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LETTER SEVENTEEN-EDITH TO VIC

Saturday Midnite

9/30/44

My beloved,

Well, Mort arrived by plane this noon. He traveled by Am. Airlines, & left L.A. at 6:30 p.m. Fri. He says he'll never ride a train again! Can you blame him?--If I had 2 mos. pay to "throw away", I do so, too! Well, at last, we got all the "dope". Mort was at the initial landing on Guam, & he, also, saw action in the Marianna Islands. He wears two ribbons & one star! He looks lots heavier, altho' he doesn't weigh much more than he used to. Personally, I think he got flabby from little or no exercise! It's swell to have him home, but he's still the same "cocky" Mort!.

Also, after hearing some of my brother's talk-hon, let's stay "free" of family ties-I mean even in a business way! Huh? -- Let's really strike out for ourselves.

Of course I thought we'd just "sit around and talk" tonite & doggone if Max & Syl & the Weingartens don't walk in. Well, I have my new "brunch coat" on, but I'm beginning to feel funny & get ready to go up & put my dress on, when the Hechts walk in with their daughter & son-in-law (1st Lt. Lennie Kleinman) & they bring with them Len's sister Phyllis & her date, 1st Lt. Leroy Kurlander. I looked "okay", but still a "brunch coat" is a "b.c" & I felt embarrassed! - So, I just pleaded "headache" & came up here (3rd floor). I felt terrible to have acted that way; but I couldn't bear

to think those people were probably thinking "well, with him gone, she can look like a slob". Honey, I'm always dressed, wear all my jewelry, cologne, etc. & so, I felt twice as bad to be "caught" that way.

Spoke to Lt. Embry-any, to us-she's a good conversationalist, & sounds swell. We're getting together next week-end. You know, I think I like her already!

Well, I moved upstairs "for good" today. I really cleaned the place up & everything is done-I'm proud of it & shall take a "snap" of it first chance I have!

Uk rec'd your letter today & will answer it shortly. I thought it a very cute letter, Bubs!

Sweets-Mort decided he wants Coronet, so I'm sending the subscription in! - Watch for it.

I'm so madly in love with you - my darling, anything I do I have you in mind. I adore you, sweets! Your roses are really blooming now & believe me, I kiss each one as if to kiss you!

Oh, yes-after much ado, our budget columns balance this month at \$443.97 - which is our 2nd highest month. Our 1st highest was last month at \$464.47. For next month-just write me how much money you receive. Thanks. Here's how we spent our dough.

Misc.	2.15
Rent	9.75
Food	18.96
Photo	1.69
Clothes	72.80

Beauty parlor	7.25
Phys. & Medicine	3.61
Household	23.37 (My ap't stuff)
Stationery, books, etc.	7.01
R.R. fares & trans.	42.83 (inc. trip from La.)
Repairs, cleaning	4.60
Amusement	.35
Insurance	6.70
Ciggarettes	.13
Gifts	28.14
Car exp.	31.79
Transp. (city)	4.86 (inc. taxi (N.Y.))
Bonds	18.75
Vic	159.23 (inc. camera & \$75.00-9/4 _____ \$80.00 checks
	\$ 443.97

Now that everything is "off my chest"-good night, darling.

All my love,

Edith

You should get about \$85.00 this mo. without buying bond.

Right honey?