from the Wishnefshy's (?) and might see them when they pass through Chicago, will try to get the book "Immortal Wife", hopes he gets rid of his cold, weather in Chicago, asking what the huge surprise is and hopes its favorable, received the $10 bond and has been getting them monthly.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 99, mislabeled) hopes that he is feeling better and his tablets are on their way, spring is in the air and reminds her of activities they used to do, only news is that the President is going to speak tomorrow, been working very hard.

Letter from Bill: in Luxembourg, glad to have gotten her mail, listening to the radio and thinking of their time in "Frisco", wanting to go home, in favor of her not smoking, telling her to get in touch with Irene since they both have family troubles, recommending getting in touch with old friends, Valentine's Day, telling her to read "Under Cover" or "Immortal Wife", including letters from Mickey and a couple of clippings, asking about family like Cookie, Nate, and Buck, thanking her in advance for the camera and film.

Valentine's Day card from Bill "via Belgium"
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Letter from Annette: (letter 100) about receiving his V letters in parts, doesn't want him to think she's buried herself and doesn't see friends, telling him to not take her too seriously when she writes that she is disheartened, last report of Nate is that he is ok and in Belgium but no news of Harry, he must be kept busy, wishes he was in England rather than pressing forward into the Reich but would rather him be home, thanking him for writing daily, hasn't heard from Claire but thinking of spending some time up there with her, updates on people from home,

Letter from Annette: (letter 101) second letter of the day to him, how she spent her afternoon downtown, mailing his salami tomorrow and there is no note attached, no afternoon mail from him at the office, no gossip from Mr. Gross, heard news of 10th and 8th Armored

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, back in the country of his birth, would rather be back in the US, no mail from her yesterday, mail from him might be irregular and late again, telling her not to worry, asking for updates from home

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, received letters from her and Nate, weren't able to have services for everyone so he had his own private service, proud of her saving but telling her not to deprive herself of things, things are the same as usual

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, asking her to let him know when she gets the other check, writing from a fox hole, happy about her not smoking and gaining weight, has a lot of mail
to catch up on, telling her to call Warren's family in Chicago, asking if she got in touch with Mrs. Hochfelder

Letter from Annette: (letter 102) her Sunday morning, Gail's party and everyone she saw, hanging out with Cookie afterwards, received a letter from Nate and gave his address, received his letter and liked the clipping about the 11th, had some pictures developed for Juanita and got extras to send to him, anxiously waiting for the surprise he mentioned that wasn't ready for publication

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, another Sunday without her, no mail from her but expecting it to catch up to them soon, hard to fill a page with censor regulations

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 103) apologizing for not writing last night but she was out late at a banquet at the Aragon Ballroom with Dr. Rodin and his wife, talk about "The Keys to the Kingdom", Tom is trying to get him the pocketknife, thanking him for the check and him telling her to get a gift, liked the "Clothing on the War" article and the cartoon on the back, his letters are more and more real every day, air-mail letters are coming faster

Letter from Annette: (letter 104) hanging out with Fannie and Tom, wrote him earlier with the description of the Palestine Campaign Affair banquet she went to, work is busy but interesting, news of Cologne in the hands of our troops and rumors that Germany will not hold very long, thoughts of them together, telling him to be extra careful and asking about his stomach, received both checks, asked Marilyn to get her "Immortal Wife" at the library but she brought her "Prodigal Wife" instead

Letter from Annette: (letter 105) went to Barney's with Fannie and Tom after work,
purchased the package for the Vestandigs (?) and it was mailed a while ago while he was still in England, watching closely for news on the 11th, attaching the card "Honesty Test" and requesting a picture of him, Bessie called to say that Bucky is coming home

Letter from Annette: (letter 106) went to the office to check on mail and send off her income tax, visited the Dernbury's, Irene wasn't home but waited for her to come back, told Irene to write him, bought a shoe rack and devil's food cake, saw "Hold Back the Dawn" with Fannie, life without him is a bore, news is favorable and thinking of them together, latest news is that Bucky is on his way home

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 106, potentially mislabeled) about receiving mail and clippings, wanting the war to end, not smoking cigarettes, they will be together soon. (V-Mail is not dated but based on content and letter numbering, it can be assumed it is from approximately March 1945)

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, headlines about the 3rd Army will explain why he hasn't written the last couple of days, received the package for the Vestandigs (?) and forwarded it to London, received lots of mail, thanking her for the Mesusah, has a lot to tell her but is tired, can't wait to live the life of civilized people, will write a long letter when he gets the chance

Letter from Annette: (letter 107) usual Sunday for her, reading "The Prodigal Woman" but might not finish it before its due back at the library, went dancing with Dr. Rodin's son Norman last night, asking how he is and commenting about all the places he has gone in the 6 months since she last saw
him, Bucky is on his way home from the South Pacific and Nate is on limited service and in Belgium, constantly thinking and worrying about him even when she goes to shows and out dancing, what it would be like if he were home, reminiscing on seeing "The Uninvited" with him, Shipkee wrote Pearl that he came in contact with people from the 11th

Letter from Annette: (letter 108) everything peaceful at home, received letters from him from January and March, imagines what it was like to go to Germany, patiently waiting for his return, her new hairstyle, didn't get to see the Wishnepsky's (?) but told them on the phone they will see each other next time they pass through Chicago, asking if he thinks he will be home for his 31st birthday, busy at work, saw "Guy Cherney" (?) sing, the letter is "stinco" but it's difficult to write and she doesn't want to keep writing how worried she is

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, no mail from her, been busy since he knows the language in Germany, writing since he knows she worries, will write long letter tomorrow

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 108, mislabeled) received his mail, will call Warren's [illegible] tomorrow, him writing from a fox hole and it's hard for her to believe he is in battle, knows he will return to her safely but asking him to be careful, hard to write since it's the same old routine for her, saw Pearl, weather is lovely, weight is [illegible] along, one of these days she will take a picture for him, waiting for the snapshots of him. Left edge of V-Mail is torn making some parts illegible

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, writing a quick letter to keep up with the flow of mail since his long letter is not finished yet, nothing to report and everything is under control, weather is good for the air corps, wrote
letters to Lusbys and Bucky but no mail from her, misses her

Letter from Annette: (letter 109) saw "And Now Tomorrow" with Fannie, pleasant weather, gaining weight and being tired and wanting to relax, no mail from him today and it was the one of the first days without a letter in about month, Marilyn's boyfriend got shipped out to the Pacific, anxiously waiting Bucky's arrival and hasn't heard from him in about a month, doesn't have much to write since she doesn't have time for anything other than work, sleep, eating, seeing a show, and reviewing the papers, news that his fellows are making headway, it must be weird for him to be back in Germany fighting, no news of Harry and she thinks he is a prisoner

Letter from Bill: in Germany, going to answer all of her letters, listening to classic music and thinking of their Sundays together, mail situation is getting worse so apologizing if he gets her letters mixed up, must have been strange seeing Cookie, Gail's party sounded like an exquisite affair, presuming the 11th is getting some publicity now, asking for a new valet (?) and for some wash rags and sponges, thanking her for the pictures, telling her not to worry about him needing the cremalin tablets, asking if she saw various people in Chicago, asking if she got the second check, hope everything works out for Pearl and Sam, asking her to forgive him if he didn't answer all of her questions, weather is like summer, keeping busy since he speaks German, thanking her for the gloves. Enclosed: letter from Lusby's dated 2/18/1945

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 110) horoscope said her year from this date forward will be smooth sailing, she and Fannie washed each other's hair, 3rd is moving according to the
news, asking him to be careful, meeting Marilyn downtown tomorrow

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Letter from Annette: (letter 110, mislabeled) went to the loop with Marilyn and Cookie, took some drape photos and will send them to him if they turn out ok, didn't buy anything, Cookie sounded like the old Cookie and reminiscing on the fun they had when they lived on 63rd, Cookie asked her to spend Sunday together up North, got a telegram that Bucky arrived safely in the States, Dr. Rodin got the notification about the telegram and had to go to Western Union to get it and was worried it was bad news, telling him to be careful and hurry home

Letter from Annette: (letter 111) about it being a perfect day for them to be together, heard news of the 11th on the radio but it’s the same information that was I the papers, been cutting out all of the clippings, going to get her trunk at Pearl’s, called Warren’s mother and they will get together soon

Letter from Annette: (letter 111, mislabeled) been cutting clippings of the news of the 11th, her letters must be boring but she can’t find a thing to write, worried and misses him, hasn’t been getting mail but understands, Bessie, Pearl, Annie and the children visited yesterday, saw "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn", street cars are crowded because of the curfews, Bucky will arrive any day now, missing him

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 112) received a box of candy from Claire, didn’t get any mail from him but wasn’t expecting any, weather has taken a turn, perfect day to spend inside with him
Letter from Annette: (letter 112, mislabeled) this letter will contain news for a change, saw Duke Singer, Duke will send Bill addresses for Nate and George, Geneva Switzerland is making further investigation and in the next few months they should have definite information on Harry, Bucky hasn't arrived yet, went to Barney's with Fannie and Tom, saw the 11th has captured 6,700 prisoners and keeping all the clippings with news, no mail from him for over a week, chief concern is not mail but his safety, wonders if the day for victory is not far off.

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, hopes she has a good Passover holiday and anniversary, not much to report and everything is under control, weather is nice and reminds him of all the swell times they used to have during this time of year, dreamed of her again.

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, writing her so she doesn't worry, keeping busy with his knowledge of German language, had a lot of mail but not a chance to answer, hopes she had a good holiday, asking if she can send [illegible]

Letter from Bill: in Germany, no mail from her but blames the services, having the "heinies" on the run and keeping busy, will write as often as possible when conditions get better, enclosing some shoulder straps, weather is like summer but cool at night, hopes she has a festive Easter and anniversary, asking for updates from home, received some Christmas cards, appreciates the sunglasses.

Letter from Bill: in Germany, finally got some mail from her, she is on the way to becoming a regular dentist, asking her to send homemade cookies and cake, chaplain is trying to get a rabbi or Jewish chaplain for Seder service, played ping pong, congratulating her on her weight and proud.
of her for not smoking, going to see a movie tonight, enclosing a German medal but will explain what it is for in the next letter

Letter from Annette: (letter 113) hasn't written in a couple days because she couldn't concentrate with the excitement, Bucky arrived home but they haven't told him about Harry, feeling low since she hasn't gotten mail from him in over 10 days, going to head to the loop and getting the proofs for the drape pictures, was so excited when Bucky came home that she smoked some cigarettes

Letter from Annette: (letter 114) weather, only news is Bucky and his relationship with Del, saw "Together Again" and "Boyer" with Bess, work is good, Marilyn and her didn't like the proofs of their photos but she ordered one anyways, hasn't seen Gross lately but has been avoiding them, never goes to Pearl's house anymore, there is no fun with him gone, no mail for about 14 days, Cookie told Bucky that Harry is missing in action, spent Saturday night at Barney's as usual, anxiously waiting for summer so she can visit Claire, wants to pick up and move but doesn't know where, asking him for updates, unable to put her feelings of love and missing him on the paper

Letter from Bill: in Germany, has the Germans on the run and doesn't know when they are going to stop, received some of her letters, telling her the checks were presents and to purchase anything she needs, asking her to let him know if she gets in touch with Melgaards and Hochfelders, glad she went to the Zionist banquet and that she had fun, saw "Moonlight and Cactus", enclosing 2 Inflation notes and how to figure out their dollar value
Letter from Bill: in Germany, even though she is thousands of miles away his thoughts are constantly with her, enclosing a letter from Jene, asking for updates on Bucky, spring like weather, since she is complaining about him not requesting food he is giving her a list of what he wants, tough to fill up pages when there is nothing to report, asking her not the be mad about the short letter since there is nothing to report, hopes they can celebrate the next holidays together, his list of needs, asking for the TIME article "Women" from Feb. 26. Enclosed: letter from Jene dated March 12

Letter from Annette: (letter 114, mislabeled) received some mail from him and telling him he doesn't have to forward on letters from the fairer sex, doesn't have the time to visit Mickey and Irene, made another attempt to see "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" but the line was too long, Bucky is taking her and Bess out tonight, missing him and imagining their life together when he comes home, Passover will be lonesome without him, not very busy at work

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, writing a few lines since he is trying to write every day, got a bunch of old mail today, asking if she got in touch with a variety of people and old friends, nothing to report, hoping to have Seder services, hopes that Bucky was able to make it home for Easter, will forward some clippings, weather is good and that will help end the war in Europe, assuming all the requested items are in the mail and on the way

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 115) no mail but wasn't expecting much, went out last night with Bucky and Bess, was thinking about him and misses him when she goes to places that she knows he would like, Passover is tomorrow and she has the blues, undecided
how to spend the holiday, work has been quiet, weather has been lovely

Letter from Bill: in Germany, March 27: trying to answer the letters he just received, will hold onto a gadget as soon as he can for Tom, asking if she got in touch with Melgaards and anxiously waiting on the report, only giving advice about Mickey and not trying to make her do something she doesn't want to do, surprised to hear she intends to spend some time at Fleiscbraus (?) but hopes she enjoys her time, enclosing a clipping he thought she would like, having Seder services tonight. March 28: had Seder services but it was strange celebrating in Germany, not much to report, looking forward to the end of the war, his old letter from Bucky. Enclosed: news clipping "Dear Wife"

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 115, mislabeled) talked to Mrs. Melgaard who got mail from Warren, received some letters from him, Cookie and Flo came over last night, news has been favorable this past week

Letter from Annette: about receiving the hose this morning and returning them to him for explanation, asking if they were switched out by one of the examiners

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, April 1-15, 1945

Letter from Annette: (letter 116) Easter Sunday but it's just a regular day for her, ashamed for not writing but it's hard around the holidays when he is not there, had dinner and services at the Gross' house, went South to see what Mayson's had to feature for the Easter Parade, hasn't bought anything other than incidentals and hates herself for being so particular, got some
gossip from Mayson's, finished the book "See What I Mean", finds peace of mind only when she works, no mail but received one of the monthly bonds, saw Bucky after work, went to Barney's with Fannie and Tom, spent the Seder at Marilyn and Bucky was there, rumors that the war will be over any day now

Letter from Annette: (letter 117) writing again because she loves and misses him, spent the day at Bessie's, was in a horrible mood because she was so lonesome, finds it hard to be without him, letter might be hard to read because of the pen and she is curled up in bed trying to write, news of the 11th from March 31, mentioned on air a couple of times and paper keeps her well-informed

Letter from Bill: in Germany, hasn't received mail from her over the last couple days but knows that she is writing, not much to report, in case she hasn't mailed the camera she doesn't need to because he got one, hopes she had a nice Easter and anniversary, misses her and thinks of her constantly, asking for updates from home and about Bucky, Nate, and Harry

Letter from Annette: (letter 117, mislabeled) has so much to tell him during the day but finds nothing is worth writing about, has been worried and will only be satisfied when he is home, Gail might need glasses, rumors of victory over Germany, asking about Carl and Lt. Roberts, Bucky is still in Chicago, movies in the loop she wants to see but wishes he were with her, feeling restless since she hasn't gotten mail in almost a week, can't imagine how busy he is since he speaks German, enclosing a clipping that sounds like her

Letter from Annette: (letter 118) weather and being very cold, comforted Mrs. Melgaard when she called about not receiving mail
from Warren but feels the same since she hasn’t gotten mail from him, asking him to tell her how Warren is every once in a while she can update Mrs. M, 11th has seemed to have penetrated the deepest into Germany, deepest regret is that she is helpless because she can’t be with him, wants him to come home and make her life complete, work is the same, catching up on correspondence

Letter from Bill: in Germany, mail finally caught up with them, they are advancing and the papers should give the 11th a good write up, weather changed to typical April weather, updates from the letters he received from Dory, Duke, and Igee, asking for Skipkee’s address, asking for what occasion Claire sent the candy, hopes he can make it home for his 31st birthday, getting more homesick by the days, surprised to read about “Guy Cherney” (?), finally got a letter with news of Bucky's return to the States, reminded of her meeting him at the train when he was on furlough, asking if she got in touch with the Melgaard family, in case she didn’t mail the camera telling her not to mail it, loves and misses her, the war is starting to get to get on his nerves

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 119) about receiving letters and the German Inflation money from him, clarifying that Dr. Rodin paid for the ticket for the Zionist banquet, always asks herself when she writes when he will be home and she can be done with letters

Letter from Annette: (letter 119, mislabeled) about calling Mrs. Melgaard to update her on Warren but Mrs. M had received mail as well, realizes it’s impossible for him to write regularly and knows when there is no mail it is not his fault, only concerned about his safety, the papers keep her well-informed,
listened to "Time Marches On" on the radio, busy at work and if he encourages her she might go to dental school, thanking him for telling her to spend the money he sent but she hasn't and doesn't intend to, has had to get a couple of things since she wants to vacation in New York, allotment checks will be saved unless there is an emergency, will have all the money saved for when he gets home, wants to get a silver fox coat when she goes to New York though, going to pick up her pictures tomorrow and will mail one if they are good, yesterday was their 6th anniversary, reminiscing on when he came into Lanathan's, hasn't seen Bucky all week, Bessie got a package from Nate, asking for snapshots of him, asking about the secret that wasn't ready for publication, update on her weight, enclosing a cartoon she thought was cute

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, no news to report, weather is lousy, newspaper can tell her more than he can because of the censors, caught up on correspondence, how the other day was 6 year anniversary, can't wait to hold her again, asking for updates from home

Letter from Annette: (letter 120) how she spent her Sunday morning, how she is wearing her hair and her outfit, Bucky is supposed to take her out tomorrow night, received mail from him and loves getting souvenirs from him, news of the Army's progress makes her think of meeting him at the station, imagining what it will be like to see him, will follow him if wives are allowed, weather, finally got some film and the package is on its way but didn't put in an enclosure so she listed what she sent, picture wasn't ready when she went downtown, enclosing a note from Fannie
Letter from Annette: (letter 120, mislabeled)
Pearl brought some snapshots taken a few weeks ago, asking if she looks like she gained weight

Letter from Bill: in Germany, without her it's just another day, received a letter from her but doesn't need much answering, heard "Together" on the radio and make him more homesick, enclosing German note and shoulder and collar straps, asking how home is with Bucky being back, thought it was nice for Dr. Rodin to get her a gift, saw Fred the other day, nothing to report. Potentially missing Page 2.

Letter from Annette: (letter 121) writing and listening to "Abroad with Two Yanks" on the radio, went to a neighborhood movie by herself last night and saw "Tall in the Saddle", has a terrible dislike for cards but doesn't know why, Marilyn picked up the photos and they are very poor so some will not be mailed, 11th made the news again, prays for his safety and soon return, no mail today, going for a walk with Fannie to get a banana split

Letter from Bill: in Germany, about receiving a lot of mail, thinks her idea of a scrapbook is excellent and asks her to get TIME magazine No. 14 from April 2, 1945 for it, sent her another check and mailed one to Pearl for the Valentine's Day flowers, his thoughts on her reunion with Cookie, description of Dr. Rodin getting the telegram was interesting and happy it was from Bucky, asking what they are doing since Bucky is home and if he heard the news about Harry, wants one of the drape pictures under any circumstances because of all the promises she made, hopes she can go shopping and get some things instead of coming home empty handed, asking about the Sunday Norman was supposed to give her a ride, forwarded
Mickey’s letter for curiosity reasons, saw Fred and Lt. Roberts and they send their regards, curious about the scandals of the Tyllas women, presumes she got his letters and souvenirs, saw a movie picture performance called "Doughgirls", took a bath but they don't compare to the ones he took in the states, has spring fever and wants to be back in the States, received the salami she sent, packages he received a couple of days ago are already gone, will request more shipments when he needs them.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 121, mislabeled) about how strange it must have been to celebrate Passover in Germany, his enclosure with reference to a bouncing boy suits her fine, all is well on the home front, can't get sponges, hasn't told Claire her vacation plans.

Letter from Annette: (letter 122) has spring fever and it makes her wish he were here, how much she loves him, how she spent her afternoon, visited with Bessie and Gail, hasn't seen Bucky in over a week, gossip on Cookie, thankful she has him and how she lives her life, listening to the radio reminds her of the good old days.

Letter from Bill: in Germany, no mail from her, not much to say since everything he knows she can read in the papers, sending 6 clippings for her scrapbook, how much he misses her, doesn't have to send the camera or the knife he just needs film, enclosing some German money, asking for updates on home now that Bucky is back, asking for Schipky's (?) address, enclosing insignia from the German uniform, asking for updates on everything at home and her friends, salami she sent is practically gone and periodic shipments like that are appreciated.
Letter from Bill: in Germany, about receiving mail from her and the cremalin tablets, asking for a couple jars of chocomalt, hat story is terrific and can't wait to see pictures, misses her more and more every day, enclosing 2 pins to add to her collection, asking for her to send air mail stamps

Letter from Annette: (letter 123) about the President suddenly passing away, didn't write the last couple of days because she was upset, went to the office but didn't get any mail, went to the loop and saw Cookie, going to Barney's for dinner with Fannie and Tom, his outfit is moving fast and victory seems to be right around the corner, it has been lonesome without him but all will be amended with he returns, enclosing 2 clippings

Letter from Bill: in Germany, no mail from her but received the cremalin tablets, enclosing a few more clippings for her scrapbook, heard the news that rocked the US the other day on the radio, writing about the war is useless since she knows more than he does, asking for updates on home, can't wait for the picture and telling her not to make promises unless she can fulfill them in 24 hours so he isn't disappointed, asking about Bucky and for Schipki's address, sending another check and telling her to go out and get the things that she needs, asking for air mail stamps

Letter from Annette: (letter 124) about paying respects to the President at 3 p.m. the day before, went dancing with Bucky, how she spent her morning and plans for the afternoon, waiting for victory and the papers expect marching into Berlin to happen soon

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, feeling lonesome and remembering their Sundays together, had homemade pancakes and they reminded him of their time in Lompoc, Army
is still advancing and the news is sounding really good, no mail for the last couple of days and hoping to receive the drape picture soon, asking about home, his teeth need fixing and cleaning, asking about her potential NY trip

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, April 16-30, 1945

Letter from Annette: (letter 125) trying out the new ink a patient got her, work is busy, read in the papers that the 11th took Bayreuth, waiting for letters and news of what is happening fill her thoughts constantly, rainy and windy in Chicago, all is well and no complaints from home, asking him to be careful, went to the Gross' yesterday, wondering if he has changed

Letter from Bill: in Germany, no mail for the last 2 days but isn't made at her, things around him are the same and thinks that the war in Europe is foolish for the Germans, telling her to forgive the mistakes in the letter there is someone playing the accordion next to him, sending more clippings for her scrapbook and an Iron Cross second class for her collection, asking her to let him know when she gets everything, added page with update on finally getting mail, asking about Cookie and telling her Warren is pleased she spoke with his mother

Letter from Annette: (letter 126) about cutting out clippings that mention the 11th, she knows he isn't in favor of her purchasing the Tribune but she says "Robert Cromie" is the only one giving the 11th publicity, heard the new President speak, General Patton receiving 4 stars, got in an argument with Pearl, can't wait for him to meet Gail, office is
busy, hoping for mail tomorrow and if not will call Mrs. Melgaard to see if she has news, Yanks in Leipzig must be strange

Letter from Bill: in Germany, about finally getting mail, knowing she is lonesome and telling her to keep her chin up, mail from Lusby's, enclosing 4 clippings for her collection and will send a couple of Nazi flags in a little package soon

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, about getting more of her letters, happy to hear she finished "See What I Mean" and is reading, forgives her for not writing the last couple of days

Letter from Annette: (letter 126, mislabeled) snowing in Chicago, news of Ernie Pyle's death and was just going to get the book "Here is Your War", listening to "Milton Berle" on the radio and reminds her of seeing "Uninvited" in Lompoc, knows her routine life makes the letters boring, work is busy and learning more about teeth, postman is afraid to face her and disappoint with no mail, Bucky is leaving for Alabama on April 22, Bess gets letters from Nate but doesn't know that Harry is missing in action, asking how his stomach is and if he get the medicine as well as all of the other packages she has sent

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, nothing to report, surprised she slipped and missed a couple of days of writing, she can forget about the camera, weather is making him homesick, sunglasses she sent are coming in handy, got dirt in his eyes and they are red and tearing all day, asking for updates on home and friends
Letter from Bill: in Germany, about getting mail from her, the stockings were not a mistake and he wanted her to know what they wear in Germany and since he can't return them he is sending them to her again, confused by Dell and Bucky, bet she had a nice time at the Gross' for Pesach, doesn't understand how she is treating her old friends, telling her that nobody should complain more than the guys 3000 miles from home, writing as often as possible and her not getting mail is not his fault, asking her to tell Tom he got him a Luger but can't send it by mail yet because of WD regulations, in favor of her moving to NY and telling her to talk to Claire, telling her to take care of herself and remembering his furlough last year in Chicago, his health is not in the best condition but that's not new news, asking her to let him know when she gets the checks, sending another clipping for the scrapbook

Letter from Annette: (letter 128) apologizing for not writing the last couple of days but she gets tired of writing the same thing, how she spent the last couple days, tried to see "A Song to Remember" but it was sold out, weather is gloomy and she is starting to get a cold, headlines have been great, no mail from him in 2 weeks but not angry with him just hopes that he is safe, wonders if she has changed since her return to Chicago since she doesn't seem to take to her old friends, loves work and feels fortunate for the amount she earns, bought herself a black spring coat, seeing a lot of Bessie and the baby, Bucky left for Alabama, enclosing a cartoon he might like

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, days are long and nights are short, received a house full of letters from her and others and will answer them soon, disappointed in not receiving her
drape picture and insists on her sending it, weather is poor

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 129) work is busy, sad because there is no mail but following the 11th in the papers, saw "A Song to Remember" and ran into a friend, still needs to get the TIME article he mentioned from February, has tickets to see "Othello" with Marilyn on Sunday

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 130) about receiving mail and the enclosures from him, went to Barney's with Fannie and Tom as usual, missing him, throat is a little better, nothing new has happened

Letter from Annette: (letter 131) about receiving a second letter from him today, asking him to tell Warren that she always updates his mother when she receives mail, update on Cookie, no news on Harry, telling him not to worry about Dr. Rodin's son Norman and how she lives a quiet life after work, enclosed portrait expresses how much she loves and misses him, telling him to tell his friends hello, apologizing about the size of the picture, telling him she is disappointed in the photo and asking him not to request it, funny him taking a bath in a tub, might get a new lining for her coat, telling him not to worry since she doesn't deprive herself of anything

Letter from Annette: (letter 132) about finally getting word that Harry is safe, finally told Nate that Harry was missing yesterday and now they know he is safe so she wants Bill to write Nate so he believes the news, papers are full of the atrocities that the Germans have committed, story of how someone thought she was in high school and asked her to go to the circus, was happy to receive mail from him at work,
Letter from Bill: in Germany, about receiving so much mail he doesn't know where to start with answers, thanking her for the clippings and pictures but still waiting on the drape photo, hasn't heard from Carl and asking her to write Nenie or send him his address, telling her to forget the sponges if she can't get them, telling her to stick with the dentist for work but it shouldn't keep her from going to NY for a couple of months, discussion of preparations if she decides to go, remembers their first meeting, hasn't sent pictures because they aren't developed yet, her weight and hair, sends regards to friends and will write them back soon, updates on men in his company, will try to send a package today with 3 flags, medals, and other things, asking for crackers, sardines, cookies and fruitcake, enclosing 5 clippings for her scrapbook.

Letter from Annette: (letter 132, mislabeled) about getting mail, going to meet up with Cookie, getting her fur coat relined, saw various people while waiting to meet up with Cookie, a letter from Harry and he will be in the US in a matter of weeks, Russians and Americans have met at last and they are in Austria, heard about the 11th on the radio and believes they are the most popular Armored Division, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard and asking him to tell Warren that they are close.

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, surprised to hear about Pearl and giving his thoughts on their fight, weather stinks and reminds him of Chicago in April, asking if Bucky is still home or where he is going, can't wait for them to be together, asking if she got the last check and if Pearl got hers, asking about her vacation to NY and for updates on friends, waiting for the valet and the promised picture.
V-Mail from Annette: (letter 133) about him being the best husband and receiving 4 letters in the mail, received all the clippings, marks, and pins as he described but hasn't gotten the Iron Cross, Tom is excited with what he got him, not surprised he requested stamps since she was going to send them anyways, apologizing that she didn't send stamps before

4/28/1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, everything is under control, he believes Hitler is "in the last half of the 9th inning", finally caught up with all of his mail but still hasn't caught up with reading, asking for updates on home and friends, missing her more every day

4/29/1945

Letter from Annette: (letter 134) about her night seeing "Othello" with Marilyn and dinner and window shopping after, hopes the postman brings her the air mail stamps she requesting, no mail this morning but hopeful for mail in the afternoon, had a busy morning and loves being busy, excitement with the rumors of the surrender of Germany not no official confirmation, hasn't changed her NY plans but Claire owes her a letter

4/30/1945

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, May 1-15, 1945

V-Mail from Bill: in Germany, thanking her for the valet but upset she didn't enclose the picture, telling her to read the papers to see where the 11th is, weather is at a low, no mail for the last couple days and he assumes it's because they are moving quickly, asking for updates on everyone in Chicago, asking if she received the check and package and to see if Pearl got her check, listening to the radio, asking her to forgive him for not having a lot to write about

5/1/1945
V-Mail from Annette: (letter 135) received mail from him and talking about his comments on her not writing, got a call from Mickey Nielson (?) and commenting on him telling Mickey to contact her, isn’t much to report, sweet of Dory to invite her to Switzerland but she prefers the US, asking about his parents and telling him why she doesn’t ask about them more

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 135, mislabeled) about receiving his letters and him being quite sarcastic, spent the evening listening to the radio and reading "The Sea Gull" (?), needs to write letters to others but wasn't in the mood, mailman just dropped off another letter, sorry to hear about his eyes, already sent the camera ages ago and included films in the package, weather is gloomy

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 136) writing him another letter and he is always on her mind, Mrs. Melgaard called and told her about him and Warren changing a tire, pleased to know he is using the sunglasses but wants to know how he really hurt his eyes, wanting him home for their anniversary, news has been favorable in the last few days

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 136, mislabeled) just got back from lunch and is stuffed, no mail this morning but hopeful for the afternoon, Bessie visited with the baby yesterday, still raining but busy at work, each night she talks to his picture, got a letter from Claire

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 137) how she spent her day and everything she accomplished, got the TIME magazine from April 2 but still trying to get the one he said from February, saw the movie "Tomorrow the World", news of most of Germany’s surrender is great but his section is still fighting, asking how his eyes are
Letter from Bill: in Germany, news in the papers will tell why he didn't write the last couple of days, excitement about the rumors and the final collapse of Germany seems to be a matter of days away, sweating out the decision of if they have to go to the CBI or stay in the Army of Occupation, got a IL license plate and put it on their vehicle that they named "Hurry Home", nothing to report other than "I love you", asking for updates on Bucky and the rest of the boys, asking if she received the last check and packages and what she did with the flags

Letter from Annette: (letter 138) about it being a glorious Sunday, went to Barney's as usual last night and can't wait for him to be able to go with her, all of Germany has given up except where 3rd Army is situated but hopes by the time he gets the letter VE Day will be proclaimed, hopes the 11th will be put under the 15th and become part of the Army of Occupation, got letters from Juanita, Bucky, and Claire, might go downtown and to a show with Cookie, listening to Waltz music and in the mood to dance and wishes he were there, Harry is in England and expects to be home by the end of the month, will be happy when he is home safe, wondering if he will have to go to the South Pacific, thanking him for the check and the monthly allotment and decided to use it to buy herself some shoes and a bag, will get dolled up for his return, enclosing a couple of clippings

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 139) news of Germany's surrender has been on her mind all day, praying for his safety and that he will come home for good, hoping there is mail from him this afternoon

Letter from Bill: in Austria, wanted to write this letter yesterday but she knows how things are when victory is announced, rumors have them doing anything from going
home, going to the CBI, or staying for Army of Occupation, saw "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn", after the show he found 4 letters from her and one from Ige, best news of the last couple months is that they heard from Harry and asking for more details, working on developing the film and if they pass censorship he will send them, asking for updates about people from home, surprised she saw "Othello", thanking her for the air mail stamps, asking if she got all of the packages and money he sent

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 139, mislabeled) V.E. Day was proclaimed today but she doesn't want to celebrate until she is with him, was raining when surrender of Germany was broadcasted and she thinks that rain is a good omen, would write more but her hand is unsteady with excitement

Letter from Annette: (letter 140) left work after writing V-Mail and went to Bessie's, they listened to the radio and talked about him, Nate, Harry, Bucky, and Happy (Haffy?), Chicago is quiet and stores are closed, been praying since this means only half the war is won, wonders how he is and what is to come, waiting faithfully for his return, just listened to "On A Night of Triumph" and wants to purchase the program, lights on the Statue of Liberty came on again

Letter from Annette: out with Tom and Fannie at Barney's, excitement of V.E. Day has passed and all is still while they wait for V.J. Day to come, wishes he was with her, wonders what he was thinking on V.E. Day, has a headache, wants him to come home, settle down, and start a family

Letter from Bill: in Austria, received more of her letters from April and the only package he has received is the medicine, asking about Bucky, made up his mind to be home
for his birthday or their anniversary at the latest and telling her to cross her fingers and pray, thanking for the clippings from the Tribune, he thinks she has changed and takes credit for the changes, her loving her work and the people she works with is all that counts, asking about her returning to athletics and about chess, presumes the US is in turmoil since the war in Europe is over and everyone thinks everyone gets to come home, presumes in the meantime they will settle down for some kind of schooling, saw 2 concentration camps the other day and its impossible for him to describe

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 141) had a busy day with Fannie and Pearl, saw "Enchanted Cottage", got a Mother's Day gift for Tom to give to Fannie, about a letter to Pearl from Shipke where he mentions receiving a letter from Bill saying how much he loved Annette, read that the men who served in the African battle and Normandy Invasion will be discharged, praying for his return

Letter from Bill: in Austria, received mail from her, not much to report and waiting for the big after war program, he will take a couple of courses as soon as he knows what is available, will probably have training, sports, and entertainment, country where they are stationed and weather is nice but he is homesick

Letter from Annette: (letter 142) patients at the office keep her going, weather is nice and makes her think of him, no mail recently, always being sleepy, not much to write since everything is the same, asking how he keeps up with his correspondence, wonders what he is doing and how he is getting on, papers aren't mentioning the 11th so she is in the dark, Harry should be home at the end of May, Cookie spent all of Harry's money, anxiously waiting for his return
Letter from Bill: in Austria, still no mail from her, hoping they lift the censorship regulations so he can write letters she will enjoy more, thought the story of the young chap asking her to the circus is assuming, doesn't have anything from her letters to answer, more disappointed than her that the pictures were a flop and asking for snapshots, has services again last Friday, weather and country are beautiful and he wishes she were there, papers are full of discharge information but none that affect him but hopes that will change soon

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 143) saw "Murder My Sweet" and saw the German atrocities on the news reels, foolish to think of things like new hat and luxuries with all the suffering going on, had a long day and didn't spend it like usual Sundays, Harry arrived in NY and will be in Chicago by Tuesday or Wednesday, was excited to hear about Harry but seeing the news reels makes her feel down in the dumps, hoping for mail tomorrow

Letter from Bill: in Austria, telling her to call Mrs. Melgaard and let her know Warren is too busy to write, thanking for the letters, nothing to report, they are searching the papers for more information on discharges, listening to the radio

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 144) wearing his pajamas so he is close to her without being there, asking how many points he has, no mail from him today, worked very hard at work with Marilyn being out sick, doesn't have any desire to do anything after work but eat, clean up, ready herself for the next day, and then sleep, even if she had to chance to go out she wouldn't, misses him terribly

Letter from Bill: in Austria, received a stray letter, asking her to let him know if she got his package of souvenirs and the checks, will
try to write every day, filled out a questionnaire to rate his interests for courses, his understanding that passes will be given out soon and wouldn't mind visiting the Verstaendigs in London, asking if she made up her mind about Claire and NY, sending regards to everyone and asking for updates

Letter from Annette: (letter 145) still no mail, nothing new on the home front and waiting for Harry to arrive in Chicago, received a letter from Nate with a letter from Bill enclosed, prior to V.E. Day mail was coming in good and now it’s not, might try to get Fannie to go to the movies with her tonight, asking for updates on men in his company, keeps wondering about the future, enclosing air mail stamps

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, May 16-31, 1945

Letter from Bill: in Austria, received her letter in regards to Mickey and asking if he should write her not to bother Annette, nothing to report, weather is beautiful, getting more homesick, Carl came back to the company today, hopes they lift the censorship so he can write everything he wants, received a letter from Pearl that she got his check so he is assuming Annette did as well, Saly the flight officer is getting married to a French woman

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 146) no mail from him but Mrs. M got word from Warren, received letters from Claire and Fred, went to Joe Steins the steak house and then came home because she is so tired, weather is still rainy, errors in the letter are because she is sitting on the floor typing, busy day at work
Letter from Bill: in Hellmonsodt, Austria, able to tell her the exact place they are, close to the Danube River and its not blue but rather gray, received mail from her, happy to hear Tom and Fannie are taking good care of her and are getting her out of the house, Carl wasn't able to get mail because he moved to 4 hospitals, having a show tonight. Enclosed: news clipping "Husband's Rights" with Bill of Rights for husbands to carry come V-Day

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 147) about not receiving any mail from him and being down in the dumps, little to write of since everything is the same, Harry is still in NY, perhaps one of these days she will pick up the phone and hear his voice, hopes they will be together soon

V-Mail from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, they can now tell what town they are in so hopefully she can follow them, will write a long letter is he has a chance tomorrow, ate hamburgers, Carl Burnett and Tech Miller came back, asking for updates from home and about Harry, Nate, and Bucky, asking her to excuse the short letter

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 148) about riding high after finally receiving a letter and him sounding like his old self again, going to meet Fannie and Tom at Barney’s, hasn't received the package with the flags yet but knows there is a tie up with the mail somewhere, listening to the radio and wishing he was there, Harry is not home yet, weather is awful, work is pleasant as always, in a good mood because she got mail, if he can't come home for good she hopes he is in the Army of Occupation and she will join him in Europe
Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, received mail and listening to the radio, seeing a show later, been busy since he is the "go in between" the Col. And the Brigadier, asking about Harry, understands her complaint about the mail and it will be regular again in a few days, Col. indorsed his request for transfer to the MIS, including a letter from London about getting the nail polish and some Russian money, asking her to let him know when she receives the check and package, the town they are in, "A.o.O. life" is like garrison (?), who he is rooming with. Enclosed: letter from friends in London dated 5/1/1945 and Russian money "3" note.

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 150) about Harry finally making it to Chicago and their reunion, how war changed Harry, got some mail but hasn't received any packages, Bucky is in NC and is some sort of instructor for chemical warfare, isn't going to take up sports right now because of the weather and being too busy with work, might take a vacation when the weather changes but is too concerned about what the future will bring right now, would love to vacation together. Letter appears to continue but we only have pages 1-3.

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, just lost a game of chess with of the Lts., received her letters and clippings, has her picture in front of him, it's raining, saw "The man in Half Moon Street", about the place where they are living, heard on the radio that the 1st Army is going back to the States for furlough and then to the CBI, wishes he were in the States, thinks she should go the Fleischmanns for a couple of months, his thoughts on the Tyllas financial situation, the promised pictures are coming, glad she decided to do some shopping and how beautiful she is.
V-Mail from Annette: (letter 150, mislabeled) about playing rummy with Fannie and not missing playing cards, didn't get any mail and always goes to bed early so the morning comes faster so she can see if there is mail, needs to write the girls in San Francisco, asking is he gets mail from Dory and if he will see her

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about being in pain and hurt from an accident earlier in the afternoon, description of accident, received her mail and thinks she always sees gruesome movies, suggests she see something more enjoyable, news of Harry is swell and kept him informed, took a bath in the old fashioned bath tub, unable to go to the show tonight

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 152) about the weather being nice yet making her lonesome, wishes she had a letter from him, hasn't seen Harry since Sunday, will be odd spending the warm weather in the city, hasn't any idea about her plans for vacation

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about the weather being lousy, just got back from Linz and the hospital, update on his injury from the accident, had some Coca-Cola, received some mail from her and telling her how many points he has, asking about her non-smoking pledge and how many packages are on the way to him, disappointed he still hasn't gotten the drape photo, asking how she likes his letters, might go to the show tonight and thinks they are playing "Brazil"

V-Mail from Annette: (letter 153) about writing him while out at Barney's with Fannie and Tom, going to spend the day with Harry on Sunday, no mail from him, can't wait for him to be home and they can paint the town red
Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, update on his health, up to 53 points including 3 battle stars, not much news, went to Friday services, how he always carries the colored picture of her in his chest shirt pocket but didn't have it the day he was in the accident.

Letter from Annette: (letter 144, mislabeled) about spending the day in the loop with Gail, got mail from him, Bucky, and Nate, wishes she knew how many points he had but knows it isn't enough for him to come home, wishes she was with him, glad he is safe and knows that every month he is in Germany is a month he is not in the Pacific, weather is getting warm, clippings of article and how they heard the story while still in Texas, thinking about what it will be like to hear his voice whenever he docks in the US.

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about her not writing every day, nothing new to report and going to see a show later, weather is lousy, should have had kids so he could have enough points to come home, nothing new on his transfer and assumes one day he will get a 2 hour notice and then have to move, enclosing a clipping from S & S, asking for updates on things at home and friends, talks about her all the time.

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, mad about not receiving any mail from her, Nate is in Antwerp and wants to get a pass to see him but doesn't think it will happen, saw "Moonlight over Vermont", radio is playing classical program that makes him think of back home, very lonesome, reminiscing on Lompoc, Warren shared his mail with him where he heard from his mother about talking to Annette, enclosing a letter from Igee and a couple of pictures and will send the negatives so she can make more prints.
V-Mail from Annette: (letter 145, mislabeled) spent the afternoon up North, didn't write Saturday because she got in late, saw "Without Love" and had dinner at Gibby's, hopes there is mail tomorrow, talks to Mrs. Melgaard regularly

5/27/1945

Letter from Annette: decided to stop numbering her letters but will write every day, didn't write on May 26 because she was angry with him about Mickey and the two reasons for her being mad, saw "Without Love", not much to write and hopes he can read her script, thinks Mr. Gross might have been right to say it wasn't necessary to write every day and maybe she should write twice a week, Dr. R gave her another raise, reread the letter and it sounds a bit on the "ball of fire" side but it feels good to get it off her chest, planning on getting dinner with Mamie on Tuesday

5/27/1945

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, feeling good since he got mail and a package, nothing to answer from her letters, weather is getting warm again, went to Linz with 10 trucks full of Polish people that are getting sent back to Poland, spoke to the Red Cross and no news on his parents, dreaming he was with her in the States, by now she should be getting mail regularly and is writing every day, hoping there are pictures of her on the way, asking for some air mail stamps

5/28/1945

Letter from Annette: about not numbering her letters anymore, received two letters from him and will also be happy when they lift the censor regulations, her thoughts on Mickey writing him and offering to send packages, busy at the office and got another raise, courses he is going to take should be interesting, would be great for him to spend time with the Verstandigs and wishes she could be there, asks if he thinks about visiting Dory in Switzerland, about his R.A.F.
friend entering "into the biggest institution" and sending good luck and best wishes, happy to hear about Carl, wishes they were together, thanking him for the clippings and poems, more about Mamie and maybe will get together

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about not getting mail from her again and getting worried, tomorrow is Corpus Christie day, had a memorial parade today, will probably go to the show tonight, Warren is out riding and once he is all healed he is going to give it a try too, listening to "Vienna Woods" on the radio is adding to his homesickness, weather, planning on catching up on reading "Strange Fruit" when he gets a chance, asking for updates on home and Tyllas front

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, didn't go to the show, no mail from her but got a secondhand update from a letter from Warren's mom, update on his points, asking for updates friends and family, his foot is healing

Letter from Annette: about getting a letter from him and now understands the stocking situation, will keep them as a souvenir, enjoyed the poem he enclosed, saw Pearl but usually doesn't see her or have much to talk to her about, still not playing poker, Tom is excited about the gun, talked to Mamie and her husband is in the South Pacific and she lives in Tennessee now, hasn't made up her mind what to do with her raise, no plans for Memorial Day, hopes that he will return soon but glad he isn't in the South Pacific, sometimes finds it hard to write and express herself

V-Mail from Annette: about how she spent her day since the office was closed, General Clark was in Chicago but she didn't see the parade, spoke to Harry and made plans to
hang out Saturday night, assumes he is living the usual garrison life

V-Mail from Annette: about fixing a lamp that wasn't working, had to cancel her date with Harry and Cookie, no mail from him but got a letter from Bucky, going to do some shopping downtown tomorrow

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about the mail truck not coming, town has a religious festival but it started to rain, supposed to have a parade tomorrow morning and the General is supposed to come and give out the "well earned" medals to some people, might to the Linz to see the circus, saw "The Navy Way" and it made him homesick, can't wait to have her in his arms again, wondering why he isn't getting mail, asking for air-mail stamps

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, June 1-15, 1945

V-Mail from Annette: had a busy day shopping with Fannie and got a suit, going to Barney's tomorrow with Dr. Simms, Harry, Cookie, and Bessie, another month passes and she misses him, wants him home for his birthday, no mail today

V-Mail from Bill: about receiving mail from her and Bucky and a package from Mel's sister, will write a long letter, busy yesterday and didn't get to write

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, didn't get to write yesterday other than a short V-Mail, ration truck broke down and didn't get mail until late but he received 5 letters, not surprised by the news that Harry lost a lot of weight and glad he is alive and healthy, happy for the changes in Harry, asking for more details about the rumor about Pearl,
will try his best to either come home or get it the military government and is sweating out his request for transfer to MIS, what his packages from Mrs. Melgaard and Warren's sister contained, usual Friday night services, some of the boys went to Linz for the circus, put in for a pass to London, letter from Bucky says he is in charge of chemical warfare school, read in Stars and Stripes that Congressman may is trying to put a bill in to discharge all men over 35, asking if she heard from Claire and if she is planning a vacation, will send another check when he gets paid, assumes she got all the letters where he was getting mad at her for not writing, got Coca-Cola and beer, might go on a short trip to Nuremberg, remembering their first date, asking for air-mail stamps

Letter from Annette: about her evening out at Barney's celebrating Harry, didn't write yesterday because she got in late, how she spent her morning and afternoon, her pen and handwriting, didn't get any mail and was sad, his points, thinks the Army of Occupation is a better deal than going to the Pacific but would rather him be home, weather and temperatures, heard a recording of him at Pearl's which made her glad and sad

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about mail from her, saw "Practically Yours" and it reminded him of her, took a lot of pictures and will mail them to her, didn't have Reveille so they slept in and had a good Sunday

Letter from Annette: about receiving a letter from May 24 and being confused about him being hurt, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard who got a letter from Warren where he mentioned the accident, asking if this could mean getting discharged or being stationed in the US, hasn't made any plans for the future and is waiting for his assistance and ok, hoping for
mail from him tomorrow, apologizing for not sending packages, clarifying that seeing "Othello" was her choice, can't answer if she likes his letters now that the censorship is lifted since she hasn't gotten that many, sleeping in his pajamas and will buy him new ones, Tom's mother is very sick, update on her smoking and weight, what she was wearing when someone thought she was in high school, has his picture and a character sketch of him on her nightstand, missing him and wanting him to come home

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about being busy making a run over to the Russians, tomorrow going to either Passau, Linz, or Nuremberg, something in the wind there, missing her, asking for air-mail stamps

Letter from Annette: about getting his letter from May 22 and guessing his accident was on May 23, making plans to meet up with Mrs. M., how sweet his letter was and how she thinks she will like his letters now that there is no censor, asking about his parents and Ruth, enclosing a clipping about souvenirs that he should have been included in, work is busy, enclosing a clipping about weather, a verse that expresses her thoughts, and air-mail stamps, their home address, Tom and Fannie want him home and there's a steak waiting on him at Barney's

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about seeing "Impatienes (?) Years" and it reminded him of them, might sound bitter that the system is not giving any consideration to men with wives and over the age of 30, thinks age should play a bigger factor, thinks it's a good thing that she told him how she was feeling about Mickey but thinks there isn't anything wrong with her writing him, reminding her to write daily, congratulating her on the raise, hoping she
makes up her mind and takes a vacation in Fleischmanns, his thoughts on the news of Mamie and Ethel, no news and weather is swell, where he would go on pass, asking for Mullins and Dr. Rodin's phone numbers, reminding her about stamps

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, no mail today and assumes there will be 2 letters tomorrow, thinking about how nice it would be to be home, would be just his luck to spend 2 years in A.o.O., wants them to pass a law that women can join their husbands and he would get her over there, had a softball game "C vs. Hq." and C lost

Letter from Annette: about how difference today is from a year ago when they were at Camp Cooke, received another letter but still hasn't gotten one about the details of his accident, very worried about his condition, doesn't matter if he keeps her picture on his desk or in his pocket because she is always with him, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard and expecting photos since she got some from Warren, planning on taking photos on Sunday, keeping busy at work, still hasn't gotten any packages, Mamie and Ethel left and she didn't get to see them, Pearl was in the office today

Letter from Bill: in Haslach, Austria, about going to Linz to the AG office to check on his transfer, received V-Mail, a magazine, and packages, up for a screening (?) again and will likely be transferred to Co. A and will break in a supply Sgt., going to a movie tomorrow near Salzburg

V-Mail from Annette: about seeing "National Velvet", received 3 letters including the one with details on his accident, her chief concern is that he is on the road to recovery, not sure why he hasn't gotten any letters and
telling him not to scold her because she writes everyday

Letter from Annette: about spending her day downtown in the loop and all the stores she went to and people she saw, stopped by the office and got mail from him, something wrong with the mail situation on his side since she is writing daily, how the loop looks with the 7th War Loan Drive going on, General Patton is in the States and news of 3rd Army coming home, asking about his transfer, received pictures and it’s good to see him after so many months, weather is warm, days like this make her want to put in for a train reservation and go East to visit Claire, his letters are good reading and full of love, Fannie always listens when she talks about him, listening to "The House of Seven Gables" on the radio, wants to read "Forever Amber" and "Earth and High Heaven", telling him not to go swimming or horseback riding until he is completely well.

Letter from Annette: about receiving mail from him, realizes that he can speak more freely now that the censor regulations have been lifted, sorry that there is friction between him and officers, talk again about the English girl, discussion of his reference to German women, about how she feels when she seeing people with their boyfriends and husbands, not tempted by the splendors of going out because she has him, received his package with the Nazi flags and medals, asking who of his friends lost their lives, sending him 2 packages of food, this letter is her thoughts rather than her being angry.

V-Mail from Annette: about having already written a long air-mail letter and feeling down in the dumps, got a call from Cookie, Harry, Sam, and Bessie to go out to dinner but didn’t feel like going out, asking him not to be angry for not going with them because the
only thing she is in the mood for is a good
cry, wishing he were there

Letter from Bill: in Ried, Austria, this is the
first letter he is writing in 3 days, they are
living in a field until they get buildings, raining
for 2 days, stomach is bothering him and
hasn't gotten decent sleep, about 50 miles
from Salzburg, apologizing for short letter,
listening to "Wherever You Are" on the radio.
Enclosed: news clipping of cartoon "After the
War"

Letter from Annette: about taking advantage
of the glorious weather, spent the day with
Bessie, Gail, Marion and her son, saw
Mickey and enclosing a picture of her, she
can't seem to photograph well, took some
pictures in a little photo place, Gail is growing
up, she can't for him to be home so they can
have kids, saw "Hotel Berlin" but thought the
book was better, first time since he has been
gone that she woke up and started crying
and hopes that doesn't mean something is
wrong with him, hopes he comes home soon

Letter from Bill: in Ried, Austria, about how
living in the field and his sickness is making
him neglect his writing duties, had an
interview this morning with Captain at
Division Headquarters about a military
government job, received a letter from her
and assumes by now she is getting a steady
stream of letters, everything is under control
and there is nothing to worry about in
regards to his accident, hopes that Tom's
mother is ok, owes letters to people but has
to wait to catch up on mail, wishes he were
home with her but can't beat the G.I. deal,
reminding her about air-mail stamps.
Enclosed: letter from Jene dated 5/26/1945

V-Mail from Annette: about receiving a lot of
mail from him, had lunch with Pearl, missing
him, will be proud of her for all the saving
she's done, he can use the money for the future like buying or starting a business, will put all of her efforts into making his life a success, the point situation seems to be coming down

Letter from Annette: about reading in the Daily News that the 3rd and 7th Armies will be in the Army of Occupation and wishes she had official confirmation he will be a part of that theater, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard a couple of times today and will visit her on Sunday, will have peace of mind knowing he is not in battle, enclosing air-mail stamps and will send more at the end of the week

V-Mail from Annette: about having Pearl bring her radio to work so she could listen to music, received the Russian money and clippings, has a collection of souvenirs he has sent, no news other than the 3rd and 7th Armies going to the Army of Occupation, no mail from him today, wrote Claire yesterday and mentioned coming for a visit, can't think of taking a trip without him

Letter from Bill: in Ried, Austria, about finally moving into a building that was formerly occupied by the German Army, about 35 miles from Salzburg, thinks they are playing "Winged Victory" tonight, been busy, had an interview with Director of Military Government and should know in a couple days if he is going on special duty, feeling ok again but has some leftovers from his last sickness, sending her another check, listing everyone he owes letters to, might not get a chance to describe their last move, asking for updates on home and her vacation

V-Mail from Annette: about speaking to Mrs. Melgaard and their upcoming visit, no mail from him but received a letter from Nate, asking when she can join him if he is in the
A. of O. and how they could visit Switzerland and England on a pass

Letter from Bill: in Ried, Austria, writing since they haven't gotten mail in yet, including a couple of lake pictures and some money, hoping to go to "Take It or Leave It" tonight, no changes just settling in and cleaning up the building, rumors about them being back in the States in a couple of months, just got special order that he is going on temporary duty to Division Headquarters Military Government section so might not have time to write

V-Mail from Annette: about receiving mail from him and preferring the long letters but doesn't want to seem ungrateful for the short ones because at least she knows he is well and safe, Pearl is having a baby, hopes that he will be able to visit England but telling him not to look up that English woman, Bessie got word that Nate will remain in ETO, brought 2 pictures of him to work to put under the glass top of her desk

Letter from Annette: about weather being hot and sticky, saw trains passing and imagined being on one to go meet him and then got sad, his pictures under the glass at her desk make work harder because she only dreams and thinks of him, Dr. Rodin puts up with her constantly talking about Bill, no mail from him this afternoon, read in the paper about 13th Armored is coming home, hopes he makes MIS instead of going to the Pacific, if he is A.o.O. she wants to come join him, Sam Elowitz is selling his grocery store, he keeps asking for stamps but she sent some and should have gotten them by now, reminiscing on Valley of the Winds and her trailer life with him on Sundays, asking if he has heard from various people
Letter from Bill: in Ried, Austria, about listening to Glenn Miller and his band play "Together" and it bringing back memories, went to usual Friday night services and they are making an attempt to have Saturday morning services, temporary duty at the Div. Hq. G-S has been delayed until Monday, no mail but it’s not her fault because mail call is poor.

Letter from Annette: about finishing up wrapping packages she will send him tomorrow, bought shoes and a bag on Madison Street, received a letter from him dated April 27 at the house and then got more mail from him at the office, telling him not the let the movies he sees get him down in the dumps, listing phone numbers for the house and office, how much she loves him, Jack Simon lost his first tooth, got a letter from Fred, thought it was funny about him getting gray hair before he comes home, Grant Park is opening soon for summer concerts but won’t go without him, thought his description of Ethel was superb, Fannie and Tom are good to her.

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, June 16-30, 1945

Letter from Bill: in Ried, Austria, about the mail service being stinky, all of his equipment is ready and will most likely leave for Div. Hq. on Monday morning, her letter was explicit for a change and very interesting, took a bath using a pot of water and would have preferred a shower, thinking of seeing her whenever he lands at the Chicago airport, how much he loves and misses her, thanking her for the expected packages, excited she took the camera out, wishes she would take a couple of weeks and visit Claire, presumes Chicago is putting on a show for the Bond.
Drive and with General Patton around, glad she liked the pictures, will take her up on her offer than she won't let him out of her sight, including some German money. Enclosed: German money - 10 note and 20 note

V-Mail from Annette: about originally having plans to see a show with Fannie after work but came home and fell asleep, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard to confirm her visit tomorrow and is bringing a two pound box of candy from him, her hair is up in braids and she looks sharp, wants a big hug and kiss from him.

Letter from Bill: in Ried, Austria, just got back from a jeep ride to Div. Special Service where he picked out "To Have or Have Not" for their movie tonight, received 2 letters, stamps, and clippings, stopped by the 151 signal for chow and saw Fred, she should have received his letters about the accident by now but he is in good shape now, going to keep her picture in his chest pocket, telling her to take good pictures with the camera and send some to him, hopes she is getting together with the Melgaards, thanking her for complimenting his letters, doesn't mention his experiences too much in his letters because he wants to tell her in person, telling her not to worry about the souvenirs or the gun, no news about his parents and the Red Cross is still working on the case, wants to spend time with Fannie and Tom when he gets back, asking how 12th Street is doing.

Letter from Bill: about just getting back from seeing "To Have or Have Not" and his thoughts on the movie, with Fibe (?) and Carl, Acuie (?) is complaining that she isn't hearing from Annette.

Letter from Annette: about finally meeting the Melgaard's and spending an evening with
them, took lots of pictures, wrote Fred a letter
days and nights without him aren't easy

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden am Traunlake, Austria, about finally moving this afternoon
and describing his new room and town, his work will probably start tomorrow, including a clippings from S & S and hopes that it is true, thanking her for the stamps, asking how she made out at the Melgaards, imagining the party for Harry at Barney's, asking for updates on Harry, transferred into "A" Co.
and tough to start out in a new unit, her enthusiasm about the 3rd and 7th Armies, going to go have his clothes pressed, happy she refrained from drinking. Enclosed: news clipping from June 6 - "Wives May Travel to ETO Later, WD Promises Ban Will Be Lifted as Soon as Possible"

Letter from Annette: it's been 7 years since Harry and Cookie got married and Cookie's family gathered to celebrate, she didn't go because she didn't find out about it until too late, hoping he can read her script, received mail from Imogene but none from him, wondering when they will be together

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, just got back from seeing "Till We Meet Again", first day at work was different than the work he's been doing, what they had for dinner, weather is good and wants to get a suntan, just had some cherry brandy, Fred is developing pictures and he will send some to her soon. Enclosed: 3 postcards - one of Salzkammergut: Gmunden am Traunsee with "That's the place!", one of Salzkammergut: Gmunden am Traunsee with "Not bad eh!", and one of Gmunden am Traunsee with "That's were we are."
Letter from Annette: down in the dumps since there is no mail and no mention of the 11th being in the A of O, would rather him be in Europe than the Pacific, assumes that the enclosed clippings won't be news to him by the time he gets them, Topper the dog, received a letter from Claire who would be happy to have Annette visit for vacation but requested her to change the dates, not in the mood for vacationing until she knows he is more or less out of the fighting Pacific, work was busy, ate dinner with Marilyn, Dr. Rodin, and his son, remembering when she took him to "Hai Sai Gai" for dinner, hopes there is mail from him tomorrow, all caught up on her correspondence, wondering if he will see Nate

V-mail from Annette: about not getting mail from him for a week and wondering why, busy at work and wishes the Army would discharge some dentists to lift the load off civilians, misses him and not hearing from him makes it harder

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, just got back from Ried, raining and stormy weather, made the trip in a Lincoln Cephyr (?) that had no lights, including 15 pictures

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, presumes by now she got the letters with the pictures and post cards, not much doing and things are the same, weather is good but would rather be in Chicago, no mail from her yet because it has to be rerouted, asking for updates on home and her trip

V-Mail from Annette: about receiving mail from him and seeing he is on the move, asking about "M.I.S", asking about his stomach, remembers Mr. Thorn and the Lt. he mentioned
Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, raining again and how that’s expected at night, received a letter from Ige, description of his eating set up and will send menu tomorrow, had a guest piano player at dinner, including some more pictures, seems to be something wrong with his health again and wishes she were there to take care of him, asking for updates on home, sent her $100 PTA and asks her to acknowledge when she gets it, has a present of a tablecloth and napkins for her

V-Mail from Annette: about taking pictures with Marilyn in Grant Park, having the ones from the Melgaard visit developed, missing him and their walks, saw "Counter Attack", no mail at the office, Tom's mother passed away, took a ride to "Ireland" with Tom and Fannie so Tom could get away

Letter from Annette: about missing him and good weather just makes her sad, another mention that Tom’s mother passed away, busy at work and her raise finally straightened out, likes living with Fannie but misses being by the lake, hopes they get an apartment near the lake, had her hair in braids earlier and looked like a kid, imagining them dancing in the kitchen, him calling to say he is stateside, and their reunion at the train station, hasn't seen Harry or Cookie much, read in the papers where the 11th is and still a question of what they are going to do, asking about his stomach, about her horoscope, M.P.'s have taken over the trucking strike

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, just got back from a 200 mile trip, received mail from her, about his trip to take people from concentration camps to the Russian lines so they can go back to their homeland of Romania (?), took pictures of the trip and will send them to her, job of repatriateur (?)
where they "take the Russians what goes in their country and we are getting in return what goes in our countries", he acts as a translator, will answer a particular letter from her soon, happy the package finally arrived, names of people they lost, thanking her to the pictures, update on his stomach, will write a long letter tomorrow. Enclosed: money from Belgium (one 5 franc and one 10 franc notes) and 2 Allied Military notes (1 and 50)

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about not being able to do C.Q. as planned since he had to go on a trip to Linzen and Bad Ischl, got his typewriter back and needs to clean some letters, his trip into the mountains in a civilian car, wishes she was there to see the beautiful sights, had dinner with the Russian Commission when they were to the Russian lines, saw "My Girls Love Music" and a short called "Junior Jive Bomber", asking about her visit with the Melgaards. Enclosed: two menu pages from "Military Government G-5 Mess Hall" and "Restaurant 'Le Lion d'Or'" dated June 22 1945

Letter from Annette: about why she is writing so late, visited the North side and but Harry and Cookie weren't in, wearing his pajamas and dog tags, read in the papers where the 11th is in the Occupation deal, nothing much to report

Letter from Annette: went to Tom's mother's funeral, received mail from him when she got to the office, hopes his temporary position is favorable, nothing new on the home front, Pearl's baby is due in January, hasn't received his check yet, comments on the pictures he sent, his letters have been short
Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about receiving a lot of mail and catching up on correspondence, still waiting to hear about her visit with the Melgaards, his thoughts in regard to the A.o.O., confused by the timeline of Pearl's pregnancy, looks like he is going to England on a pass, happy for Bess that is looks like Nate will stay in Europe and not go to the Pacific, telling her to take good care of the flags he sent, appreciates her working but thinks she still needs time off and to go have fun, answering and commenting on small things from her letters, thanking her for packages but telling her to stop unless he requests anything, does a lot of dreaming and then gets the blues, waiting on Fred to develop pictures and then will send some, asking about Harry, the non-fraternization policy, sending some clippings. Enclosed: news clipping dated June 25, 1945 "Travel to ETO for GI Wives Indorsed in U.S."; news clipping of girl "What a Sweater"; news clipping from Stars and Stripes of 3 women "'Famous Bodies' De-Glamourized by Critic"

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about receiving mail and happy to hear about her visit with the Melgaards, didn't go on his originally planned trip to Salzburg, got authorization for 2 Battle stars and now has 52 points, issued Battle jackets, going to the stage show tonight, Fred got her letter, her missing the celebration for Harry and Cookie is kind of strange, wished he could have been with her on the visit to the Melgaards but will make up for it when they get home, just got back from seeing the show and thought she would have liked it. Enclosed: program from "Viennese Variety Show Kino Theatre" dated June 27, 1945; V-Mail from Bessie dated June 14
Letter from Annette: about her reason for not writing the previous night, weather is exhausting, no mail from him, Jack Simon is spending the night, updates and gossip about Bess, Cookie, and Bucky, update on her weight and appearance

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, asking if she got the letter with the 2 action reports and is sending another envelope with another report, clippings, a letter, and some other odds and ends, asking her to acknowledge when she receives everything, you can send air-mail to this country, including Dory’s address and asking for her to write to her about updates on his parents

Letter from Annette: received a letter from him and must be missing some since she is confused about his transfer and new job at Headquarters Division, his descriptions make Austria sound lovely, it's been very hot, his article about women joining their mates is old news and she is waiting for him for the go signal, wonderful feeling knowing he is out of danger, pictures will be developed tomorrow but won't send them if she doesn't look good, his time in Gmunden reminds her of Leesville Louisiana

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, thanking her for the package, had dinner with Mel yesterday and he was happy to hear about her meeting his family, weather is rainy, seeing if they can start Friday services next week, having another party after dinner and wishes she was there. Enclosed: menu from "Military Government G-5 Mess Hall" dated June 29 1945

Letter from Annette: asking about the pictures she enclosed, planning on going to the movies with Pearl later, Cookie invited her out North on Sunday, saw Mrs. Gross today
Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about what is happening with his Division, hoping that he will remain at Division Headquarters, telling her not to worry, just got back from a ride, repeat performance of Viennese show tonight, trying to go to Ried tomorrow morning, telling her what’s supposed to happen will happen, insists she goes on furlough and visits Claire, feels lonesome when he sees all the beautiful sights, weather if finally clearing up

Letter from Annette: about spending the evening watching Jack, received letters from his and happy he is enjoying his work, warning him to be careful in the sun, sad and missing him, answering his question with her thoughts on legal prostitution, wondering when or how much longer it will be before they have children, tomorrow she is going North and will be outside and swimming, listening to "I Love You Best of All" on the radio, the reason that the Melgaards send him packages

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, July 1-15, 1945**

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, just got back from swimming in the lake, went down to the BN to say goodbye to the men taking off, including their new address, no mail from her, things are quiet, waiting on the shipping order allowing wives to join their husbands

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, responding to her comment about not getting any mail, things are calm, all the boys left yesterday, telling her not to worry about his stomach, doesn't think he will go to the show tonight, got a haircut and a manicure, wishes she were there to take care of those things
Letter from Annette: about it being a wonderful day since she got mail and pictures from him, about her previous day at the lake up North, going to Cookies for a sleepover tomorrow, their plans for the Fourth of July, will deposit the $100 when she receives it, excited about the tablecloth and napkins, his health, telling him its ok to send IG a picture, saw "To Have and Have Not" ages ago

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, reminiscing on their first Fourth of July together, another day of no mail, raining and cold, might see "Bring on the Girls" in technicolor, Division SSO has a library now and get got some books but hasn't had a chance to read, working on a package to send her including the tablecloth and napkins, will let her know when he gives it to the postal clerk

Letter from Annette: relaxing at Cookie's with her and Harry, plans for tomorrow, Fourth of July brings back memories and this is the first time in 3 years that she is celebrating in Chicago, their first Fourth of July together, misses him and wants him around me when there is a holiday, will be content when they are together again

Letter from Annette: about how she spent her Fourth of July at the lake, lonesome for him, kept picturing him with her, looking forward to tomorrow and hopes for mail, 95th Infantry is in the States and wondering when he will come home

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about finally receiving a lot of mail from her, attended an affair in the town square for the Fourth of July, took a trip to Bad Ischl to check on a pair of boots he ordered, enclosing a note and asking if she can get the same cashed at the 1st N.B., went to a
show last night, sending his condolences to Tom, waiting for the pictures she is sending, telling her to keep up the good work in regards to her salary, thoughts on her complaining about being far from the lake, how much he loves and misses her, still takes the pills she sent when necessary, still raining, how his typed letters would be longer if he hand wrote them

Letter from Annette: about having a lot of appointments at work and being tired, Bessie is in a bad moon since Nate might go to the Pacific, Pearl and Fannie are going to the country tomorrow, hasn't heard from Bucky in weeks because she had ptomaine poisoning, Bucky expects a furlough in September and then will probably ship out, his outfit was mentioned in the paper, hopes that he is fortunate to stay in the E.T.O, received his letter with the pictures and notices all the gifts she has sent in them, how it seems that someone is resigning from the President's Cabinet daily, thinks it's amazing how the songs on the radio fit when she is writing. Extra piece of Good Conduct ribbon that was originally found with the letter has been separated out.

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about switching to V-Mail in hopes to get better service than air-mail, sun is out, will be sending a check for $120 soon, things are calm because of the non-fraternization law, might go to see "Between 2 Women" to kill time, asking for updates from home and what she is doing for vacation

Letter from Annette: about her plans to go to the beach fell through because Fannie needed her help shortening dresses, went to the loop to drop off film and bought a bathing suit, received a letter and allotment check, Bess got a letter from him and shared it with her, can't wait for the government to allow
wives to join their husbands, listening to a program with Ray Bolger and Bing Crosby, imagining him with her and what she would do, got blisters.

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about Friday services, no much to report and no mail from her, took a run to Linz and it looks like they are getting back to normal life, saw "Between 2 Women" but didn’t stay, started thinking of her and got blue, will get a break either with taking a job as ASO or something else to avoid the Pacific.

Letter from Annette: about having a leisure moment and writing him, received a full salary but hardly worked this week, emptied out the food supplies and dishes from the pantry so Tom could wash it, rather lonely with Fannie on vacation and Tom working when she is home, might take in a show tonight, no mail from him today.

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about not getting mail from her, had a party last night and including the menu and signatures, felt blue and missing her but was showing everyone her picture at the party, had their first services on Friday in town, will try to see "Conflict" this afternoon, got his radio working again, going to Munich to interview with the UNRRA tomorrow, took a trip to Linz on Friday, just got an emergency call that one of their cars got stuck in the mountains, reason why he hasn't mail the package yet, including an envelope with the new postage in Austria. Enclosed: menu from "Military Government G-5 Mess Hall" dated July 7, 1945; envelope with 11 Austrian stamps of various postal value.

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, just got back from the movie and his thoughts on it, went out on the lake on the speed boat earlier and got a little sunburnt, how much he
misses her, no mail and it makes him worry about her, getting ready for his trip to Munich

Letter from Annette: about going to see "I'll Be Seeing You" alone, helped Tom and his brother clean the pantry, hall, and bathroom, misses Fannie's cooking and companionship while she is gone, read in the paper that the 11th would be coming home in December, her vacation East depends on Claire answering a letter she just sent

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, thanking her for the letters, details on his trip to Munich, driving on the Autobahn, her letters made up for his miserable mood, saw plenty of knocked out German equipment on the trip back from Munich, telling her she looks good in the pictures, updates on the 11th Division but still not sure what is happening, jokes about writing a book about all the Cookie gossip. Enclosed: list of all the places they had their C.P. during combat

Letter from Annette: about having Marilyn over for dinner and it reminding her of when she would cook for him, listening to "Together" on the radio and thinking of their time in Frisco, wondering why other people are getting mail from their husbands and she isn't, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard and got an update on Warren's transfer, wondering if he will be home in December or if she will go join him, note from Marilyn at the end that Annette can cook

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, thanking her for the letters and hoping the daily mail continues, saw Carl Burnett today, presumes she had a nice time on the Fourth of July, feels he doesn't have to worry about their financial situation, received a second parcel today but some items were missing and telling her not to send anything unless
requested so he can say what he needs, will probably see "Enter Arsene Lupin" tonight

Letter from Annette: about not getting mail from him and not understanding why, got a letter from Fannie about her enjoying Benton Harbor, had dinner with Bessie and Gail, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard who is asking him to write Warren to get information from him and then write her, included Mrs. Melgaard's address, weather is cold and can't imagine taking a vacation in August, still hasn't decided about her vacation, asking to forgive her for the short letter since there is nothing to write and she is in a bad mood, asking about his stomach

Letter from Annette: about hearing news of Japan negotiating for peace, how she spent her day off on Friday, didn't write the last two nights because of the excitement and being busy with work, happy that he didn't sign up for the UNRRA, has so many ideas for their post-war future, still hasn't heard from Claire so she is waiting to make vacation plans, got a refund check from the Treasury Department, sorry he didn't get to see "Diamond Horse Shoe"

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about trying to get a native sweater made for her, how they both wrote about their memories from their first Fourth of July together, how much he misses her and one of these days will be able to talk to her in person, got a ticket from the Provost Marshall for speeding while taking one of the boys to the hospital

Letter from Annette: about receiving her mail and clippings, decided not to go to the movies last night, had a hard time transcribing sister-in-law's handwriting on V-Mail, all alone in the apartment, her thoughts on the fraternization policy, agrees that him
and Warren should get together when they return, about their love, a joke she heard earlier.

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about receiving her mail and not complaining about the mail service, the sweater he wants to get made for her is wool, thanking her for writing when she didn't want because it’s good for his morale, sorry to hear about Bucky's sickness, comment about a pessimistic line from her letter and telling her to keep her chin up, always wears the sunglasses she bought and thinks of her, they get in the same moods when they write letters, asking about her vacation plans and to change his address with TIME.

Letter from Annette: about not writing last night and the errands she ran this morning, hopes he likes all the snapshots included and discussion of how she took the pictures, his job of returning refugees to the Russian lines must be exhausting and must be hard listening to their stories, about the little Jewish girl that took care of him, walking by their old house brought back memories, saw her cousin, wanting to start a family with him, received a letter from Claire and will go East for her vacation, will write Dory and ask about his parents.

Letter from Annette: about not being able to go to the lake and eating lunch at Dr. Rodin's instead, writing him instead of going to a show, hungry and hopes Tom brings home food or they go to Barney's, enclosing the clippings about the fraternizing curb was eased, Cookie's sister is visiting, thinks she fell asleep earlier because she leads a lazy life and is content with her usual routine, update on her vacation plans to NY, will light a candle for her mother's year time tomorrow.
Letter from Annette: asking if the letter written to Dory is okay in which asks if she knows the whereabouts of or any information about his parents and sister Ruth, Bill is currently fighting in US Third Army with the 11th Armored Division and currently in Gmunden Austria, gives her address in IL and address for Bill in NYC. Enclosed: copy of letter to Dory

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about not having a chance to write yesterday, had usual Friday party and then went to services, received mail, happy to hear she helped Fannie with the dresses, wishes he could see her in her bathing suit and getting homesick, might see the new stage show program tonight, intends to go to Berchtesgaden tomorrow if it doesn't rain, asking her to let him know when he gets all of the items listed that he sent

Letter from Annette: about spending the day with Cookie, her sister Ester, Harry, Sam, Bessie, and Gail at the cemetery and then the Brookfield Zoo, Tom went to visit Fannie in Benton Harbor and they both should be home tomorrow, wrote Dory yesterday and sent him a copy, wishes he were home with her, asking about his new job

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, July 16-30, 1945

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about the 3 girls with the USO he met in Munich coming to visit, weather is hot, missing her so much because she is a good cook, receiving her July 4 letter and how he felt the same about the day, tonight they will all go to the Articles of the War and then might see the show "Up in Arms"
V-Mail from Annette: about going to dinner and a show with Marilyn, Tom came back from Benton Harbor and Fannie will come back on Thursday, him going out and having fun doesn't make a difference in her reason to go on vacation, if she sees an opportunity to leave then she will go on vacation, can't have fun while he is away.

Letter from Annette: about helping paint the kitchen, Sam Tyllas visited her at work and then had dinner with Bessie, received his letter from July 3 and commenting that they both wrote about the same thing, excited about receiving the packages with the tablecloth, napkins, and perfume, he is so good to her and she is proud to be Mrs. J. W., hopes to receive a reply from Dory soon, thinks about the day she will see him at the train, including a picture of her that Marilyn took.

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about him writing every day but understands her complaining about the postal set up, got the film developed and the pictures turned out good, asking what information she wants in regard to Mel and will send it, things are calm and there is nothing to report, commenting on her indecisiveness on vacation, including a clipping from Stars and Stripes, received mail from Franchia and Sam Beer. Enclosed: news clipping from Stars and Stripes "Oh, Shed a Tear for the Unescorted Female of America"

V-Mail from Annette: apologizing for the short letter, Fannie got home from country and they went out to dinner, weather is getting warm and wants to be swimming at the lake, not much to report.

Letter from Annette: about being busy at the office getting it ready for painters to come, received some of his letters but they don't
always come in sequence and it confuses her, sorry to hear about his sunburn, about Carl not being happy to be out of the 11th, hopes he gets in M.I.S., received a letter from Fred, asking what the M.I.S. means, was told she should write Secretary of State Passport Division in Washington D.C. and would be able to be one of the first wives to go over in Europe, replying to his comment that she must be busy with all the soldiers, sailors, and marines being home

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, just got back from Bad Ischl, thanking her for the candy, asking her to let him know when she receives the things he is sending, going to watch a boxing match against the 4th Armored Division, saw "And Now Tomorrow" and Loretta Young's character reminded him of her, responding to her letters, hopes that she is no longer confused, wishes she were there to share all the sights, might be giving out furloughs to Switzerland, about her report on the empty apartment, thanking her for the second installment on fraternization and the joke

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about the boxing match with the 4th Armored Division and including the program, new uniform regulation that lets them wear oversea caps and civilian shoes during off duty hours, played baseball against 101 Abn. Div. earlier, listening to the radio, should have handwritten the letter but knows it’s easier to read when it’s done on the typewriter

Letter from Annette: about her morning at the office with the painters, went to see "This Man's Navy", now listening to the radio, nothing to report and didn’t get any mail, has to go to the office tomorrow to put everything back in its place, replying to his story of
seeing a thriller movie, will go to the lake after work tomorrow if the weather is nice

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about not writing her last night, thanking her for the other parcel she sent and telling her the items that everyone enjoys the most, will try to send her a parcel tomorrow and ordered a 35 piece coffee set, things are calm, will catch up on mail tomorrow, if weather stays nice he will go out on the boat, misses her when the weather is nice and thinks of their time together on beaches of Lompoc, listening to "Night and Day" and how it is their song, got homesick and had to write a little bit more, packed the parcel for her, made plans for tomorrow

V-Mail from Annette: about spending the day cleaning up after the painters at the office, will go to the beach tomorrow if it's hot, even though she wasn't in the mood, she went out with everyone and saw "Ted Louis" and his band, had fun but her heart was empty since she can't have a good time without him there

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about getting office duty this weekend, no mail from her, spending the morning on the boat and then going to dinner, catching up on mail in the office, just needs a signature from the Captain and then will mail her parcel, might go see "Dancing in Manhattan", the gasoline shortage in the Army and how it is effecting them, Sundays drive him nuts and always thinks of how they would spend their Sundays together, doesn't feel like answering mail, weather is hot like Chicago, asking for updates on home, her vacation, and family and friends

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about not getting mail from her, show tonight is "Diamond Horseshoe" and the picture last night was so bad he left early, sent her
parcel including a pencil he wants her to fix and send back, gasoline shortage cut traffic down, shared her letter about her thoughts on the fraternization with someone in the office, including a clipping from S & S, always has to add something when he comes back from the show, thought the show was good but it made him homesick. Enclosed: news clipping "Annulment Granted for Non-Conception"

Letter from Annette: about not writing yesterday because she was tired from being out at the beach, gossip about Cookie going for a ride with Dell and Harry getting mad, weather is hot and sticky, delay with the mail, read about a surprise raid of 80,000 Nazis, Dr. Rodin was pleased with the office, George took a snapshot of her and Harry at the beach and she will send it to him, 11th will be in the states some time in December and wonders if he will be with them

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about getting her letter today with all the pictures and how she is looking, complimenting her picture taking technique, hasn't forgotten the color of her eyes, hoping she did not forget the necessary arrangements for her mother's Jahrzeit date, telling her she says smart things in her letters, loves her regardless of the length of the letter, starting a family, asking about her cousins, hopes she has a swell time on vacation in the mountains

Letter from Annette: about the heat wave in Chicago, had dinner at Little Jack's with Dr. Rodin, his son, and Marilyn, wondering why the mail comes the way it does, thinking he is sweet to have a sweater made for her and giving her measurements and sizes, would love to have an angora sweater if they have it, they have an anniversary coming up and it doesn't seem like they will be together, Bessie and Gail visited the office
Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, thanking her for writing to Dory and thinks her letter was perfect, just got back from a ride out on the lake, commenting on her vacation plans, appreciates her not going out with the other women but thinks a little entertainment wouldn't hurt her, asking if she received any packages and mail and if she will make up a package of sweets for the staff officers of the G-5 section.

V-Mail from Annette: about having company over for dinner, how the mail situation is horrible on her end, asking how everything is with him and that Shipkee is on his way home and expects a discharge, Pearl visited friends in Milwaukee.

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about how he feels when he gets back from the movies, listening to the radio and the election results from England, saw "Valley of Decision" and how awful it is to see movies without her, missing her, no mail from her and asking if she got the packages, including 3 clippings and asking for a picture of her. Enclosed: news clipping dated July 24 "Nudist Foresees a Bust for Two-Piece Suits" with note requesting a picture of her in her bathing suit; news clipping dated July 23 "German Fraulein's Kiss is a Regular Filmland Product"; news clipping from Stars and Stripes "Bathing Follows Law of Diminishing Returns".

V-Mail from Annette: received letter from July 1 but nothing to answer, Chicago getting relief from heatwave, asking if he thinks he will be home in December or if he will make M.I.S., will travel to him if he stays in ETO and its allowed, her office is closed this weekend and why she believes she earns her high pay, how she pictures him when he writes "hey skinny" in his letters, Shipkee is coming to Chicago, the idea of getting an
apartment with him, hopes any fellows coming home contact her so she can ask questions about him.

V-Mail from Annette: about receiving mail out of order and missing letters so they don't always make sense, went to the bank with the note from England and couldn't get full value but was told he could take it to the Finance Officer and he can get full value, bought some playsuits and a summer dress, more than decided to go to NY, commenting on the clipping he sent from July 18, hasn't received the check that was forwarded to Pearl and asking to clarify what checks he sent.

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, asking how the postage service is for air-mail, weather took a drastic turn, thoughts on England election results and Truman as President, went to usual Friday night services but wishes they had a bigger crowd, will send long letter about the party tomorrow, talks about her all night and the guys are probably tired of it, asking if she got the parcel and for updates from home.

V-Mail from Annette: listening to the radio and thinking of him, went shopping with Marilyn, saw Bennie Goodman and reminded her of when they saw him together, may go to the beach tomorrow, off work but took trip to the office to see if there was mail.

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, had a big mail call, the party they had for a French Liaison Officer, happy to hear about her helping paint the house, strange that they had the same thoughts about the Fourth of July, wishes she got the parcel, imagines that the cleanup job at her office was very busy, telling her not to worry about his sunburn and will probably go to the lake tomorrow, trying to answer her question of if
the M.I.S. means A.o.O. but doesn't know, thinks her writing the Passport Division is not a bad idea, was only kidding about the sailors and marines, asking about Pearl's vacation

V-Mail from Annette: about going to North Ave beach with Pearl and her neighbors, getting tan, asking about his sunburn and telling him to wear clothing that covers his body next time, hoping the postman brings mail tomorrow

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about seeing "The Horn Blows at Midnight", how he spent his Sunday, no mail from her today, gets very lonesome on Sundays, asking about mail, packages, and details for her vacation

V-Mail from Annette: prefers writing long air-mail letters but she ran out of stationary, presumes he had a good time with at the party with the U.S.O. girls but hasn't gotten his letter about Munich, hoping that he will come home and how much she misses him, hard day at the office, postman brought 3 letters, short letter since there is nothing to report, thrilled about the package with the surprises he is sending, will save the tablecloth for their apartment, thinks a furlough to Switzerland would be good for him

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, received an old letter from her, reminiscing on their times at the zoo, gets homesick after a corned beef sandwich, not much to report, weather took a turn for the better and will spend time on the lake

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about writing with a pen instead of typing, no mail from her, sending another check to her tomorrow, asking about their financial
situación and if she got the package, intends
to see "G.I. Joe" tonight, asking if she got his
pencil he sent, the weather feels like fall,
asking for updates on the house, her
vacation, and if there is any advantage in air-
mail

V-Mail from Annette: about finally receiving
his letter from July 8 but still waiting on the
one telling about his interview, concerned if
he is in the UNRRA she will never see him,
excitement of Shipkee coming home, longs
for the day that he is a civilian, asking how
long he would have to stay in Europe,
received the envelope with all the stamps.
Letter cuts off, potentially missing remaining
pages.

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer,**
**August 1-14, 1945**

V-Mail from Annette: about the days passing
quickly, received the check he had forwarded
to Pearl, talking to an old patient of Dr.
Rodin's that was wounded in Germany,
weather is hot, update on her weight and
appearance, Tom, Fannie, and her are going
to take a ride to Pearl's, had a bad electrical
storm last night

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about
writing late, there was a big celebration for
the 2nd anniversary of the II Corps in
Salzburg, getting caught without a seconds
Corps sticker on their car, stopped in Bad
Ischl to see the guys at a place he would call
Lookers Paradise, had rain, saw "G.I. Joe"
last night, listened to "Cobendos" before the
show and reminded him of the dances back
at Lompoc, no mail from her today

V-Mail from Annette: about the hot weather,
finally received his letter about his trip to
Munich and sorry he was turned down,
received the coins from Hungary and going to make a bracelet with all the coins he has sent, going to have a lazy weekend off work, no local gossip

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about being tired and his stomach hurting, had some mail from her and will answer tomorrow, sent her $100 today, asking for air-mail stamps

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, reason for his short V-Mail the day before, received mail from her including a letter with interesting news of Harry and Cookie, how he is proud of Harry, telling her to tell Cookie he doesn't approve of the "sticklechs", waiting for the promised pictures and will send some to her in a few days, asking if she got the packages and the check, update on the coffee set he ordered her, went to "Going My Way" last night but left early, before the show "Rhythm Tankers" played, got his typewriter back, sent in a transfer request for ECAD (European Civil Affair Division) and dropped his request for MIS, asking for updates on home and her NY trip

V-Mail from Annette: about spending the morning shopping in the loop, saw "For Whom The Bells Toll" with Fannie, everything is the same in Chicago, received the clippings, chart, and the check for $120 but still waiting on the gift parcel, curious to see what is in the package

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about receiving letters from her and writing while the office is slow, including some late photos, weather took a turn, working on plans to go to Salzburg for high holidays, she is complaining about the mail but he promises he is writing daily, thanking her for the measurements for the sweater, thinks the points system stinks, agrees it would be
swell to spend their anniversary together,
imagines she had a good time going out with
Sam and winning at the horse races, doesn't
worry when she goes out with family
members, asking for more air-mail stamps

V-Mail from Annette: about the celebration
she had the night before at Barney's, saw
"Along Came Mrs. Jones" and then went out
to dinner, raining and thundering, work
tomorrow and there is usually mail from him
on Mondays, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about
it being Sunday and being lonesome, about
how he spent his Sunday, went through his
stuff to get rid of clothes and equipment he
doesn't use anymore, hard to fill the pages
when there is nothing to write, no mail from
him and getting disgusted with the postal
service, asking if she got the parcel, how
much he loves and misses her

Letter from Annette: about receiving mail
from him and answering questions from his
letter about the packages, Dory's letter, and
sending the officers some goodies, news
about Atomic bombs in the headlines and her
feelings about the bombs, her opinion on the
Labor Day party winning, had dinner by
herself, wrote Claire to expect her in NY on
the 18th of August as long as she can get a
train ticket, including a picture of her and
Harry, latest update on Harry and Bucky, has
to cut the letter short so the air-mail is the
proper weight

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about
getting mail from her and telling her not to be
surprised if he gets new address, remembers
Benny Goodman and asking if she
remembers New York City, received a parcel
from Claire with candies, telling her to forget
the package of sweets he requested for the
Section is she hasn't already sent it, reading
in S & S that the Army and Congress aren’t getting along, thinks men should have gotten more points for having a wife

V-Mail from Annette: about visiting Pearl, nothing to report, asking if Bill still has his accent. Letter does not include year but based on content it can be assumed it is from 1945.

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about getting mail from her, the boxing match they had last night, presumes everyone in the States is excited about the new bombs and the war declaration of Russia, thinks that might speed up him getting home, being homesick, wishes the packages would arrive so she can see what he is sending her, asking for news about Harry and Nate

V-Mail from Annette: about how she spent her day, stopped at the office and there was mail from him with the snapshots, hasn’t received any parcels and the ceramic dishes he ordered sound out of this world, nothing new on the home front with some gossip about friends, a bit skeptical about him signing up for the ECAD with the peace terms with Japan in order

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about not getting any mail from her, tension is high waiting to see if Japan accepted the counter proposal from the US and radio is full of news, thinks the number of men the War Department wants to keep in the A.o.O. is unnecessary, hoping the President and Congress will release as many boys as possible once victory is announced, willing to accept his discharge at any time they hand it to him and ready to face civilian life with all of the complications that face it, hopes that Japan accepts the deal, had a dinner party and dance after but left early since she wasn’t there, did too much drinking in the last
couple of days, thinks it’s too early to make a decision about an apartment but knows its ultimately up to her since she is on that end of things, saw the musical "Earls Carrolls", using V-Mail since it seems faster

Letter from Annette: about purchasing her train ticket to NY and details of when she is leaving, heard a false alarm news broadcast saying that the war with Japan was over, been slipping on writing because of all the excitement of V-J Day coming at any moment, received the package with the tablecloth, napkins, and perfume, commenting that his script is easy for her to read, listening to the radio and waiting for a proclamation of peace, expects to be in NY until the end of August but doubts he will be able to write her there, thinks it’s unfair that she is going on a vacation while he is still overseas, hopes he will be home no later than December with the Division is scheduled to arrive

Letter from Annette: about hearing the news that Japan surrendered and how they closed the office to celebrate, loop is running wild and she might go down there to celebrate soon, keeps thinking about how this means he will be a civilian in a few months, hopes he isn't accepted for that new job, how happy and excited she is, needs to write Manny and Claire

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, apologizing for not writing the day before, still waiting for the final word and radio reports its due in a couple of hours, details about the finalized plans for the Division, will try to get a job with the United States Forces Austria (USFA), went to a show, heard some late news and things don't look good, feeling lonesome and missing her, commenting on her bathing suit photo, A.o.O. is better than the Pacific but it’s an awful strain on his
mind, trying to make of box of things to send home like all the letters she has sent him, worried the gift parcels haven't arrived yet, asking for updates on family, handwritten note at the end that he heard on the radio that Hirohito accepted the deal

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, August 16-29, 1945**

Letter from Annette: about packing and details of her arrival in NY, isn't excited though because he isn't with her, had a V-J celebration and return part for Harry and Shipkee last night at Pearl's, wired Manny to meet her at the train station so she won't be lonely, assumes he will read about all of the V-J celebrations in Chicago, thanking God that he spared him and her family, hopes he doesn't stay in Europe with the E.C.A.D. and she wants him home, how Tom and Fannie are wonderful to her, Marilyn is going to forward any mail to her in NY

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about the first day of the war is over, his thoughts on what's happening, how they celebrated yesterday, also had a celebration for the 3rd anniversary of the formation of the 11th Division yesterday but couldn't go because he went to Salzburg to request a transfer to USFA, saw some friends that got transferred while in Salzburg, getting a transfer soon and wants to travel light so she will be sending some of his stuff over, asking how she celebrated, asking for a wool sweater and socks, discussion of the idea of discharge

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about transfers within the Division, luck he was transferred to Headquarters or he would have been transferred to the 22nd, where most of the men are going, went to Friday
night services, asking to hear her plans for the future, waiting to see where he will end up, had some plans for tonight but the girl he met is out of town, will have plenty of stories when he gets home, went to Bad Ischl but most of the stores were closed since it was declared a holiday in Austria, in a mood with the war being over and the Division being broken up.

Letter from Annette: about arriving in NY and being at Manny's, asked Manny about the WAVE Bill had entertained before he went overseas, taking a bus to Fleischmanns tomorrow, how she spent the day with Manny, not going out tonight because she is tired from all the V-J celebrations, how she spent her morning before the train left for NY, apologizing for any mistakes since she is using Manny's European typewriter, received mail and pictures from him before she left, sat next to an old friend on the train. Note from Manny at the bottom: it's good to hear about him and see Annette, sending a picture of the girl he wants to marry, address of the girl's cousin in Paris, added his picture to his gallery of soldiers, went with an American partner is business this year, giving his home and office address so Bill can write.

V-Mail from Bill: about receiving mail from her and why he didn't write last night, updates on the rumors about the Division, getting tired of everyone getting sent home and he is still there, had a calm weekend, breakfast reminded him of their Sundays in Lompoc, has a lot of stories to tell her when he gets home, hopes she has a swell time in Fleischmanns, telling her to be careful with all the men returning home.

Letter from Annette: about making it to Fleischmanns, a request from Claire to check on her sister-in-law that was in Belsen.
Concentration Camp, Emmanuel met her at the bus station, the hotel they have is very nice but Claire works too hard, he would love it if he were there, all the hotel guests are foreign, mistakes in the letter since the Z and Y are switched on the typewriter, its lovely there and she regrets not joining Claire and Emmanuel when he first mentioned it, hopes he can contact Claire's sister-in-law

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about handwriting his letters again, thinks he has a little time to go before he has to leave the city, rumors about where they are bound for next, nothing much to do since 26th Infantry is taking over, telling her he never takes the sunglasses off as long as there is sun, weather has been awful, including some clippings, had to see a picture "Pick Up Girl", new law about sending money home and update on what he can send. Enclosed: news clipping from Stars and Stripes "A Queen of Any Shore"; news clipping dated August 20, 1945 "The B Bag Blow It Out Here"

Letter from Annette: about wanting to give Emmanuel suggestions for the office, how well they are treating her and how she wishes she could help in some way, how hard Claire and Emmanuel work, looking better after being there for 2 days and Claire intends to make her fat, feels strange not having mail from him but Marilyn will forward anything that comes to Chicago, asking what is new with him and how long he will be in E.T.O.

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, sending a short letter since there is nothing to report, still a lot of possibilities about what will happen, sent a box with the portable typewriter, sending money tomorrow, working on a project to get a ring made for
her, had a visit from Captain Kerr tonight, no mail from her

V-Mail from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about not writing yesterday since they got kicked out of their living quarters, still no decision regarding the Division, hate to move out of the town and get separated, had a party last night, needing her guiding hand to tell him what to do, when to stop, and things like that, learned some dance moves, plans to go to Salzburg fell through, received mail from her and happy to hear she got one of the packages, hopes that she enjoys her vacation, telling her to get in touch with Manny too, mailed the typewriter yesterday and sending money today, asking if she received the other checks and about the war bonds, weather is nice again, asking if she got any of his letters with the latest reports on the Division

Letter from Annette: Marilyn being faithful with forwarding mail and receiving letters from him, how much she misses him and hearing foreign tongues at the hotel makes her think of his voice, Claire has a picture of them hanging in her office, needs to be content and hold on a little bit longer before they are together, discussion of their finances and amounts in savings and bonds, her spending, telling him to send her all he has no questions asked in regards to the note she received the previous day, anxiously awaiting the packages and how thoughtful he is, asking if he can get some specific items as a gift for Claire, Claire doesn't want her to leave NY and wants him to live here after he gets home, feels bad Emmanuel and Claire find little for her to do and refuse her offers to help, Emmanuel and Claire rented an apartment in New York for the winter but plan on going to California before the 46 season and Claire asked her to
join but she is waiting on she knows more from him, all the guests know that she is the cousin of the Mathes, describing some of the guests, telling him not to drink so much, ashamed she didn’t write last night

Letter from Annette: about her job of turning off all the lights after everyone goes to bed, spending her days playing ping-pong, relaxing in the sun, and eating, has to leave in 5 days and Claire wants her to stay but she owes a courtesy to Dr. Rodin since he has been so good to her, would love to stay but knows Claire will understand, didn’t write last night because of bingo, guests are teasing her about where he is, the mountain air is making her sleepy

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about listening to the radio and wanting to embrace her, went to Salzburg and how the U.S.F.A. doesn't want any rated men, update on what is happening with the Division and how many points he has, received letters from her from Chicago and NY, having another party tonight, tomorrow will probably be his last letter for a couple of days since he can’t write until they get to a new place, happy she is in NY and visiting with Manny, remembering their trip to NY, needs to write a couple of people tomorrow

Letter from Bill: in Gmunden, Austria, about writing before they leave for another destination, rumors on what is happening with the 11th Division and where he would go based on points, will do everything he can to find out about the people in the concentration camp and details about how he will try to get information, thinks her report of the Fleischmanns is interesting and that there is no rush to go back to Chicago unless she has an obligation, the typewriter he is sending also has the Z and Y switched,
hopes all the packages make it in good shape

Letter from Annette: about still being with Claire and Emmanuel and how the weather is chilly, disappointed that there hasn't been any mail forwarded, waiting to hear about how he celebrated V-J Day, being the official light closer and happy to assist, most of the hotel guests have left, played gin rummy and lost 35 cents, being with Claire and Emmanuel makes her lonesome and miss him, reread her letter and thinks its dull but its because she is on vacation and relaxing

Letter from Annette: about taking advantage of the nice weather and finally getting some forwarded mail from him, missing some days so she doesn't have a complete report, responding to his stories of entertaining women and forgetting that he is married, angry with him so she might stay in the Fleischmanns longer, shared the letters with Claire and was inwardly ashamed, enclosing letter she got from Dory, hopes he doesn't think too badly of her for expressing her opinion, Claire and Emmanuel are treating her wonderfully, Marilyn mentioned packages came but not sure of the contents. Illegible handwriting on the back

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, September 1-15, 1945

Letter from Bill: in Lauf, Germany, about not sure when he will be able to mail this letter, brief report on each day since his last letter last Sunday, on Monday they got word about their moving on Tuesday or Wednesday and bought her a dress, on Tuesday got final details and started packing but then found out he was going to Luxembourg with Col. Decker, Capt. Gerelli (?), and Cpl. Warner
the route they took and how the drive was, on Wednesday they continued driving and got 2 flat tires, on Thursday the car was fixed and they continued driving and then met up with friends, supposed to leave for the 90th Infantry Division and might leave tomorrow or in a few days, on Thursday they continued to Lauf, taking life very easy and sweat out when they are going to lower the points to go home, everything is being done to find Claire's sister-in-law, letter might be cold but it's just a report, information about someone from G-5 that might get in touch with her when he gets to Chicago, asking if she got the packages and money

Letter from Bill: in Weiden, Germany, about now being a member of the 90th Infantry Division and moving his patches around, update on what is to happen with his new division, still not sure what his job will be, taking life easy in the meantime, writing from the Red Cross Club and telling her all that is offered, will try to mail some money tomorrow, still waiting to see if she got the packages, doesn't want to make plans but would be nice to be home for Christmas, telling her to change his address for TIME but not to renew the Omnibook, telling her to get a specific issue of TIME because he thinks her picture is in it, telling her not to mail Christmas packages

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about moving again, will probably get Supply Sgt. in Ger (?) Company and its shouldn't be too bad, understands that this Division is set to go home in November and hopes its true, will probably take in a show tonight, town is one mile from camp, will probably go to Weiden on Saturday and Sunday for services

Letter from Annette: explaining why she was so angry and hurt, still with Emmanuel and Claire and they are treating her royally, all
the guests have left, asking why he has to associate with Germans and her feelings about it, thankful he is alive and she has him, how it has been a hard year for both of them, planning to go with Emmanuel and Claire when they visit his cousin in Connecticut, will continue to write daily. Note from Claire at the bottom written in German.

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about working in the supply room and how he will probably like the work, saw "Picture to Post" and how the movie house compares to the ones in the States, made arrangements to go to Weiden for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, trying to get rid of some of his things so his duffel bag will be light, talk of the Division going home in November, all the boys are crazy about her and he is lonesome, asking how her vacation was, if she saw the picture in the TIME magazine, and if she got the packages.

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about seeing "Johnny Angel" and missing her, not going to have a show tonight, saw an old friend of his, keeping him busy and he is getting used to working in the supply room again, latest rumor about the shipping date, update on points and not having to go to the Pacific, getting more homesick every day and not knowing anyone, most of the men with high points are leaving tomorrow, telling her not to be mad if he doesn't write while in Weiden, comment about fraternizing, asking how she is and how he misses her letters, got money exchanged and will try to send some soon.

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about attending services in Weiden and it being strange to do so in Germany, waiting for mail from her, rumors the same about being home before Christmas, just got back from first evening service, change of plans and the
other services will be in town, made friends with some that went to the services, thinking about her and praying to be together soon, hoping the rumors about the Division are true, waiting on mail from her and probably has at least 25 letters

Letter from Bill: about still not getting mail from her, details about the Rosh Hashanah service in town, description of the schul (synagogue), will have services tonight and tomorrow and will try to go to Weiden for Yom Kippur, a new law allowing him to bring one home pistol with descriptions of the ones he has and asking her to help him decide, missing her and thinking about previous holidays, wrote new year’s cards and a letter to military government in Bergen-Belsen, went to the PX and stocked up on candies

Letter from Annette: about helping Claire and Emmanuel close down the hotel and various duties completed, making plans with Emmanuel and Claire for his return, will make the best of it if he has to stay in Europe, phoned Chicago and going to stay until after Yom Kippur, Emmanuel is leaving for New York tomorrow, how her and Claire are together, how she loves to rearrange rooms and how there she can fulfill her ambition, Claire is waiting for news about her sister-in-law, hasn't written in a couple of days but assumes he doesn't mind, hates to think of returning to the city and her usual routine, read that some men from the 11th are in the States but has a feeling she won't see him for a long time, enclosing a picture of her in her bathing suit, Marilyn has stopped forwarding her mail and her last letter from him was when he was in Gmunden. Reverse of Page 2: note from Claire written in German
Letter from Bill: about writing and getting nothing in return since mail has not caught up with them, spent yesterday morning at the synagogue and then with the Schwandorf, had a dance and big dinner at the U.N.R.R.A. hotel, been busy getting all the boys ready who are going home, saw "Salty O'Rourke" and then went to the Red Cross Club that just opened, sent her a check and asking her to tell him when she gets it and if she has gotten the other one as well as the parcels, nothing to report since each day is the same, trying to save as much money as possible, asking about home and future plans, loves and misses her, gets more homesick whenever he reads about Chicago in Stars and Stripes

9/10/1945

Postcard from Bill: for Rosh Hashanah, writes that letters will follow

9/11/1945

Letter from Annette: about it being one year since she has seen him and remembering his farewell, praying for lasting peace, a brighter future, and for them to be together soon, chores at the hotel are almost complete and her and Claire are planning on spending some days in the sun, Emmanuel is in New York and is going to bring back a turkey, having fun in Claire's company

9/11/1945

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about writing early because there is nothing to do in the afternoons, not sure how the latest rumor on discharge in S & S is going to affect them, feels like getting drunk, feels pretty bad about the whole affair and doesn't see himself coming home for a while, been 18 days since he has received a letter from her, extra pages where he is writing from the Red Cross Club where he saw "Here Come the Coeds" and is listening to the band, wishes she were there, disbanding a couple of companies and are getting more men tomorrow, adding these pages to his earlier
letter so asking her not to get mad at the mix of script and paper, going to ignore the rumors and just let things take their run, planning a big stage show

Letter from Bill: about still not getting mail from her but hoping it will be soon, didn't go to town but will make up for it tomorrow, new rumors that sound too good to be true, was too lazy to go with the boys to a party so he stayed in to read, not sure what to do with his radio, asking how things are in Chicago, needs to go to the dentist when he gets to the States, thinking about what it will be like to take a bath like a civilian, asking how the family is and about her vacation

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about not knowing what to write, updates from Division Headquarters and general information on what each point range means, was previously ok with staying in Europe but now he is anxiously to get home, didn't go into town today, will have normal Friday night services tomorrow, how he mentions the same Red Cross girl and how it is nice to talk to an American girl, Red Cross Club is going to have chocolate covered donuts, installed new services on the post and how they play the American Forces Network (A.F.N.) on the loudspeakers, weather is beautiful, still no mail from her

Letter from Bill: about writing to the APO to figure out why there is a delay with the mail, describing Friday night services, keeping busy but disgusted about it since there is no one to take over for him and so he can't go on pass to London, hopefully will get a pass soon and will let her know where he goes, saw "The Unseen" but doesn't enjoy the pictures anymore, thoughts on actress from the movie and how it reminded him of her, had coffee and donuts and talked with the
Red Cross girl at the A.R.C., wishing they were together, didn't mention fraternization because he is through with the people, planning on taking pictures tomorrow at the synagogue, going to try to have some studio pictures taken, hoping for mail from her

**Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, September 16-30, 1945**

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about finally getting mail from her after 21 days and it's the angry letter she wrote on August 29th, needing to reply before services so he doesn't carry anything into the new year, still going to Schwandorf to get her a ring, not keeping secrets from her even if it is something that she won't like, responding to her comments in the letter, doesn't know why she thinks he is trying to stay in Europe, hopes it won't be long before he can be in the US and be able to talk to her about things he doesn't want to write in letters since he doesn't know who reads them, telling her to contact men he knows if they get home before him so she can ask them about his private life while overseas, asking if she needs his letters, her letter hurt his feelings, she is getting an long letter even if she doesn't like the content, regardless he still loves her, thanking her for forwarding Dory's letter and what he plans to do to get info about his parents, will probably go to Switzerland if he gets a pass, translated a sentence of Claire's letter for her, going to mail the dress he got her and asking if she got the other packages and the check, telling her he wrote this after reading her letter and he trusts she will understand him

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about the services yesterday and today for Yom Kippur, had dinner with the Director of the
U.N.R.R.A for Rosh Hashanah and was starving after fasting for 28 hours, met some captains at services who joined for dinner, spent more time in synagogue and praying compared to other holidays, everyone complimenting her beauty, thinking back to their time in different states back home, dreams of her, and talked about her on Yom Kippur, missing her and feeling blue

Letter from Annette: about not writing for the last week since she was angry with him and spending time with the Mathes', how well Emmanuel and Claire treated her and the gift they gave her, got home from NY that morning but Claire and Emmanuel didn't want her to leave and had ideas of businesses together when Bill gets home, Cookie is pregnant and Harry isn't well, Buckie is due for discharge in the next 2 weeks and Nate should be discharged before Christmas, had 10 letters waiting for her at the office and received some parcels and a check, Fannie and Tom are glad she is home and excited for his homecoming, wasn't in a good mood when he said he might get a job in the A.o.O when everyone is coming home, Claire also gave her a red suit, asking about the dress he said he bought her, saving the perfume he sent, has a lot of work to do at the office

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about getting disgusted going to the mail clerk and not getting any mail, trying to figure out if the mail is delayed or if she isn't writing, thinking about her all of the time, asking if she still loves him, the delay in mail might have a logical explanation and he's just working himself up, saw "I'll Tell the World" and now at the Red Cross Club listening to a German band, looks like they are going to move sometime in October, had to take his bracelet to the goldsmith, got a new
company commander, starting Friday there will be a weeklong stage show at camp and will play "Rosalinde"

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, how she must be living up to her letter from August 29th and stopped all correspondence since he has only gotten 1 letter in 22 days, asking for an explanation, dealing with the Personnel Clerk and checking his point score and being two points off, asking about Harry, Nate, and Bucky and if anyone else got home lately

Letter from Annette: about how it feels to know she has a letter waiting for her at the office, he sounded discouraged but telling him they will be together soon and to hold his morale high, his health is important and she doesn't think drinking is good for him, how much she loves the dishes he sent and only one platter was broken, office was a mess and spent the day getting it in order, going to the bank tomorrow to deposit money and will try to cash one of the notes, her and Claire sent some packages to his old address

Letter from Bill: about his plan to write less often, will try to send her a cable tomorrow and see what is going on with the mail situation since he is getting worried, not getting mail is not doing him any good, went to both shows last night and saw "Those Endearing Young Charms" but it only made him more homesick, update on the points and what that means, hopes Army will live up to their promises, went to the synagogue, had a USO show at the camp yesterday, tonight was the preview of "Rosalinde" and he will probably see it tomorrow

Letter from Annette: about her stationary, had a busy day, no mail from him, deposited the allotment and PTA checks, couldn't cash
the English note but was told she might be able to in 3 weeks, saw Mr. Gross and he is working on some of her coats, finally got the book "Strange Fruit", won't be long until she sees him since they are lowering the points, reading about the strikes various industries are having, asking for his soon return

Letter from Bill: about dropping her a wire to figure out what is going on with the mail, latest developments on the ETO front, went to the jeweler to have a ring made for her, telling her not to send any valuables or packages, enclosing 4 pictures he took at the synagogue, mailed her some papers today, asking her to hold on to the citation enclosed for the Captain. Enclosed: Citation for Captain Alfred M. Gerelli for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy

Letter from Bill: about how he will write every second day, about how he spent his Sunday, finally got mail but nothing from her, saw "Christmas in Connecticut" and it reminded him of her, saw a Russian troop with singers and dancers at the Red Cross Club, more about the mail situation and wondering why he isn't getting letters from her, disgusted and trying not to drink, update on points from Stars and Stripes, wondering if he still has a home and if she is waiting for him, telling her to send money to Mrs. Tillie Chorney and includes her address, asking her to forgive the mistakes in the letter, wondering if she got the telegram and if she will answer

Letter from Annette: about her Saturday and Sunday, finished "Strange Fruit" and now going to read "Black Boy", updates on a few friends, received a letter and notes he doesn't think he will be home soon but she is expecting him in about 10 weeks, happy he sees movies and that the Red Cross Club keeps him entertained, didn't write the last
couple days because there was nothing to tell and being on the lazy side, missing Claire and Emmanuel but mostly him

Letter from Bill: about getting a new Company Commander, received a letter from her but it was dated before her angry August 29th letter, update on points and date of potentially heading home, had a chance to go on Pass but couldn't go, starting to break in a new Supply Sgt, rereading her letter and loves her words of love, gets excited thinking about being with her, played cards, will go on vacation together when he gets home, asking if she got the packages, checks, and telegram, waiting for her answer about the pistols. Enclosed page of "The Sniper" Vol. II No. 94 from Weiden, Germany, dated Monday September 24, 1945 has been separated into the oversized materials

Letter from Annette: about not having a lot to report, they have prepared the house for him to come home, read about men with 60 points getting discharged in November and imagining him home with her, difficult to describe her feelings on paper, realizing how fortunate she is to have him, believes they will be together by Christmas, got "The Robe" and remembers him reading it

Letter from Annette: about receiving his letter from September 16th which was his response to her August 29th letter, didn't mean to hurt him but rather was expressing her hurt, things she should have realized, how she receives mail with talks of getting into the ETO but they take so long to get to her that events take on new shapes, seeing men arrive home daily and him have no words of encouragement blew her top, didn't mean to hurt him, considers herself lucky that she has him, she was only telling him how she felt, will always wait for him and be faithful, hasn't forgotten their pact that they
wouldn't conceal anything, found it possible to express her opinions and everything because they have such an understanding of one another, how writing is different than talking, how it's been a trying year but they will be together soon, asking him to write daily

Letter from Bill: about being busy and happy it's not given him much time for his mind to wander, still no mail from her, update on the new Company Commander, saw "Gold Coast Gent" last night, sent her another parcel, seems pretty definite that men with 60 points will leave in November and last official report was they would be out of the Division by October 15, breaking in the new Supply Sgt., getting very nervous and not really eating, dreaming of her, might go to see "Rosalinde" tonight, additional page after he got back from the show, wishing she were there with him, hung out with friends after the show and it reminded him of evenings they used to spend together

Letter from Annette: about receiving a letter from Warren Hack, hasn't written Dory yet but she will, has had an odd inward feeling since getting back from New York and feels that he is on his way home, imagines it is him when the phone rings, how she misses him and always thinks about him, no gossip to report, no mail from him today

Letter from Annette: about writing him for the second time today, Cubs are going great and headlines returning to peaceful living from before, how the War will truly be over once he is home, how she always thinks of him and talks about him, visited with Bessie and Gail, tomorrow is her day off and Fannie wants her to put a fancy design on the bathroom walls, no mail from him today but hopeful for tomorrow
Letter from Annette: about receiving his letter where is confused since he hasn't heard from her, how she still loves him, perhaps he didn't interpret her August 29th letter correctly but she was just expressing her thoughts and feelings, realizes she shouldn't have aggravated him, hoping he returns home and they can start their life anew, she is a lost person without him, part he took in the synagogue on Yom Kippur was a high honor. Page abruptly stops with no signature or sign off, so potentially missing other pages.

Western Union telegram from Bill: asking to write or telegraph with news since he hasn't heard from her in sometime

Letter from Annette: about a banquet she attended with Marilyn put on by Dr. Rodin's organization, received his cable and her heart is heavy for causing him grief and worry, for the misunderstanding, and for hurting him, immediately sent him a reply telegram, not sure what is causing the delay in mail other than him moving, how much she loves him and is writing daily, didn't stay at the banquet long, Bucky is a civilian now and he will be soon

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, there are going to be a lot of mistakes because he is nervous, was disgusted in the morning but then finally received 3 letters from her, so happy about the mail that he is nervous, the latest developments from the Division about coming home, confident he will be home in the winter, apologizing for the last letters and hopes she received the letter where he explained everything as best he could, will explain everything in person, thanking her for the last bank status and will explain why he wanted it in person, all her plans suit him, will send another parcel with more of his things so he doesn't have to carry them, will see if
he can get the things for Claire, she should have received the dress and other things he sent, not going to touch any more intoxicating drinks and will take care of himself, hasn't gotten any information on Claire's relatives, reminiscing on talks they used to have and various memories, glad he letters weren't cold, her ring should be finished by Wednesday, Captain who is a dentist is proud of her work as dental technician, saw "A Royal Scandal" and bus service from camp to town reminds him of them being bus travelers, weather is preview to winter, big football game on Tuesday against the 9th Inf. Div. and the day will be a holiday, happy Cubs won the Pennat and hopes they win the World Series, received mail from Dory and Nate, still waiting on her suggestion for the pistols, interrupting the letter to go to the USO show, just got back from the show and saw "That’s the Spirit", saw "Strictly Continental" with a 16 piece string band and plenty of good acts, "Chefali" the magician, camp has the biggest theater in the Division

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer,
October 1-15, 1945

Letter from Annette: about spending another birthday apart but hoping they will be together for at least the New Year, receiving his letters about him not getting any mail and hoping that he received her cable that will clear up the misunderstanding, wanting to forget the whole (letter) situation and will write daily with the gossip, Dr. Rodin didn't realize she had left the banquet early and mentioned her in his speech, usual day at the office, thinking of their days in Lompoc and dreamed about him, heard "Mr. Skeffington" on the radio and made her think
of San Francisco, wrote Claire but no reply yet

Letter from Bill: about seeing the show "Flying High" and a ping pong exhibition, received another letter from her, President's order to General Eisenhower about the Jewish people in Germany and Austria, no late news about the Division and they are still supposed to leave on October 15, tomorrow is the football game and there's going to be 1500 people, getting paid tomorrow and will send a check, will send a parcel tomorrow, asking if she got the papers he sent and including 3-20, sending the Stars and Stripes for her to show to Warren

Letter from Annette: about the pictures she received taken while she was in Fleischmanns (presumably enclosed with this letter), received the 359th newspaper he sent, short letter since patients are arriving

RCA Radiogram from Annette: telling him she is writing regularly and not to worry

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about the football game against the 94th Inf. Div., received her letters from Chicago, didn't get paid today and is owed for 3 months, not sure what news is more important, sorry to hear about Harry's sickness, latest rumors are still good, happy she enjoyed her vacation and about the watch she received, dress he is sending will be a surprise, hopes her hunches are right and that he will be home for Christmas, forgives her for not writing, will stay away from intoxicating drinks, her letters are a morale booster, she should be getting a parcel soon, will probably start reading "Forever Amber" tomorrow, received TIME today and has plenty of
reading to do, will write more letters tomorrow, including 3-20

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about listening to the Cubs on the radio, bus didn't show up so he didn't go to the show, having an inspection by the General tomorrow, nothing definite about the moving date, no matter what he has enough points to be discharged on November 1st, has a runny nose and sore throat, including a few 20 and 10

Letter from Annette: about why she didn't write last night, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard who got to speak to Warren while he was in Switzerland which makes her think if Bill is ever going to be able to call her, Mrs. M mentioned that Warren said letters arrive faster than cables so she is wondering how long it will take her cable to reach him, no mail from him for 3 days and wondering if he is getting even with her, headlines are all about the Cubs, General Patton was ousted, he better stay away from the “frauleins”

Letter from Annette: about originally planning to catch up on correspondence but going to see premiere of "Dolly Sister" instead, visited Gross and Bessie on the way home, no mail at the office, hopes he is well and safe and that him changing stations is the only cause for mail delay, bought a new dress, Cubs won and leading the series

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about getting back from services and being too tired to write last night, received 6 letters from her and 1 from Claire, latest developments for the Division on when they are heading home, replying to each of her letters, asking if Bucky made it home, asking
where she gets the books from, how much he loves her and wants to be together, anxious to see Gail, the difference in her letters from August 29 and September 29, saw "Salome Where She Danced" last night, there will be a big football game in Marieanbad in Czechoslovakia where the 90th Inf. Div. is playing against the XXII Corps team but he doesn't think he will go, his cold is improving, has a lot of outstanding mail to take care of, asking if she got the dress, typewriter, and checks, including some 10 and 20

Letter from Annette: about being lonely because she didn't get any mail from him but then the postman brought a box of his clothes, didn't write last night but saw "Valley of Decision" with Tom and Fannie and then got cheesecake at Little Jacks, receiving a $10 tip at work, Cookie is not feeling well and having a hard time being pregnant

Letter from Annette: about receiving the cable that he had not heard from her in 40 days and was worried, has been writing faithfully and wondering if he will receive it, worried about his health, phoned the Superintendent about getting word to him sooner but was told to just send another wire, wrote his Commanding Officer, just as confused as he is about the mail situation, received 2 letters from him with the synagogue photos and the citation, hasn't gotten the checks but will forward the $200 immediately once she gets the checks, telling him not to worry if he isn't receiving mail regularly. Handwritten note from Pearl on the back telling him to hurry home, Annette writes every night, and Annette wants to get fat like her soon
Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about seeing "Duffy's Tavern" but going to the shows makes him miss her, no new rumors today, been reading "Forever Amber" the last couple of days, including a clipping from TIME, going to the Red Cross Club and how most of the men have the pocket edition of the book but he has the original length copy, telling her she should read this book and asking her if she read "Strange Women", caught up on his mail, listening to the Cubs on the radio and it looks like they are going to lose. Enclosed: clipping "Amber in England"

Letter from Annette: about how her Sunday was perfect, breakfast with Tom and Fannie, wasn't in the mood so she refused the invitation to visit with her family, updates on her brothers, saw "Son of Lassie" tonight but never saw "Lassie Comes Home", wondering if he is getting her letters and if he is on the move, hopes he makes it home for Christmas

RCA Radiogram from Annette: telling him she is writing regularly and not to worry (signed Annette Kovacevich)

Letter from Annette: about the weather turning cold and the cost of her coat repair, no mail from him today but she got his letter on Saturday that said he wasn't going to write every day until he hears from her so she wasn't expecting much, hopes the mail situation has been cleared up and that he is writing daily, how good Pearl and Fannie have been to her while he has been gone, saw "God is My Co-Pilot", saw an article about the "atom bomb" and the future civilization frightens her, they will certainly have a lot to talk about when he gets home
Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about the latest rumors that have them getting back to the States by Thanksgiving, turning more and more property every day which is a sign of an impending move, details of what he is sending in the latest box, tried to send money but didn't get the ok so he will try again tomorrow, still reading "Forever Amber" and will be finished soon, listening to the Cubs and thinking it would be something if she ran to the microphone and said hello Bill

Letter from Annette: about seeing Cookie at Carl's restaurant, Harry is leaving for Texas since he doesn't have enough points to be discharged, how slow the mail is, going to buy a cake to celebrate his birthday tomorrow and share it with Dr. Rodin and Marilyn, if he hurries home she will give him the present of being a father for his next birthday, his letters were lovely, hard for her to answer about the pistols but telling him to eliminate hers and that Tom would be disappointed if he didn't get one

Letter from Annette: about Fannie receiving a letter from him about him being depressed since he hadn't gotten mail, worried about his health and reminding that she is writing every day, contacted the Red Cross and made an urgent plea to get word to him, upset and nervous about the whole situation, telling him not to worry since it upsets his nervous system and stomach, had cake for his birthday with Dr. Rodin and Marilyn, has a sty on her eye

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about receiving telegrams, a birthday card, and letters from her on his birthday, rumors about leaving Amberg at the end of October and sailing date of November 16th but nothing is official, morale is not high with all the talking and no action and the strikes in the States,
asking about the banquet and why she left, sent a box and it will be the last unless he finds something else for her, details of what is in the box, will send money tomorrow, saw "Lake Placid Serenade" last night, almost finished with "Amber", gets tears in his eyes when he thinks of Lompoc, not sure what he wants to do tonight, hopes Cubs are going to win, next Sunday the 90th Inf. Div. is playing football against the 4th A. D. and he will go if weather is nice, probably getting men from the 79th who were originally in the 11th, asking how things are back home, enclosing the letter and card he received from the Gellers, wrote Camp Bergen again for Claire. Handwritten note to Claire from Annette at the bottom: telling her to return the letter once she reads the indicated sentence. Enclosed: letter from Dory dated April 9, 1945; a small birthday note from Dory dated September 9, 1945; news clipping from Stars and Stripes "Tough 'Obre's Boast Yank Cheerleaders"

Anniversary card from Annette: for their 3rd anniversary, dated October 11, 1945 but for October 27, 1945

Letter from Bill: about being disgusted with the inconsistency in the 90th Division, the change in points to be considered to go home with the Division, still able to be discharged but might have to move to another Division to go home, saw "The Affaires of Susanne" and then had a few drinks with friends after, hard to fill up the pages with nothing to report, including a money order and will try to send another tomorrow

Letter from Annette: reading about the transportation of Canadian and Australian soldiers on the Queen Elizabeth and Aquitania, down in the dumps that it might mean him not returning so soon, hopes he
will return in '45, went shopping in the loop and seeing "Pride of the Marines" with Cookie, no mail at the office but hopeful for tomorrow, so lonesome she can't think properly to write a long letter, can't wait to go apartment hunting with him.

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, asking her to cancel the Omnibook subscription, received letters from September and October from her, how the removal of the Queens for the list of ships to carry troops effects their plans, wishing Congress would straighten out the discharge business, wants to be back with her, when they give out passes again he will go on one so he can call her, saw the letter she wrote to the Commanding Officer and mail should be coming in bunches now, finished reading "Forever Amber", wished he could have been with her when she saw "Dolly Sister", asking if she got the dress, typewriter, and checks, funny feeling sitting around on Saturday night writing letters when he could be with her in the States, asking if she ever went to Connecticut when she was on vacation.

Letter from Annette: about receiving the portable typewriter and having trouble with the reversed Y and Z, no mail but she isn't going to question the mail situation anymore, going to see "A Bell for Adono" in the afternoon, things are the same on her end, straightened her closet and put all the souvenirs in one place, hard to write when she hasn't gotten any mail, doesn't know if he is on the move or not writing.

Letter from Annette: about seeing "A Bell for Adono" and it giving her an idea of his work, writing a second letter because she misses him, hasn't seen the TIME magazine but doubts that she is in it, he must think she is impatient about him coming home, hard for her to see couples like it is hard for him to
see men leaving the outfit, telling him that she is impatient makes it lighter for her

Letter from Annette: about going to the Stadium and hearing speakers about opening the doors of Eretz Israel and letting the homeless ones into Palestine, Fannie and Tom are out so she can type even though its late, received letters from him where he realizes she has been writing and that he will be home soon, hoping he will be home in November or at least by Christmas, happy he is receiving her letters, strange how it seems like she has a lot to write about until she starts to write, how much she loves and misses him, the months of separation have taught her a lot, agrees with his idea of taking a vacation when he gets home, hasn't received the check for $450 or the dress but received the pounds

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, having nothing to report except about re-deployment, thinks Congress should do something about the situation, thinks they should use all Naval vessels and available planes to get everyone home, they were efficient getting everyone over there but slipping in getting them out, busy checking clothes for about 200 men in the Company, went to the dentist/Captain friend of his for teeth cleaning, saw "Guest Wife" yesterday and wishing she were with him

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, October 16-31, 1945

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about not going to see "Conflict" tonight because he has already seen it, about receiving her mail regularly now, nothing to report, USFET is talking about a 1 month delay, might look
into school if it looks like he will be there for at least another 90 days since the Army is sending men to universities in France and England, getting tired of the Army routine, will call her if he goes on a pass, thinks things back home with the family don't look to good, getting worried about the typewriter and the dress and hoping by now that she has received them and the money, including a clipping and telling her not to get mad. Enclosed: news clipping "New Queen of Burlesque" with handwritten note "Not mad, eh."

Letter from Annette: about using the new typewriter, received his letter about him reading "Forever Amber" and understands his excitement, a patient getting a telegram from her husband about coming home and imagining that happening to her, told Dr. Rodin she is going to get a similar telegram on October 23rd, hoping he doesn't think she is silly for the prediction

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, updates on ETO front regarding which men are leaving, telling her not to write anymore until he lets her know his new address since he will be moving somewhere on Tuesday, looks like the War Department is trying to get men to re-enlist and offering a 90 day furlough, beeing thinking and figuring a lot since there hasn't been anything to do, got a new Company Commander and breaking in a new Supply Sgt., waiting for the days that they are together, going to see "Blaiithe Spirit" tomorrow, the 90th is playing the ETO champion the 7th Inf. Div. on Saturday, reminding her not to write until he sends his new address

Letter from Annette: about being proud to own the typewriter, received a letter from October 8th where is said he might be home for Thanksgiving, her head being in the
clouds thinking he will be home so soon, saw 2 old pictures at the neighborhood movie with Fannie, thinking would rather not know the date he would set sail so she wouldn’t have to wait and would prefer if he just called her when he landed in New York, asking him to call her and not just show up because that would be too much of a shock, got a brand new dress for his homecoming, didn’t get his briefcase from Manny

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about seeing the show "Blithe Spirit" with an all American cast and wanting to see it with her if it’s in Chicago, will be leaving the 90th next Wednesday and will see if he can send the new address tomorrow, got a lot of mail from her and will answer them tomorrow, thanking her for the anniversary card

Letter from Annette: about not being in the mood for writing, went shopping with Fannie and stopped by the office but there was no mail, missing him and impatient, confused about the khaki shirts he said he is sending and will handle the package with care, enclosing an article from the Chicago Time newspaper that had similar statements to those she has made to him

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about the football game against the 71st Inf. Div., will probably be leaving the 90th on Wednesday and his new unit will be 753rd Tank Battalion, APO 403 which is in Bas Reichenhall, will write her once he knows what company he is assigned to, reading in the papers about them talking of dropping the points to 50 but since they can't get the ones with 60 points home it will only benefit the men in the States, Stars and Stripes reporting that there will be 12 war ships sent to take men home, thanking her for the anniversary card, he clearly changed his mind about not writing every day, telling her
he doesn't think there is much to worry about regarding the atomic bomb, thanking her for the offer of next year's birthday present, thinks he will bring home the pistol for Tom, hoping her eye is ok, he is also down in the dumps, asking if she got the packages and money, received her package from NY with the clothes and going to give them to people going to Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp, still trying to get information for Claire, went to regular services last night and then saw "Blonde Ransom", has a lot of letters to answer tomorrow

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, not much to report, got rid of most of the mail he owed and took care of the affair he mentioned in regard to Claire's package

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, about why he didn't write much yesterday, not working anymore, took the parcel and a letter to Mia to the people he told her about and had dinner, including a letter with a description of who it is from and asking her to find the person it is written to, including a money order, nothing to report but all packed and ready to leave, taking the day off tomorrow and will see if he can get her something from downtown, asking if she got the dress and assumes the typewriter was lost, just got back from seeing "Weekend at the Waldorf". Enclosed: letter dated November 20, 1945 to Annette from Maurice J. Rubinoff in response to the letter from Bill that she sent and requesting help locating H. Izbiczski (same person Bill referenced in his letter to Annette); handwritten note (potentially from Annette based on handwriting) explaining about the letter (presumably about the letter Bill enclosed) and the people mentioned; handwritten note (potentially from Annette based on
handwriting and stationary) with the address for Sgt. M. J. Rubinoff

Letter from Annette: about visiting with her friend Roslyn, received a letter from him saying how much he loved her, talked about him while at Roslyn’s, doesn’t mind getting parcels at the office, her work helping Dr. Rodin, asking about the ring he mentioned and telling him how wonderful he is to her, the enclosures in the letters are coming intact and all are secure

Letter from Bill: in Amberg, Germany, his last day in the supply room, received a letter and sees she got the typewriter, doesn’t care too much for the move happening tomorrow, his opinion on the Army and the move, went into town and played ping pong at the Red Cross Club, saw "Here Comes the Waves", understands how she feels when the boys come home and the girls have their men again, telling her to write whatever is on her heart regardless of how bad it is because it makes him feel good to read her letters and it’s like they are talking

Letter from Annette: about being disappointed to read in his letter about men with less than 63 points not being able to leave the Division, knows he must be down in the dumps but telling him to be patient and to keep his morale high, finally received the check for $450 and will forward the $200 as he instructed, didn’t write last night because she went out and played bingo, also received the $100 money order and the only thing she hasn’t received yet is the handkerchiefs, telling him he is spoiling her with all the gifts, going to deposit the money and go to the loop tomorrow
Letter from Annette: about going to the bank and getting a money order to send the $200 as he instructed, first time she didn't stop by the office on a Friday to see if there was mail, spending their 3rd anniversary apart tomorrow but hoping it will be the last one that they are separated, visited Gross this afternoon, has a sty on her left eye, hoping he will be home for Christmas.

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about not writing because they were on the move, after traveling 250 miles they got to their destination but no one was expecting them and didn't know what to do with them, finally got assigned to the Headquarters Company, put in a pass for London or Switzerland, thinks the move was unnecessary, doesn't have a job yet, description what is in the town, took a cable car in the mountains yesterday and including a poster, telling her she doesn't have to write daily and he isn't going to worry about the delay in mail since he is expecting it. Enclosed: brochure for "Predigtstuhlbahn Bad Reichenhall", all text in German.

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about not having anything to do, seems like the only job is guard duty, hasn't gotten a job in the supply room yet, after breakfast the day is theirs, he is waiting on a pass, saw "Having a Wonderful Time (?)" and went to the Red Cross Club, not knowing when they will leave, including a clipping, going to order her a doll, telling her she can write to the new address as they should be there for a couple of days, writing the letter in intervals, she will have a hard time reading his letters since he doesn't have his typewriter, listing the books he got, thinking of her all day on their anniversary.
Letter from Annette: about receiving lots of mail and an anniversary telegram yesterday, not surprised by the change of station and writing anyways even though she doesn't have the new address, went to Barney's and got free drinks despite not wanting to drink, updates on friends and her brothers, received a letter that Claire is disappointed he can't reach her sister-in-law, thinking of hearing his voice, still hasn't written Dory back, will let him know when she gets the package with his clothes.

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about not having anything to report, how he spent his Sunday, made a new friend with his description, finished some books, played ping pong at the Red Cross Club, might start working as advisory council to the Supply Sgt, update on the weather, would be eligible for discharge in 2 days if he were in the States, update on what certain points mean, just got back from spending another evening at the Red Cross Club in town. Enclosed: news clipping "Nurse Protest Shipping Wives" dated October 28.

Letter from Bill: about almost being a civilian if he were in the States, just got back from the Red Cross Club where they had a big Halloween party and saw "Unseen", working as a helper in the supply room, put in for a pass to either England or Switzerland, nothing to report and things are disgusting, asking for updates on home, mail should catch up to him in a few days.

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, November 1-14, 1945

Letter from Annette: about telling Tom about him bringing home the luger and how much Tom and Fannie love him, how much Dr.
Rodin has taught her and her knowledge of world news, doesn't understand why the Army is moving everyone around either, telling him to be patient and keep his morale high, asking if he thinks joining school is advisable, needs to get a new ribbon for the typewriter, Tom and Fannie got her an anniversary gift, keeps thinking of talking to him long distance, asking about the ring

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, his reasons for not writing every day, going to Salzburg for Friday night services tonight, hung out at the Red Cross Club last night and met someone who is from Chicago, heard the call connection from Switzerland is good so if he gets a pass the first thing he will do is call her, weather is like July, could have been a civilian if he were in the States, getting lonesome for her, people are re-enlisting so they get a furlough to the US but he is going to wait to get shipped back, feeling disgusted but still has hope he will get heading home around the end of December/beginning of January, his job helping in the supply room, typical daily schedule, doing a lot of reading, his opinion on the various "Jewish situations", realizes his letters are cold but reminding her how much he loves her, details about the Friday night services, description of Red Cross Club, didn't get to see a movie after services, might go to Salzburg again on Sunday and might take a sightseeing trip to the mountains

Letter from Annette: about why she didn't write the night before, received the letter he had her forward since there wasn't anyone with that name at that address, searching the telephone directory to see if she can find them and will let him know when she makes any connections, saw in the paper that the 90th Inf. is alerted for shipment and upset
since he has been transferred, imagining saying foolish things if they spoke on the phone, doesn't have any gossip, got a new coat, received the second money order but still hasn't gotten the handkerchiefs

Letter from Bill: about starting the letter early but will probably finish later, counting the Sundays they should have left and hopes to be home by the end of January at the latest, wants to be home before then but doesn't think it will happen, thoughts on the situation with men having nothing to do but not being able to go home, the deactivation of the 11th but they would be heading home in December if it was kept intact, how there are 4000 ships available to move men but they are only using 400, how he spent the day before, might go to a soccer game after dinner, only thing good is the weather, asking if she got the dress, still no mail from her but hoping it will catch up soon, asking if she got the money and other parcels, getting ready to watch "The Bellhop and the Ladie", sudden change in the weather

Letter from Bill: about getting a haircut, tomorrow is 14 days since they left the 90th and the mail still hasn't caught up and he is slowly getting worried, didn't go to town tonight, new songs on the radio but always thinks of her when he hears "Together", sticking to the assumption that they will be home by January 31, how lonesome he is and how much he talks about her, always gets compliments on her picture, on Monday night he saw "Her Highness and the Bellhop" and played bingo at the Red Cross Club, going to see "Tarzan and the Amazons (?)" tonight, updates on his reading, anxious for her mail and wants to know if she got the money and other things he has sent, asking for updates on friends and family back home
Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, still nothing to report and no mail, sending clippings from Stars and Stripes, hearing rumors about shipping dates from mid-November to January 3rd, he thinks they will move in mid-December, saw "Tarzan and the Amazons" and wished she were there, reading "Botts in War, Botts in Peace" right now, disgusted by the situation and fed up with everything, asking how things are back home, went to the Red Cross Club and got a manicure, a quiz program at the Red Cross Club and how he was a contestant, weather took a turn for the worst

Letter from Annette: about spending the day in the loop with Fannie, saw "Anchors Aweigh" and "The Strange Affair of Uncle Harry", happy to hear about the friend he made at the Red Cross Club, news of him taking over a supply job so someone could go home is not encouraging and hopes someone will take his place so he can come home, can't help feeling depressed, coming to the conclusion that he won't be home until February, disturbed by the present condition in Palestine and her opinions, didn't write the day before because she was lazy

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about having nothing to write, including a few letters and pictures, still no mail from her, will probably go to the Red Cross Club, wishes she could hear all of the complaints of the men in the barracks, started snowing 2 days ago and hasn't stopped, went to Salzburg last night, will probably be busy in the supply room next week, enclosed pictures are from the Verstaendigs, wishing he could go to Switzerland, re-enlistments in the battalion are stopping them from going home, saw someone who gave him an update on Warren, could have made 1st Sgt. in this
outfit but stayed away from the orderly room because it was too much work, including a letter from Aunt Henna, read in S & S that Monday is a holiday, knows he sounds bitter and is very disgusted, just got back from the Red Cross Club and library, talked with his new friend from Chicago but it made him homesick. Enclosed: letter to Bill from Aunt Henna dated October 17, 1945; letter to Bill from Aunt Anne Kolber (?) dated October 15, 1945

Letter from Annette: just got back from the Byrd (?) Theater where they saw "Song Of Bernadette", about the dinner Pearl is preparing, tempted to cut her hair but didn’t, some news about friends, with footnote written by Pearl about Annette reminiscing about their wedding

Letter from Annette: about Morton arriving back in Chicago, not much to write and no mail from him, decided to trim her hair, how badly she wants him home and thinks the only solution is a united Europe

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about being happy to finally receive some forwarded letters from her, proud of her for attending a meeting and hopes it will do something to help those affected by the war, will send some reading material that she might like, will be able to tell her more about what’s going on with the affairs in Palestine since he knows the ins and outs from working with the military government, wishes he will be home for Christmas but truthfully doesn’t think it will happen, opinion on the proposed strike on the National Maritime Union, looks like mail is taking weeks, dreaming about her, its a holiday and he likes those so he can read, went to the Red Cross Club last night and the show was bad so he read in the library, still hasn't heard anything about Claire's
sister-in-law, asking her to renew his TIME subscription

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about being in charge of the supply room while the Supply Sgt. is on a pass, announcement about mail, lonesome and the only good news in the Stars and Stripes clipping enclosed, spent last night out at the Red Cross Club, now the 14th in the morning and talking about his night before - seeing "Blood on the Sun" and going to the Red Cross Club again, beautiful day, description of what the mountains and town is like, still wearing his sunglasses, got mail from her and it brought tears to his eyes, got her a Christmas gift and sending more war bonds, asking if she got the other money and packages. Enclosed: news clipping "Shipping Heat Getting Hotter"; news clipping "Surprise! Soldier, Sailor Discover They Wed Same Girl"; news clipping dated November 12, 1945 "The B Bag, Blow it Out Here, Says DPs Want to Return Home"; news clipping with photo "They're Both Doing Well, Thanks" and article dated November 12, "Shipping Heat Gets Hotter; 33 Combat Divs. Go Home" with handwritten note on title "but not enough"

Letter from Annette: about still not getting mail from him, Morton was discharged yesterday, not much to write and not in the mood, finds it difficult to write daily especially when there is no mail from him, a party that Pearl, Bess, and Buck are going to but she decided not to go, really in a bad mood, hasn't received the handkerchiefs

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Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, update on developments from the 753rd Tank and their readiness date to leave Reichenhall, telling her not to be surprised if things change based on how the Army does things, by the time she gets this letter she doesn't have to write daily anymore, went to Friday night services in Salzburg and then a Symphonie concert afterwards, replying to her comments about him calling before he comes home and her request for a black night gown, confirming he is sending his bed roll, received her letter from the Red Cross in Chicago, knows she received the $450 but asking about the other money orders and packages, surprised Harry is going on a new assignment, will try to go to the show tonight

Letter from Annette: about eating a lot but not gaining weight, receiving mail from November and October and how terrible the mail service is, time is going by slowly but glad work is keeping her busy, can't seem to write daily, Pearl made dinner yesterday for Mort's return, going to Barney's but is tired of going, updates on friends and family, missing him and can't wait until they don't have to write letters anymore, it was easier to write when she was anxious about him in the war but her mind is more at ease with him being safe

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, latest updates on leaving and rumors of when they might be back in the States, very busy with work, received some letters from her but still missing some, worried she hasn't gotten the dress, sent another 2 parcels today, repeating she doesn't have to write daily since the mail will never catch up with him, nothing to answer in her letters, proud her knowledge of world affairs is improving, changed his mind on how he feels about some things and is
disgusted with the world, hoping she is right that he will be home for Christmas, saw "Along Came Jones" last night, should have a big Thanksgiving dinner this week and remembering a previous Thanksgiving dinner with her, asking if she got the bonds, no good news for Claire and he did all he can

Letter from Annette: a few words of consolation for how lonesome and fed up he must be, received letters and she can tell how lonesome he is and how hard it is to wait, missing him but knowing it won't be more than a few months until she sees him, a pass to England or Switzerland might be a nice break, news in the papers says he should be home no later than the end of January, telling him not to let these next few months get him down since he has been through so much, received the article about Franz Lehar, going out the night before to see "Junior Miss" and getting dinner, him and Nate are the only ones left not in the States and wondering who will get home first, trouble finding an apartment for them but can stay with Tom and Fannie, commenting on the pictures of Verstandigs and Aunt Henna's letter, Mr. Gross still has some of his clothes in storage but she is going to get him new things when he gets home

Letter from Bill: in Reichenhall, Germany, updates on the developments on when they will go home, working to get rid of all of their property, most likely will have to go to France but not sure how long, his arm hurts from getting a flu shot, probably won't get any more mail after tomorrow, nothing to answer in the letters he got from her today, list of items still on their way to her, handwritten notes at the bottom including telling her not to write anymore, sending regards to Tom and Fannie, and that he gave her address as his forwarding address
Letter from Annette: about Bessie hearing from Nate and he should be back in the States by early December, wishing she could get a cable informing her of his return, he is the last of the family to return, received the handkerchiefs yesterday and he is spoiling her with gifts, had dinner at Mort’s house last night, Bucky came to the office, babysitting Jack tonight, weather is nasty, received an old paper yesterday he mailed when he was still with the 90th, lonesome for him and hoping they can spend the new year together

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about it being Thanksgiving and what they had for dinner, was busy all day, received a lot of mail from her and others, still wondering if she got the dress, nothing in her letters requires an answer, asking her to excuse his short letter from yesterday, wants to write more but there is nothing to write, so far they are still leaving as planned on the 26th, hopes they will be together for the new year, asking if she contacted TIME and which address he listed as his home address

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about finally hearing she got the dress, caught up with all the work it takes to move, update on leaving and men traveling by either vehicle or train, tomorrow is the last chance to send mail so this might be his last letter for a while, went to Friday night services in Salzburg, got a package from Claire, other parcels will get sent to the States whenever they come to Germany because he had to change his address already, hopes Claire is not mad that he couldn’t do anything, rumors about the sailing date are good but won’t repeat them until they are facts, will probably go to the Red Cross Club tonight and then needs to pack his duffel, note that this is the last letter from Germany
Letter from Annette: about how she spent her Sunday morning and not being in a good mood, weather is cloudy, his letters come about once a week, Nate should be coming home soon, she has everything ready for when he comes home, not sure of how she wants to spend her afternoon, dislikes when she isn't at work because there is too much time to think, wondering when he will be home and telling herself it won't be later than February, knows she sounds depressed and hasn't written in days since it wouldn't be good for his morale, wondering what it will be like when they don't have to write letters, hopes Pearl has a girl, Claire wants her in NY for the holidays but she can't leave Dr. Rodin since she wants to take time off when he gets home, wants to get an apartment, plans to continue working when he gets home, not sure what his plans for the future are.

Letter from Bill: in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, about the men leaving today by train and he is scheduled to leave on Tuesday, expected to be in France on Thursday, last report said to then be ready to leave Rheims on December 10, mention of something in Stars and Stripes about number of empty barracks, his duffel bag left on the train this morning and the equipment was loaded on trucks, the thought of going home makes him nervous and it is like a dream, the route they will take to Rheims, asking if she got the doll, book, and bonds and to have TIME sent to Polk Street address.

Letter from Bill: in Camp Baltimore, about finally making it and the trip taking 4 days, the route they took, trying to be out of their by the 5th to head to Le Havre to take a boat, chances of being home for Christmas are 50-50, should know in a few days, bought some perfume for her, not much else to report.
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Letter from Bill: in Camp Baltimore, France, about being processed yesterday, got his currency exchange book today and didn't declare much, hope to be completely ready to go on Tuesday, readiness date to leave the camp is the 10th but they will be ready by the 5th, not sure if he is going to make it by Christmas, weather is like Chicago, description of camp, boys do nothing all day and he is going to stop working tomorrow, asking if she got the parcels, got her perfume, will tell her about the trip down there when he gets home, she should see them in a tent

Letter from Bill: in France, about still being in the assembly area, wants to be home for Christmas, went to the library and saw magazine and pictures of girls from the States that boosted his morale, life is very simple there because they just get their records in shape, sleep, eat, and read, still has hope they will get a break and be home by Christmas, still no orders to move out

Letter from Bill: in Camp Baltimore, France, about an update of leaving from Marseilles instead of Le Havre which is closer and then not sure when they are leaving there, doesn't think they will be home for Christmas but hoping for the new year, guessing they will land in VA instead of NY, everyone is disgusted and it's raining making the camp very muddy, problems with their tent, went to the Red Cross and library but couldn't get any ice cream, might try to get a pass to Paris, bought a belt, tent is cold, he is down in the dumps, hopes he will make it home as a birthday present to her, tent is full of officers and they are playing cards or
reading, asking for updates from home, decided he's not going to shower or change clothes until he gets to the States, no incoming mail so he guesses she is not writing, asking if she got the things he sent

Letter from Bill: in Camp Baltimore, France, about still being in the assembly area, what they are all doing in the tent, had some liquor last night and tonight, went to the show and then left when the generator broke, asking her to call the Gross family to thank them for the package he got, hoping she isn't writing since mail is just now catching up, got packages from Claire and sent the clothes to the Jewish Chaplain of the 42nd Inf. Div. to give to people in camps around Salzburg, hoping to be home for her birthday, thinks they will land in VA, had to winterize their tent and hopes it will be warmer

Letter from Bill: in Camp Baltimore, France, about their shipment to Marseilles getting delayed 48 hours, morale is pretty low and everyone is disgusted, hoping he will make it in time for her birthday if he can't make it before, they had a “shortarm” inspection almost every day, weather is nasty, they are trying to take men into re-enlisting so they can get home before Christmas, including a letter from Igee and asking her to write Igee since he is too lazy, asking if she got the parcels and bonds, went to the movie last night and it broke down but the movie "Over 21" reminded him of their days in Lompoc, not much going on in their tent, some guys got in trouble in Paris on pass and got taken off the shipping list, will try to get a haircut tomorrow, asking her if she changes the address for TIME

Letter from Bill: in Marseilles, France, about arriving in Marseilles and being alerted about moving out within 72 hours, processed today and turned in money which they will get in
dollars aboard the ship, assigned the ship "Montecelio" but then it was changed to 2 Liberty ships "James Barbour" and "J. W. Brown", will probably get split up, sailing date is late one the 21st or early on the 22nd, not sure where they will land either NY or Boston but he thinks it will most likely be VA, trying to make it home as a birthday present, waiting for the day that he will see her

Letter from Bill: in Marseilles, France, about expecting to get word any minute and then will leave within 24 hours, will most likely be on "J.W. Browne" boat, had to split then up since the boats only carry 550 men, will arrive in Norfolk, VA and then go to Camp Grant, IL but not sure when, wants to at least make it by January 5th even if he can only talk to her on the phone, won't get their money until they are on the boat, duffel bag is packed, asking if she got the last packages and bonds, saw "You Came Along" the other night and it made him homesick, saw the stage show "Son's of Fun", weather is typical southern California weather, can't write when he thinks it will only be 20-30 days until they see each other, will call her as soon as he can and it might be a reverse charge call, reason for the delays are storms, asking about Chicago and for updates on everyone

Letter from Bill: in Marseilles, France about how one of the boats came in but then they switched the companies scheduled so the other ones (whose boat didn't come) are getting to leave, doesn't think he will be home by the 5th and will be lucky to get home by the 15th, morale is low, saw two movies, all boils down to the slogan "no boats", thinks the redeployment program is a farce, getting a pass to go to Marseilles tomorrow but no one has any money, trying to keep her updated even if it is bad news, handwritten note at the bottom telling her to
keep her fingers crossed that they will get a boat by the 25th or 26th, will call when he is back in the States, food is horrible and wanting to go to restaurants or have her cooking

Letter from Bill: in Marseilles, France, about finally washing socks and had previous just thrown out dirty clothes because he had so many, wishing her a Merry Christmas, latest shipping developments, their ship will be "Richard K. Bassett" and should arrive on the 26th, won't be home by the 5th but more likely around the 15th, what they ate for Christmas meal, everyone is depressed and complaining about not being home, thinking about this day last year, the shows he's watched over the last couple of days, a big conversation and controversy about houses is going on but won't make any decisions without her, not sure if he will get a furlough or will be discharged at once, talk of houses because of a TIME article from October 22

Letter from Bill: in Marseilles, France, received a letter from her, scheduled boat did not arrive so they are assigned the "William Muholland" and should leave tomorrow, they are getting the runaround and hopes they will get out of there, telling her to keep her morale up, telling her to get in contact with Aunt Henna about the keys, worried about housing but in favor of waiting to see what the plans are and then making a decision, including an article from New York Herald Tribune Paris Edition that might interest her, not writing about how much he loves and misses her because it makes him nervous and it doesn't do him any good, telling her not to write those things and wait until they are together, she is right that him and Nate are the last ones home, presumes she took care of the TIME and that she is not writing anymore
Letter from Bill: in Marseilles, France, about still writing from France, problems with the ships that are causing the ship date to be constantly pushed back, might sail on the 29th, another outfit demanding explanations, thinks the system is outrageous and wonders if people in the States know what is happening, how unhappy everyone is, they already turned in their movie so there isn't anything to do except watching movies, playing ping pong at the Red Cross Club, and read, weather has been like Chicago in July, been dreaming of her, hopes to make it home for Valentine's Day, telling her to read this letter to whoever she wants so they know how everyone in the Army feels, been there for 14 days, got another haircut

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, 1946-1947

Anniversary Card from Bill: with note "Remember April 4, 1939; April 4, 1946" 4/3/1946

Letter from Annette: about not finding a birthday card since all were too impersonal 10/10/1947

Correspondence - Bill and Annette Beer, Undated

Letter from Annette: enclosing a postcard from Nate and listing who she wrote to 1/11/[????]

Western Union Telegram from Bill: a toast to their friendship on her birthday (addressed to Annette Tyllas) u.d.

Western Union Telegram from Bill: wishing her a world of happiness for her birthday (addressed to Annette Tyllas) u.d.

Valentine's Day card from Annette: (presumably to Bill) written on the back of u.d.
Mangel's Feminine Apparel business card with stickers on edges

Western Union Telegram from Bill: Valentine's Day note (addressed to Annette Tyllas)

Western Union Telegram from Bill: sending her his best wishes on her anniversary (addressed to Annette Tyllas)

Western Union Telegram from Bill: wishing her a happy New Year (addressed to Annette Tyllas)

Western Union Telegram from Bill: wishing her "a new year of health, happiness, and prosperity" (addressed to Annette Tyllas)

V-Mail from Bill: with his current address

V-Mail from Annette: about Passover dinner with Bucky and Marilyn, Mr. Gross phoned and invited her over, the weather, hopes they are together next year, will take care of his request for a wallet, hasn't been able to get film for the camera

V-Mail from Annette: (Page 4 from unknown V-Mail) about Bill's future, hasn't been mailing packages, weather, spoke to Mrs. Melgaard, happy he liked the wallet but sorry there weren't any pictures

Birthday card from Annette

Birthday card from Annette: with note stating she wishes she could be with him

Card from Bill: wishing her a Merry Christmas, with Kurlash Rubber Refill card and blank envelope

Letter from Annette: listing her expenses, asking him not to be mad at her for buying some clothes since they won't be regular
purchases, her next week's budget, telling him not to mention this to anyone

Letter from Annette: (Page 2 of an unknown letter) telling Bill that she is proud of him and that they will be together soon

**Loose Envelopes - Bill and Annette Beer, 1943-1945, u.d.**

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**Correspondence - Annette Beer and Charles "Bucky/Buckie" Tyllas, 1943**

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having a little fun running out of money, already wrote a letter asking for toiletries, asking her to say hello to the Simons

Letter from Buckie: about being in school, asking how she likes being an aunt, for Harry’s address, and for cigarettes

Envelope from Buckie

Western Union Telegram from Bucky: about what day and time he will arrive in Chicago

Letter from Buckie: about arriving in San Ana and not having any orders, sending his regards to the Simons, should have a lot of mail tomorrow

Letter from Buckie: about receiving mail frequently, telling her to not worry about where he will be stationed, making Staff Sergeant and an increase in pay, weather, visiting Lorraine

Letter from Buckie: about Thanksgiving, his promotion to Tech Sergeant, probably reading about his outfit in the papers, not sure how long he will be there before they see action, receiving a letter from Harry, chow was good, has an inspection later

Letter from Buckie: about not hearing from her in a while and enjoying her letters, he has a nice job, her going to California, writing Nate and Bess, hasn’t been too lucky lately and wrote Dolores to sell the house, being "top kid" in his department, anger at Japanese and Germans, sending her a photo, telling her to excuse his vocabulary

Letter from Buckie: about being happy to get letters from family, happiness that Bill has recovered, will be a grand day when they return to the States, nothing much new there, starting to get gray hair, her letters are swell
and always thinking of her, promise to write more next time

**Correspondence - Annette Beer and Charles "Bucky/Buckie" Tyllas, 1944, u.d.**

Letter from Buckie: about how it's good to hear from her, went to the dentist and had a cavity filled, cost of cigarettes there, wanting the war to end, already heard the news of Charlotte and Pinhead (?), asking her to say hello to Bill and how he is going, looking for sunglasses, received letters from Nate and Harry and they are ok, spending time reading and giving book recommendations

Letter from Buckie: about being happy to receive letter from her, doesn't want her joining any kind of service but should work instead, being recommended for promotion that he couldn't get, telling her to enjoy her trips, Bessie usually writes regularly but hasn't heard from her lately, wishing to be home next Christmas, talk about Dolores, a joke, asking for sunglasses and a case if she can find them and if she got the picture

Letter from Buckie: about leaving Hawaii for a different island, happy to hear from her, received letters from Nate and Bessie, looking for sea shells and getting a tan, hoping she sends sunglasses, telling her to look up some friends of his if she goes to Santa Barbara, asking her to send a picture of her and of Bill, asking how she is doing, giving her Harry's address

Envelope from Charles Tyllas stamped "Returned for Better Directions", with handwritten note asking Bill to forward the Letter to Annette dated 4/23/1944

Letter from Charles "Buck" Tyllas: about receiving a letter and happy to hear from her,
left Hawaii and at a new station, fishing and finding shells, glad she is working near Bill, address of a friend in Los Angeles, glad she likes her new home

Letter from Buckie: about being glad to hear from her and that the gang could meet her at the station, Cookie and Dolores, her photos were well liked, request for an address, news from and about Bessie, talk of Texas and California

Letter from Buckie: about receiving a letter and glad to hear from her, betting he will return before Bill ships overseas, nice hearing about Chicago regularly from cousins, asking for salami and kosher sausage, asking the "red head" in the office to drop a line and send a photo for one of the guys, hasn't see a woman in 6 months, driving and being safe, news about others stationed in various locations, telling her to take care of herself, glad to hear of the promotion

Letter from Buckie: about her writing for his morale and how they really need girls, chow and weather are good, wants to be home by Christmas and how that's what they set as their goal, asking about her and Bill, talk of Nate and Harry, listening to the radio, received a box of cigars from home, asking for a garlic sausage

Letter from Buckie: about receiving letters and packages, gifts he has bought for people back home, telling her to be careful, remembering a movie, uncertainty about the future, Lorraine's husband is stationed at the same camp as Nate, expecting a picture of the "red hed", hopes to see her one of these days in 'Frisco

Letter from Buckie: about being glad to hear from her, asking about her, Bill, California,
and Chicago, being "rock happy" and wanting to see action, saying he won't be home until Christmas of 45, being in good health and taking care of himself.

Letter from C. Buckingham (?) Tyllas: about receiving the sausage and thanking her, according to news and radio Germany is going to fold soon, asking about her and California, nearly a year overseas, hasn't seen a woman in 7 months, possibility of incoming and outgoing mail getting held up.

Letter from Buckingham: glad to hear from her and that Bill is still in the States, things are looking good in the European Theater, letters he received, his advice on what Annette should do when Bill goes overseas, happy she is enjoying California, asking if she's gained weight, lonesome there, enjoyed the jokes she sent and telling her to enjoy the one he included. Enclosed: Typed poem about B24 Bomber Command. Small wire item included in letter has been separated out.

Letter from Buckie: about being in good health and looking forward to being in the States in the next few months, received her letter, how he spent his Christmas, finding another still on the island, talk of Dolores and Bess, thanking her to Jene's address and didn't realize she was married.

Letter from Buckie: about not hearing from her in sometime, completed 3 weeks of his course with good grades and will send a group photo, will be giving instructions on certain articles when he gets back to California, will be home on April 4, asking for money for chemical warfare books.

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Other Members of Tyllas Family, 1924-1944
Postcard to Mr. and Mrs. Tyllas: Postcard of the Dells of Wisconsin River saying they are having a great time. Enclosed: small pre-printed thank you card from Mr. and Mrs. Jaco Elobitz for the wedding gift and blank envelope

Letter from Harry (H.A.) Tyllas: about reading her letters and being glad she is fine

Letter from Nathan (Nate) Tyllas: about his army life, not interested in the hobby of keeping a photo album, monotony of work, army regulations, and very little amusement, places will be able to go before his term is up, asking her to send his swim trunks so he can go to the pool, asking what she is up to, and who he has written letters to

V-Mail from Nathan (Nate) Tyllas: about not hearing from anyone in 3 months, learning from a veteran and telling her not to worry about him

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Edith "Cookie" Tyllas, 1942-1943

Letter from Edith Tyllas (Cookie): about catching up on correspondence and apologizing for not writing, doesn't like the South and thoughts about Alexandria, there plans for having people visit and speculation about how long they will live in Alexandria, going to New Orleans when Harry has an eight day leave

Letter from Cookie: about letters, appreciates Annette sending a package but hasn't received it yet, asking how much the stockings are, asking how Bill likes the state, her social life, as a phone call with the Colonel's wife, supposed to go to New Orleans but Harry's leave was cancelled,
proud of Bill, Annette must be glad Bucky is home

Letter from Cookie: about writing letters and trying to catch up with correspondence, detailing their surprise visit to Camp Polk to see Bill, encouraging her to come down to Alexandria to look for work, thanking for the package and asking how much she owes, meeting new friends including a Captain who will play chess with Bill

Letter from Cookie (but written by Annabelle): about being anxious to have her come down, Cookie needs her help repairing clothes, met Bill when he came in from Camp Polk, Cookie wants specific details on her trip

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Dolores "Del" Tyllas, 1939-1941

Letter from Dolores: about deciding to not go to South Haven because it was crowded and because she is busy preparing a move, only seen Bill once since she left, asking about everyone at the cottage, Sam hasn’t received mail for some reason

Western Union Telegram from Dolores, Cookie, and Wynne: saying everything is fine and to wire if broke

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Claire and Emmanuel Mathes, 1942-1945, u.d.

Letter from Claire: asking about Annette's brother, telling Annette about her apartment, asking Annette to write her soon. Enclosed: an invitation to The Joan Blondell Dance

Letter from Claire and Emanuel: about her not being angry with Annette, her letter
getting lost in the Christmas rush, received
the housecoat from her, hasn't written Bill
because she's been busy with guests, asking
Annette and Bill to come to their hotel on
furlough, telling Annette she should stay with
them if she is alone, will bake something and
send Bill a package

Letter from Claire about receiving Bill's letter,
they will be staying until the end of
September or a bit longer, giving Annette the
phone number, asking her to write about
when she and Bill will come out

Letter from Claire: about receiving her letter
and waiting for a call from Bill that he is in
New York, good news about her brother’s
son, death of someone from Fleischmanns,
Minni's (?) address in NY, hoping she will
come for Christmas, requests for various
items

Postal Telegraph from Emanuel and Claire
Mather: congratulating and wishing Annette
(and presumably Bill) well

Card from Emanuel and Claire: wishing her a
Merry Christmas, written on the back of
Mathes Better Textiles business card

**Correspondence - Annette Beer and
Jene/Jenie Cooper, 1944-1946**

Letter from Jenie Cooper: asking if she
arrived in Chicago safely, been busy and
how the office is quiet without her, the "Legal
Aid Bar" is quiet, got a raise, some officers
who came into the office

Letter from Jene: about her being stuck in
Arizona with a flat tire and apologizing for
laughing at her misfortune, work has been
busy, mail and news from family/friends, got
a raise, late to work and got a lecture from Cupie, hopes she gets to see Bill

Letter from Jene: about her personal affairs being anything but personal, had a "council of war" with Igee and Jessica, how life is in a small town, her and Igee think it’s best to go to San Francisco, problem with her CAF-6 promotion, telling Annette to come out

Letter from Jenie: updates on her personal affairs and her divorce, moving to S.F., since Annette isn't coming out now they would love to have her come later, looking for housing, just took "French leave" yesterday in S. B., asking her to write and including address

Letter from Jene: about writing because she was in the mood, how the weather has been, how work has been and her day after, update on S.F. house hunting, telling her if she feels like coming out to come

Letter from Jene: asking about Bill, complaints about her pen, her divorce, V-J Day, say hello to Bill

Letter from Jene: about Annette not writing, Phil is home, celebrating friends coming home, not sure what will happen with the "change in routine", asking about Annette, Bill, and their future plans, probably will get her divorce, hoping to hear from her

Letter from Jene: about potentially repeating herself in order to catch Annette up on everything, the war being over, hasn't written Bill in a while, Phil is in the processing of getting released from the Army and she enjoys shopping for him, update on her divorce, wanting to marry Phil and her future plans

Christmas card from Jenie, Karen and Phil
Letter from Jene and Phil: details about their wedding, talk about Bill, sending a snap of Karen, telling Annette to write. Photo of Karen originally enclosed with letter has been separated out.

4/1/1946

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Carl and Juanita Burnett, 1943-1945

Letter from Carl: about his child and not thinking of anything else, the nice weather and Bill's sunburn, trying to get the wives out to visit, asking how she likes his son's name

3/14/1943

Letter from Carl: about his wife receiving the package and thanking her for the gift, giving his wife her address

3/17/1943

Letter from Juanita: asking how she likes living alone, her and Barry are lonesome, finally heard from Carl after a couple of weeks, Carl talks of them all trying to get a house or apartment, updates on Barry, asking about the Lusbys and for a picture of her and Bill, asking Annette to get her and Carl a place if she goes to Georgia

1/22/1944

Letter from Juanita: about living without their husbands, asking how she likes her job, Barry keeps her busy, sorry she didn't get to see her in NY, how Carl always mentions Bill in his letters, hasn't heard from Carl and is getting worried, asking if she has heard anything, items Carl has sent her

1/11/1945

Easter card from Juanita and Barry: asking how Annette is and hasn't heard word from her lately, Carl has been moved to Wales and is in a better hospital, including a picture of Barry, hopes their husbands will be home with them next Easter, including Carl's updated address

3/30/1945
Correspondence - Annette Beer and The Lusby Family, 1944

Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lusby: includes note written inside telling Annette to write, received a letter from Bill in England, will miss her at their tree this year, including Allberta's address

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Lusby: about finally hearing from her, their Christmas and the children being excited to receive the package from Chicago, updates on the family, still has both rooms rented and has help, telling her to write Alberta if she has time and gives her address, asking for updates on her, Bill, and others

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Eloise and Olaf Bjoland, 1944-1945

Christmas Card from Olaf and Eloise Bjoland with Letter from Eloise Bjoland: about feeling bad for not responding to her letter, news about Olaf, got Hay Fever, thankful Annette was on their trip and that she got to call Bill, informing Annette that she will be in Chicago from the 26th until New Year's

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Fred Margulies, 1945

Letter from Fred Margulies: in Luxembourg, about her receiving her V-Mail, gets updates from Bill about him living a life of ease, his love life, has little to report on the E. T. O., reminiscing on the good old days, glad she enjoys her new work, "comforts" of army life, sorry her brother is missing, going to see a movie, telling her to consider moving to New York with Bill
Letter from Fred Margulies: in Gmunden, Germany, about her letter sounding more like her, being close to Bill and seeing him regularly, mystery what he is going to do after returning to civilian life, telling her to look up his parents when in NY and giving their address and phone number, trying to transfer into military government and doesn't feel like going into C. B. I.

7/6/1945

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Miscellaneous People, 1931, 1941-1944

Letter from Ruth Larner: about why she hasn't written sooner, gossip about Eleanor, doesn't expect Annette to answer, details about her life, asking Annette to write her back if she's not mad

8/31/1931

Western Union Telegram from Mamie Greene: wishing her well on her trip

6/11/1942

Letter from Phillip Tracete (?), Mangel Stores, Inc. Executive Office: congratulating her on her recent marriage, enclosing check as a wedding gift

11/4/1942

Postcard: Return Receipt for a registered or insured article (Insured Parcel No. 885031) from War Department to Annette

11/11/1942

Letter from Esther Ross: about the apartment she is in, glad to hear Bill isn't stationed far from home, asking how her poker games are going, and how Stanley (her husband) dislikes the Great Lakes station

11/24/1942

Christmas card from S/Sgt. A. D. Odle

12/10/1942

Christmas card from Louis Friedman

12/17/1942

Letter from Robert Kohn, Chaplain, 41st Armd. Regt., Camp Polk, LA.: about Bill becoming a member of the 41st Armored Regiment of the 11th Armored Division

2/20/1943
Letter from Edward H. Brooks, Major General, U. S. A., Commanding: about Bill's progress and earning his third promotion since joining the 11th Armored Division 6/23/1943

V-Mail from I. Lerner(?): about receiving her letter, asking how Bill is feeling and how she likes traveling around, commenting that they've traveled a lot, wishing Annette and Bill well 1/30/1944

Letter from Imogene Martin: about getting a letter from Bill, finally getting the courage to resign, moving to S.F. with Jene, anxious to be gone, finding housing, would love to have her with them 10/23/1944

Card from Edie and Bess (?): wishing her a merry Christmas and happy New Year 12/18/1944

Envelope from George Wienhoeber Inc. Florist. Based on handwritten date on envelope "25 December" in Annette’s handwriting and content of letters between her and Bill, it can be assumed that this was from December 1944. 12/25/1944

Correspondence - Annette Beer and Miscellaneous People, 1945, u.d.

News Year's card from Jessie: about not writing and being worried about Jack, asking about Bill, news about Jene and Karen, thanks for the gifts 1/6/1945

Letter from Maureen Darby: about being a war widow and asking about Bill, update on her job, how Barkeley is a ghost town, thinking about going to Springfield, MO, hasn't done much in the last year, updates on a few people from Barkeley and Abliene, asking how she is doing, sees Mrs. Lusby often 3/23/1945
New Years card from Ilse and Rita Mannheim(?): with note on the reverse side about leaving for Florida with their address, asking for her address in Chicago

Letter from Rita Pulver: about just getting around to developing the pictures and enclosing them, likes to remember the nice time she had in Fleischmanns, no longer seeing "Charly" because she was unsure of herself

Letter from Annette to the Commanding Officer, Service Co, 359th Regiment: about getting a cable from Bill saying he hadn't heard from her in 40 days and asking them to inform Bill that she is okay and writing daily

Letter from Mildred Vogel: about not sending any photos because all but one of their negatives was blank, hoping she had a good trip home, marking time in New Jersey and hoping to move to Pennsylvania soon

Letter from Lillie Charney: about receiving her money orders and wasn't kept waiting since she only just heard about it. Enclosed: Receipt for remitter, stamped 10/26/1945

Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Charlton

Graduation card from Bessie. Enclosed photo negative of group in graduation gowns has been separated out.

Letter from Annette to Lt. Meller: about a surprising award, her working for a dentist, hearing from Bill regularly and he is in England. Potentially missing pages or was never finished, lots of scratched out sections as if it was a first draft

Birthday card from Flo
### Correspondence - Bill Beer and Joseph Beer (Father), 1940-1941

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### Correspondence - Bill Beer and The Simon Family, 1942-1945, u.d.

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<td>Letter from Pearl Simon: asking how Uncle Sam is treating him and how he looks in uniform, the weather, updates on Sam and Jack, what they typically do on evenings, talk of Cookie and Bessie</td>
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taking care of Annette and being lucky to call Annette his wife, doesn't do a lot in his spare time, telling her to take good care of herself

Letter from Pearl Simon: details about their Thanksgiving dinner the night before, Bucky stopped by, has to wake up early tomorrow for work

Letter from Pearl Simon: about Annette "driving Sgt. Odle crazy with questions," asking if he has seen Cookie

Letter from Bill to Pearl Simon: discussion about Annette, asking for updates about Sam and Jack, how her family is growing, must have heard about Annette's trip and too bad Annette had to go back home

Envelope from Pearl Simon

V-Mail from Bill to Pearl Simon: thanking her for the letter but complaining it was too short, asking how Annette is doing, how Annette is being undecisive and is under strain, asking for updates on various people

Postcard of Saint Paul's Cathedral from Bill to Pearl Simon

V-Mail from Bill to Pearl Simon: in Belgium, assumes she reads his letters to Annette, thanking her for taking good care of Annette and telling her he is relieved Annette is staying with her, telling her to get Annette to cook and bake for her so she won't forget, congratulating her on her birthday, asking for updates and sending regards to various people

Letter from Bill to Pearl Simon: in Belgium, giving update on war and hopes it is over soon, making arrangements for Pearl to send a gift to Annette on his behalf on the 6th anniversary of the day they met, asking for updates on various people, asking her to stir
Correspondence - Bill Beer and Claire Mathes, 1943-1945, u.d.

Letter from Claire: about his letter, how she is sorry they can't be together for the holidays, her thoughts on Annette, talk of her business and the cooks 4/5/1943

7 16 8004261185

Letter from Claire: written in German 9/24/1945

7 16 8004261186

Letter from Claire: written in German u.d.

7 16 8004261187

Correspondence - Bill Beer and Dory Bloch-Geller, 1943-1945

Letter from Bill: about his marriage and joining the Army, recuperating in hospital from yellow jaundice, asking for updates on her life and if she ever heard from the Red Cross about his parents, including his and Annette's address if she wants to write 12/8/1943

7 17 8004261188

Letter from Dory: about receiving his letters, updates on her life and a few friends, she doesn't have any news from/about his parents or sister 3/8/1945

7 17 8004261189

Letter from Dory: about not having written him in a while, ran into Annette and got her teeth cleaned, having 2 jobs is keeping her busy, there is a job in her business available when Bill gets home, revitalization of the Dernburg-Singer Fur Company and how business has changed, update on Louie, Nate's address. Handwritten note at the bottom from Lester (?): with update on Burton (?) 3/20/1945

7 17 8004261190
Letter from Dory: about having a daughter a couple of days after a Victory Day, wondering where he is, still at the hospital, her parents come visit often, unfortunately can't send a typewriter

Letter from Dory: about receiving mail from him and enclosing a letter that had been returned, getting a baby niece, received letter from Annette and talk of information and mail from others, looking forward to seeing him Switzerland

Envelope to Bill: from Geneva, Switzerland 10/21/1945

Envelope from Dory 12/5/1945

Correspondence - Bill Beer and Edith "Cookie" Tyllas, 1942-1943

Letter from Cookie: about Annette giving her all the details of her trip and getting a room ready for her, telling him not to come because she and Harry will be in New Orleans, couldn't get any U. S. 's (?) for him, will let him know if their weekend plans change

Letter from Cookie: about his unsuccessful visit to their home, asking him to come to Alexandria again, asking him to write or call before he comes out next, wishing him a happy new year

Correspondence - Bill Beer and Charles "Bucky/Buckie" Tyllas, 1943-1944

Letter from "Charles 'Buck' Tyllas: about receiving his V-Mail, how he on standby waiting to see what happens next, chasing women in town, asking if he is going back to California after he recovers, one of his buddies from Texas
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<td>Letter from Mae: about how excited Annette is to see him, how happy she is that Annette is making the trip, she is going to be marrying Eddie sometime in May, sending well wishes. Enclosed: A short note from Grace Monacerlin about being happy he got married to Annette</td>
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<td>Letter from Imogene: in Carmel, received forwarded letters from him, hopes his transfer goes through, hasn’t been doing anything for 2 weeks except eating, sleeping, and tanning, description of Carmel, being there makes her hate the thought of returning to the city, Irv has no news of his return, going to try to write to Annette, Jene took a new job and wonders if she likes it</td>
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<td>8/9/1945</td>
<td>Letter from Imogene: apologizing for not writing, her opinions on the atomic bomb, asking about him and Annette, getting discouraged with her job and thinking of getting a new one, Jene is starting a new job, asking when he is coming home</td>
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Letter from Igee: apologizing for not writing sooner, talk of Jessie, Jack and Jene, letter from Annette

Correspondence - Bill Beer and Franchia Gross, 1943-1944

Letter from Franchia Gross: about not writing because of final exams, how happy Annette was, update on Ernie, asking for photos of Bill, spring like weather, entering her third year of high school and feeling older

Letter from Franchia Gross: about not writing because she was busy with school, entering fourth year of high school, update on weather, hopes Annette is ok and her dad wishes Annette would come back, Eddy Freunhauf (?) sends his regards, update on Ernie, saying he should be there since "skin dealers" are making a lot of money, everyone sends their regards, hopes he is doing well and out of hospital

Correspondence - Bill Beer and Miscellaneous People, 1940-1943

Letter written in German, includes address in England near end

Letter written in German

Postcard from Bill to the Ladies of Mangel's: asking how they are doing

Letter from Bess Tyllas: about switching doctors, Annette is alright but misses him, she is proud of him, updates on Annette and others, went to the ice show, must have been
a beautiful day for his trip to Alexandria, hopes he gets a furlough in the next 6 months so he can see family

Letter from Joan: with a quote from Annette about him, his "hot pants," looks like he will be running the war soon, asking if he misses her

Letter from Manny Weiser: about having to write a lot of letters to catch up on correspondence, tried to go to Canada, asking about Annette and others, business is good but there is a shortage on goods and labor. Photos originally found with these letter (Photo of Bill in uniform standing in front of a tank; Photo of Bill in uniform pointing at the camera) have been separated out.

Letter from [illegible signature]: about a package from Dernburg and other mail, asking if he and Annette can come stay at their house, congratulating him for becoming a P.F.C., just received their permission to Canada, business is alright but it’s hard to get merchandise

Correspondence - Bill Beer and Miscellaneous People, 1944-1945, u.d.

Letter to Bill: (based on handwriting, potentially from Cookie) wishing him a happy wedding day, talk of Annette

Letter from Jenie: about getting mail and him misspelling her name, Annette staying in Chicago and being a dental assistant, plans to move to San Francisco, a movie about werewolves and the film "A WAC, A Wave, and a Marine", news of their spouses

Letter from Marilyn: about the photos that Annette took for him, how she is 16 and in
high school, wishing him a happy New Year and good luck

V-Mail to Harry Tyllas: about not being able to locate him, asking how he is, working in the S-2 section, asking about Nate, updates on Annette, asking how his front is

Letter from "Me, Bill, Jeff, and Taffy" (includes drawings): about how V-Mail is difficult to read, anxious to see and talk to Annette, update on everyone and their typical "home scene", telling him to ask if he needs anything

V-Mail from Edward A. Fruehauf: about the receiving his letter from Austria, his sister heard from Verstaendigs, asking if he was able to check on the address from a previous letter and including address again just in case, saw Harry Schindler in Chicago, weather is lousy and seems like it will be a short summer

V-Mail from Sam Beer (?): hasn't heard from him in a while, his sister was liberated from a concentration camp but hasn't been able to contact her, sister's husband was also liberated and includes his address, asking Bill to try to contact the husband since he is having trouble, giving Bill his home address

New Year's Postcard from Bill to Dr. Rodin

Letter from Jms Heuin (?) and family: wishing him a well Rosh Hoshannah, asking for updates on him and Annette, been a long time since they have heard from him and how they had unfortunately a good reason not to write to anyone, Bernnard has been ill and had to have an operation, plans for the evening, life is much more pleasant now that the war is over

Letter from Mich(?): about being busy and not being able to reply for a week, update on
Jeff, asking what he hears from Annette and how Annette never called her back, writing on the "L" going downtown

Correspondence - Regarding Private Clarence J. Arnold, 1945

Card from the United States Armed Forces Institute to Clarence J. Arnold dated stamped 6/20/1945, 7/3/1945, and 7/11/1945: informing him that he will be disenrolled from a course if he doesn't take a lesson at Headquarters by December 28, 1945; Memo dated 8/1/1945 from George W. Gillien, 1st Lt. Cav., Division I & E Officer: enclosing card from U.S. Armed Forces Institute to Pvt. Clarence J. Arnold and requesting that the subject soldier be interrogated as to why he failed to maintain scholastic standard; 2 copies of Letter dated 8/3/1945 to Headquarters United States Armed Forces Institute from Pvt. Clarence J. Arnold: a reply to communication from June 20, 1945 with reasoning as to why it was impossible to work on the course and stating it is advisable to disenroll him from the course

Memo dated 8/3/1945 from Howard W. Decker, Lt. Colonel, Inf., ACofS, G-5 to I & E Officer, HG 11th Armd Div., A. P. O. 261: inclosing explanatory letter written by subject soldier to WD AFI (top); Memo dated 8/6/1945 from George W. Gillien to Commanding General, II Corps, A. P. O. 19: forwarding for attention and review the endorsement on top of the page dated 8/3/1945, stating communication with letter to Commanding Officer of subject soldier, and with a letter from the subject soldier. (Copy 1 of 2, includes both signatures)
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Memo dated 8/6/1945 from R. A. Risden, Colonel A. G. D., Adjutant General to Major Morinello, Co., I & E Section: forwarding for attention with included exhibits regarding Clarence J. Arnold; Memo dated 8/9/1945 from John V. Morinelli to Commanding General, 11th Armd Div., A. P. O. 261: directing attention to a paragraph in memo dated 7/23/1945, recommending procurement of further information, listing materials to be forwarded. (Copy 1 of 2, includes signatures)

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**Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1942-1945, u.d.**

Western Union telegram from Morris Weinberg to Mrs. Nathan Tyllas: about "Bukkie" (Charles Tyllas) being okay 11/20/1942

Letter from Ester to Mom and Family (envelope addressed to Mrs. S. Simons): (Monday) about receiving their mail and asking about the typewriter, comment about the neighbors, Pearl must be working hard, everything in the package came in perfect condition, son-in-law wants to send the money, sent all the aunts letter last week, update on Echer (?) Wasserman and her brother, asking if she is an aunt yet, freezing with no night coal. Letter from Stan on reverse side of final page: weather is worse than Chicago, asking about Jack, hoping they can get home for a visit soon, wants her to talk to the Captain and hit him with her purse. Letter from Ester: (Tuesday) about leaving the house while Mrs. Butler was cleaning and going shopping and to the movies, listening to the radio, has a job interview tomorrow. Letters were in singular envelope, but not sure if they were originally mailed together.

Letter from Ralph N. Tudor, 1st Lieutenant, Sig. C., 165th Sig. Photo. Det. to Miss Baker: about Annette and her potential at sales 5/31/1943

Letter from Henry Sewell to CO. C Supply Sgt. Or Supply Officer: asking if his barracks bags can be sent to him, if his Form 32 is there, and if he was given credit on it for the 1/9/1944
blankets and comfort he turned in when he came to the hospital

Letter from Lorayne Melgaard to Betty and Stuart Zindell (Betty is Bill and Annette's daughter): informing them on the passing of Bill's friend and fellow serviceman Warren Melgaard. Enclosed with letter: Photocopy of article "Veteran of WWII helped liberate camp" dated 3/21/2005 with photocopy of obituary on same page. Attached: Photocopy of undated article "Concentration camp liberator continues to tell his story" which includes photo of Warren and Bill.

Note from Jene with congratulations for reaching 19 years old

Card from Emanuel Carry to Joe (which could potentially a nickname for Bill): (unfolded with letter on reverse side) about friends leaving N.Y., a woman deported to Poland and likely will not survive, asking about his wife and praising their marriage. This letter was found separate during processing but has potential to be a letter that was originally enclosed with Item # 800426153.

Advertisement order form to Nathan Dubrow: for "chesty-field" bathmats. Portion of paper torn off, which might have contained return address information

Letter from L. W. Minnick, 1st. Lt., Commanding to Publisher, LIFE Magazine: granting permission to Bill to subscribe to and receive LIFE magazine.

Records, 1944-1946, u.d.
8 5 8004261240 Soldier's Individual Pay Record book (W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 28) 11/10/1944

8 5 8004261241 Army Exchange Service Ration Card ETOUSA No. 497 12/4/1944

Request for Transfer from Joachim W. Beer to Commanding Officer, Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations dated May 17, 1945: requesting to be transferred in grade to the Military Intelligence Service based on listed qualifications; Correspondence with approval from various Commanding Generals and Commanding Officers dated May - June 1945; Letter from Gerald T. Fennell, 1st Lt., 22nd Tank Battalion, Adjutant to Commanding General, 11th Armored Div., A. P. O. 261 dated July 27, 1945: listing information received in compliance with 6th indorsement (includes signature); Duplicate of previous item - Letter from Gerald T. Fennell, 1st Lt., 22nd Tank Battalion, Adjutant to Commanding General, 11th Armored Div., A. P. O. 261 dated July 27, 1945: listing information received in compliance with 6th indorsement (missing signature)

Memo from Howard W. Decker, Lt. Col., Inf., ACofS, G-5 to Commanding Officer, Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, A. P. O. 887: regarding disposition of Bill's request to transfer; Request for Transfer from Joachim W. Beer to Commanding Officer, Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations dated May 17, 1945: requesting to be transferred in grade to the Military Intelligence Service based on listed qualification (Certified Copy signed by Alfred M. Gerelli, Captain, FA, MGO) 7/26/1945; 5/17/1945

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Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, A. P. O. 887: regarding disposition of Bill's request to transfer (Duplicate of previous item but missing the Certified Copy of Request for Transfer that was enclosed in letter)

Memo from Joseph M. Mattson, 1st Lt. Infantry, Personnel Officer to Co. 22nd Tank Bn.: forwarding transfer request and includes information received and on reverse side:

Memo Commanding General, United States Forces Austria, Information Service Branch stating transfer is approved; Memo from Joachim W. Beer, G-5 Section, 11th Armd. Div. to Commanding Officer, United States Forces Austria, Information Service Branch: request to transfer to the Information Service Branch, United States Forces Austria with qualifications listed and attached letter of recommendation; Letter of recommendation from Howard W. Decker, Lt. Colonel, Inf., AC of S, G-5 to Commanding Officer, United States Forces Austria, Information Services Branch on Bill's behalf

8/3/1945; 8/14-15/1945

Personnel Roster, HR-780-49, for Separation Center No. 49, Camp Grant, IL

Enlisted Record and Report of Separation, Honorable Discharge (WD AGO Form 53-55) with Honorable Discharge certificate from Separation Center, Camp Grant, Illinois

Letter from Edward F. Shalfer, Lt. Col., Cavalry, Recruiting Officer: stating records indicate the Bill is eligible for enlistment, requirements for Aviation Cadet, instructions to enlist in the Regular Army Unassigned

Souvenirs and Ephemera, 1942-1946, u.d.

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Small note from Bill: certifying the gift if from a member of the U. S. Armed Forces serving overseas and is entitled to free entry

Handwritten list by Bill of (potentially) firearm models and various numbers

"Music For You" program, Stadt Theater, Gmunden Austria with handwritten note on side "Would you like to attend our party after the show?"

Ripped cardstock: "Victory" and a graphic of sailor and soldier on front with "All my love" written on back (in potentially Annette's handwriting)

Blank postcard with view of town and mountain on front, "Nr. 5685.

Blank postcard with view of lake and sunset on front, "Nr. 6484. Am Traunsee, Letztes Leuchten" listed on upper left corner on back

Blank postcard with watercolor of mountains, lake, and gondola lift on front, "Nr. 6270.

Blank postcard with view of waterside town, "Nr. 112. SALZKAMMERGUT. Hallstatt" listed on bottom left corner on back

Blank sheets of paper with 11th Armored Division "Thunderbolt" logo

11th Armored Division Ephemera, 1944-1947
Pictorial Review, 11th Armored Division with signatures of various servicemen on inside cover and title page 1944

Pamphlet: "Louisiana to Linz", 11th Armored Division Third Anniversary 8/15/1945

Small graphic/flyer with 11th Armored Division Unit insignia and "Thunderbolt" nickname with details of 5th annual reunion and 11th Armored Division Association address on reverse side (Copy 1 of 5, upper left corner torn) 8/14-16/1947

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Program: 11th Armored Division Association, 5th Annual Reunion; Chow Class "A" menu with "Come and get it …" on cover. Menu was originally inside program. (Copy 1 of 2) 8/14-16/1947

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8 8 8004261281 Timecard with hours worked, deductions, and net payment to employee for A. Tyllas from Mangels's of the East 12/12/1942

8 8 8004261282 Letter from J. A. Connor, Regional Director, U.S. Civil Service Commission to Annette: information on Clerk or Clerk Typist position, pay, and experience needed with position interview day and time c. July 1943

8 8 8004261283 Letter from Ben F. Barnes, Captain. A. U. S., Exchange Officer, Camp Polk, LA: stating Annette was employed at the office from May 4 to September 10, 1943 9/10/1943

8 8 8004261284 Letter from Don White, Office Manager, Camp Polk Exchange: stating Annette was employed at the Camp Polk Exchange from May 4 to September 10, 1943 (Copy 1 of 2, includes White's signature) 9/10/1943

8 8 8004261285 Letter from Don White, Office Manager, Camp Polk Exchange: stating Annette was employed at the Camp Polk Exchange from May 4 to September 10, 1943 (Copy 2 of 2) 9/10/1943

8 8 8004261286 War Department, Report of Field Personnel Action (W. D. C. P. Div. Form No. 50): listing nature of action and effective date for Annette's position to Jr. Clerk Typist at Camp Cooke, California 2/12/1944

8 8 8004261287 War Department, Recommendation for Field Personnel Action (W. D. C. P. Div. Form No. 56): for Annette's promotion to Clerk Typist CAF 3 5/9/1944
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<td>Copy of letter from W. G. Taverner, Lt. Col., CWS, Chairman, Ideas for Victory Committee to Commanding Officer, Camp Cooke, California: regarding Annette's suggestion for the development and use of form letters to be used in the collection of delinquent AER accounts and recommending an award of $15</td>
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<td>Letter from Lyle G. Weller, 2nd Lt., AUS, Army Emergency Relief Officer: enclosing a check for $12 as a reward for meritorious services rendered for her helpful suggestion to future Army Emergency Relief exponents</td>
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<td>Letter from John J. O'Donnell, Chief, CPB and Certifying Officer to Annette: replying to her request and indicating amount of accrued leave</td>
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<td>Notice of Suspension from the Eligible List (Form 7-1860) from J. A. Connor, Regional Director, U.S. Civil Service Commission to Annette: indicating she has been removed</td>
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from the eligible list for a position as a Typist due to her failure to reply and requesting her to fill out and return the bottom portion of the notice

Envelope from the War Department with handwritten note on front "Civil Service"


Receipt for Cashier's Check No. S127584 from The Live Stock National Bank of Chicago 3/12/1942

United States War Ration Book One for Annette Tyllas 5/7/1942

United States War Ration Book One for Joachim William Beer with some ration stamps attached 5/7/1942

Bernstein Bros., Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry proof of appraisal of diamond wedding ring for insurance purposes 10/26/1942

Copy of Letter from C. I. Henningsen for Alfred T. Sihler, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Registration and Retirement Section sent to Annette: about reissuing war bonds listed 11/7/1942

Notice explaining subscription agreement with Plan for Hospital Plan has been accepted and including Subscribers Certificate and membership card; Subscribers Certificate of insurance from the Hospital Service Corporation for A. T. Beer. Handwritten note on envelope indicating "hospital insurance" 1/23/1943

Letter from D. L. Turpin, Major, AGD, Adjutant, Camp Cooke, California to Annette: enclosing war bonds and asking for 10/21/1944
acknowledgement of their receipt (top) and
Letter from Annette to Major D. L. Turpin:
acknowledging the receipt of the bonds and
asking for confirmation that they are correct

Statement of Income Tax Withheld on
Wages by Employer (Form W-2): Employer
Headquarters SCU- 1908, Camp Cooke,
California

Withholding Receipt for Income Tax Withheld
on Wages (Form W-2): Employer
Headquarters SCU 1908, Camp Cooke,
California

Original of Withholding Receipt for Income
Tax Withheld on Wages (Form W-2):
Employer Bernard Rodin, DDS

Duplicate, Employee's Copy of Withholding
Receipt for Income Tax Withheld on Wages
(Form W-2): Employer Bernard Rodin, DDS

Envelope from the Treasury Department
addressed to Annette

Duplicate, Employee's Copy of Withholding
Receipt for Income Tax Withheld on Wages
(Form W-2): Employer Bernard Rodin, DDS

Triplicate, Collector's Copy of Withholding
Receipt for Income Tax Withheld on Wages
(Form W-2): Employer Bernard Rodin, DDS

United States War Ration Book Two for
Annette Beer; 2 pages of ration stamps

United States War Ration Book Three with
pages of ration stamps for Annette Beer

Newspaper Clippings 1944-1945, 1953,
u.d.
"Portraits by James J. Metcalfe, A dream to share" with handwritten date 11/8/1944

"Portraits by James J. Metcalfe, I know I love you" with handwritten date 3/12/1945

"Portraits by James J. Metcalfe, All for the best" with handwritten date 4/3/1945

"The 3d army's 11th armored division crossed the Werra river anew..." with handwritten date 4/4/1945

"The 3d Army's 11th Armored Div. rolled on for 17 miles south of Gotha..." with handwritten date 4/5/1945

"This wall of armor, advancing on a 40 miles front west of Weimar..." with handwritten date 4/6/1945

"Striking east toward the borders of Czechoslovakia..." with handwritten note "S & S April 7, 1945" 4/7/1945

"A dispatch from Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters said that Germans..." with handwritten date 4/9/1945

"Lt. Gen. Patton's 3d Army advanced eastward as much as 15 miles...", handwritten date written on back 4/10/1945

"Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d Army pushed eastward from its..." with handwritten note "S & S April 10, 1945" 4/10/1945

"Curb Service" with handwritten note "S & S, 13 April 1945" 4/13/1945

"On Patton's right flank, the 11th Armored Div., 40 miles south of the three spearheads driving toward..." with handwritten date 4/15/1945
"Patton in Secret Move." with handwritten date on back
4/24/1945

"18 miles from Austria" with handwritten date on back
4/25/1945

"Jabbing Toward Russians" with handwritten date on back
4/29/1945

"Bitter Resistance Met." with handwritten date
5/1/1945

"Gen. Patton's 3d Army drove 25 miles…" with handwritten date
5/1/1945

"Patton's 11th Armored Division crossed the Austrian border…" with handwritten date on back
5/1/1945

"3d Army in Rapid Drive" with handwritten date
5/4/1945

"Give Up to Gen. Devers" with handwritten date
5/5/1945

"Nazis Give Up, V-E, Big 3 to make it 'official' tomorrow"
5/8/1945

"3d Army Tanks Fueled by Air"
3/31/????

"Sixty miles to the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Pat[t]on's 3d Arm infantry…" with handwritten date
4/11/????

"Ancient Castle Falls with Coburg"
4/12/????

"Advancing on Patton's south flank, the 11th Armored Div. cleared…" with handwritten date
4/14/????

"The German high command apparently decided…" with handwritten date
4/16/????

"Three Big Prizes Fall to 1st Army at Leipzig"
4/20/????

"Krauts Flee by Tram, Neglect to Pay Fare"
4/20/????

"Senators O. K. Patton, Hodges for 4 Star Rank"
4/24/????
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"Portraits by James J. Metcalfe, All my love is yours"

"Portraits by James J. Metcalfe, Until You Went Away"

"Here is my heart"

"Thanks for writing"

"I have to wait"

"Longing For You"

Torn clipping with WAC information on one side, the other is a section of a comic

"Discussion, To settle an argument…"

"On the Side, E. V. Durling"

Newspaper Clippings - Medium, 1945, u.d.

"Kid Soldiers Prove Just [torn corner] Nuisance' to Tankers" with handwritten note "S & S April 11, 1945"

"Modern Daniel Boone Tours P-38 Factory; GI Souvenir Hunters Call It Paradise" with handwritten note "S & S, April 11, 1945"

"Tanks Drive 23 Miles" and "Bridge Seized Intact" with handwritten date on back

"Patton Smashes 50 Miles In Push Toward Redoubt" with handwritten date

"Locations of U. S. Units" with handwritten date

"Where Germany Surrendered" with photo. Has handwritten date.

"Prague Nazis Lay Down Guns"

"Text of Surrender Paper Signed by Germany at Reims"
"Hospital Bombed, Medical Unit Strafled by Nazis at Bastogne"
Torn clipping with photo of bottom half of men walking, other side has horse racing times; "If only the stock market and the thermometer…" clipping which potentially is discussing men in attached photo
"We say, come and see for yourselves" and "Come and see for yourselves" on reverse side
"The Pied Piper, American Style"
Cartoon with caption "Hello, Darling. I got your card saying, 'I wish you were here'!"

Large Newspaper Clippings, 1944-1953, u.d.

"Chicago Thinks They're OK too!" with photo of group of men in uniform
"Coblenz falls! Tanks rampage in Saarland", from Sunday Times, Chicago's Picture Newspaper
"Tank Force Smashes Into Saar Basin"
Letters: "Proving Grounds" and "The Voice" (Right side); "Hits Jackpot When He Finds 'Right-Balance' Dressing for his Hair" Kreml Hair Tonic advertisement (Left side), from Time Magazine
Map: "New Drive by Yanks Virtually Cuts Germany in Two", handwritten date on back.
"Letter from Sergeant" (pages 131-132)
"European Newsreel, AMG in Wasteland" (pages 132-134)
"Three German Armies of perhaps 500,000 men surrendered unconditionally to the Americans…”
c. 5/5/1945

"Eyewitness tells Berlin surrender"
5/9/1945

"If You Can Dream…Army Life is Wonderful"
5/24/1945

"Letter from Hollywood. Ninth of a Series" with photo of woman dancing in bathing suit, from The Saturday Evening Post
9/8/1945

"The B Bag Blow It Out Here, Calls MG Policy a Wishy-Washy Ghost"
11/1/1945

Male Call Cartoon by Milton Caniff: "Whew CQ"
1945

"Tragedy Separates GI Brothers" with photo of Sgt. I/C Gilbert C. Parrott and Sgt. Edward, from Chicago Sun Times
3/11/1953

"The Twain Will Meet - In Berlin" with cartoon of Hitler and chess board
4/19/????

"3d nears Hitler's last lair"
4/24/????

Map: "Progress of Allied Armies Along the Fronts of Germany", has handwritten date.
4/24/????

"Yanks 30 mi. from Munich"
4/26/????

Take Ten cartoon with caption "Hold it, Pal! They do it different here."
10/3/????

"Palestine Troubles Britain"
10/20/????

Cartoon with caption "Thought I'd never make it. The redeployment schedule just caught up with me."
11/2/????

Willie and Joe cartoon by Bill Mauldin with caption "War Department official asks industry…"
11/6/????

The Sad Sack Cartoon by Sgt. George Baker: "Point System"
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Scrap of paper (potentially from an envelope) with address for Mrs. N. Meyers

Name card for Mr. Joachim Beer from Bar Mitzvah of Jerry Louis Patt

Table assignment card for Mr. and Mrs. Joachim Beer from Jerry Louis Patt's Bar Mitzvah

List of names "Nicht an Bord - Not on Board" and "Nachtrag - Additional"

"Buena Vista Midnight Race" innuendo-laden description of a "race"

Drawing/Tracing of cartoon with caption "Ye-God-I said Kit Inspection!!"

Blank postcard, "Where the Senators Greet, Eat and Drink, Barney's Market Club" (Copy 1 of 2)

Blank postcard, "Where the Senators Greet, Eat and Drink, Barney's Market Club" (Copy 2 of 2)

3 pages of "The Beers Annette and Bill" blank stationary

Loose, Blank Envelopes, u.d.

Blank Envelope

Blank Envelope

Blank Envelope, with 11 postal stamps of various value and stampings from "Gmunden"

Employment Records - Annette T. Beer, 1944

Application materials for Annette:
handwritten note "Parts standout is action project Field Hdgrs (?), 222 W Adams,
signed Miss Thomas"; U. S. Civil Service Commission Applicant Referral Slip (Form No. P. R. 600A) for Clerk Typist, CAF-3 position at Chicago Q. M. Depot; U. S. C. D. C. Notice of Rating (Form 4008-Ab (A)) indicating Annette is eligible based on typing rating; Application for Federal Employment (Standard Form No. 57) for Clerk Typist 10/19/1944

Financial Records, 1944

U.S. Individual Income Tax Return for Calendar Year 1944 (Form 1040) 1944

Correspondence, 1945

Christmas card from Carl, Nenie, and Barry 12/17/1945

Newspaper Clippings, 1915, 1945, u.d.

Photocopy of 4 pages from "Leipziger Neueften Nachrichten" All text is in German. (Copy 1 of 2) 1/15/1915

Photocopy of 4 pages from "Leipziger Neueften Nachrichten" All text is in German. (Copy 2 of 2) 1/15/1915

The Chicago Sun: "Americans Seize Coblenz; Patton's Tanks Run Wild" 3/18/1945

The Chicago Sun: "German Troops in Saar Flee Patton" with map captioned "How Allies Slice Up Germans Trapped in Saar Basin" 3/20/1945

The Chicago Sun, Map: "Allied Armies Close on Inner German Defense Zone of Berlin" 3/20/1945

"PWs of SS Were Delayed One Day Buy Secured S&S" 4/12/1945
| OS 1 | 8004261458 | "Munich, 9th of November"; Page II (?): "Franz Lehar, In Memento-Crowded Room He lives in Dreams of Past" | 11/7/1945 |
| OS 1 | 8004261459 | "Big Change Due in Europe Map" article broken down by country with map captioned: "Shrunken Vaterland…" | 3/17/???? |
| OS 1 | 8004261461 | Yank Magazine (potentially), Side one: "How to Act at Home"; side two: "Clothing and the War" | u.d. |
| OS 1 | 8004261462 | Map: "Developments Reported From The German War Fronts" | u.d. |

Poster, u.d.

| OS 1 | 8004261463 | "The Press Says..." with reprints of various clippings about the 11th Armored Division from January to May 1945 | u.d. |