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My Dearest Hubby -

I'm sitting here looking at my red ribbon trick a
loose knot in it - my kind you had trouble so curing! And if
you had her curious, think how many more forgs you must have
had wondering all along the way. Something can be thought of you
think it. And that wonderful Christmas Eve letter - we had a
grand time together and I'm so glad you liked the little things.
But the way you guessed them was bad. Guess I thought too
much of space and didn't cover things well. Next winter we will
see what can be done - let I can disguise them so you'll never
guess them. To think that I sent you a $1.00 gift thought -
won't I taking a chance! I'm speaking about the cheese piece of
a cake of Lux. Isn't that awful - the inflation they have?
But you know if the strikes don't get settled over here, we're
going to have something like it, because ~~economics~~ economics just
works that way. It seems so funny that people can't understand
that if their wages go up, prices will have to go up too. Labor is
funny. A girl who up & quit her job about 6 months ago telling me
that she didn't have to work is now wanting Miss Bennett to fill a
blank so that she can get relief. Oh lets' not talk such things - we
need a two way conversation on that because my ideas are too
biased.

How could I get off on such a subject when I want to tell
you how glad I was that you had a Christmas tree - and one from
the state too - it must have looked especially beautiful.
And I bet it was bigger than the one we have here. That special
Service seems to do a lot of nice things - who runs it? Is it
in connection with the Army directly? Sidney sent presents home
through it and they came in good condition and are very nice.
What did the natives think about the tree? It makes me feel

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so much better to know that you had a true - that you had a "Burmese" Christmas

The way you say that so many things have folded up now there - they can't be planning to keep you long. Folding up the PX, taking down the message center, - something is moving somewhere even though it is slowly. Perhaps I shouldn't tell you this - but you'll hear about it anyhow. Patterson, Sec of War, was touring the Pacific and when he was asked about the points, etc - he seemed to know nothing about it. Guess we'll have another investigation! The whole thing is cumbersome and it just take time - but how I hate that time. The only time that I like it is when I can be reading a letter of yours or writing to you. And here I am sitting up our lamp - it will be fun sitting under it with you - it can be turned better low and even off if we want.

(Oh my goodness - Monk is down in the cellar firing the fire and when she took some coal - the pile began to slide and it made an awful racket - scared me) In fact, it scared us both so much that we decided we needed something to drink - she went beer and I, a glass of milk - that was a good excuse.

I've been meaning to tell you - Your envelopes are in the way but I couldn't send them Air mail. But now I have some more which are thinner and I'll be able to ~~send~~ send them in big envelopes. I'm wondering what you are using now - with no PX around. I can't get over that - leaving you stranded like that. Good - night Darling, the time won't be very long 'till I can really say it.

My Love & All for You - Ruth (0X)