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LONDON W.2.

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Hello my two darlings :

Although, as is usual, I have not heard from you for quite a while, I think your last letter is from December 4th, I think of you a lot. Recently received the two food parcels, especially liked the Salami and the chocolate. Thanks a lot. They always arrive in perfect condition and I never have to pay anything, unlike my friend whose relatives do something wrong and he has to pay duty always. Also got Franz' s socks etc, more than useful. I can tell you.

News about Gail is wonderful, I can just imagine her, hope I shall be there soon, because I dont want to miss her early youth. If I go by what happened to my friend I should hear a definite YES or NO in February.- There is no need for you to come to New York to meet me, actually I dont want you too. I have lots of people to see there, and want to spend a few days there. Then I shall come to Chicago quietly without telling you, climb in through the back window, and when you come home you will find me there sitting in the easy chair. I think that is much nicer ! Because I guess there are lots of formalities when I come off the beat, and such a hurry.

Franz, from whom I hear regularly now, writes that you may be selling the house and car. I dont quite agree about the house. Is an apartment really less expensive to keep. But there certainly no need for a captain's wife to have a car. Here not even the general's wife has one. Have you taken that part time job you ~~xx~~ promised? I should think you feel like doing something active for the War effort.

Here I am quite happy in my job. As all these jobs it is not too well paid. After deduction of taxes I get paid out \$ 19 a week. That is not so much to live on, and amusements here are very expensive nowadays. But I manage. Wish I was not such a big gambler. Lost a lot of money on greyhound racing recently and also on other bets. But I am settling down to studies again. For the past few months I have been to the theatre nearly once a week, and seen all the big shows. What do you do all day long?