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CENSOR'S STAMP

To
Pvt. JOHN W. RYAN 36957996
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NEW YORK, N.Y.

From

Mrs. JANN W. RYAN
(Sender's name)

3943 DIVERSEY AVE.
(Sender's address)

CHICAGO, 47, ILL.

JANUARY 2, 1945
(Date)

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My dearest Johnny, (& I do mean you)

Your #70 letter with the two English coins, arrived to-day. But still no word of where you are at present, except that Mrs Steinberg phoned & she had rec'd a letter from Lohio, written the 20th of Dec. from somewhere in France. So if you are still in the same company you must be there too. But I'll keep writing & hope they forward your mail to you, so eventually my letters will catch up to you & hope also that the packages & money do too. But most of all I hope & pray that no harm comes to you, because I love you. So Johnny, take good care of yourself for me, please! Remember I'm waiting for you to come home, always! And I know you will be one of these days, I know it & I'm not saying that as a morale builder either. I've both had life hand us some pretty hard socks in the jaw, but I'll admit this is the toughest, especially for you. 'Cause fighting a war isn't easy. And I'll be so very happy to see the end of it, & to have you home again, fighting with me over how long I boiled your egg etc. Remember? Can't tell you how I miss the boozing, because that was you, I guess. And when you get home, I'll deny it, but I loved it! - Your mother phoned also this evening & she said she wrote you a letter this am before she went to work. - Don't send any more packages until I get your new A.P.O. - The weather is terrible. It was 4° below zero when I left for work this am., with a stiff icy wind. Brrr! But I was dressed for it. And the cold weather hasn't improved the transportation any, either & talking about commandeering training, I'm getting it! To get on a streetcar, these days you have to use "Commando tactics". This am. I gave a big bully a good push in the ribs & told him to get his big paws out of my face. He apologized & said he didn't see me. But I bet he felt that jab in the ribs! That's all for tonight so I'll close, missing & loving you more every day & whenever you are that's where my heart & thoughts are. Love's

V...- MAIL