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my Darling Daughter;

This is the first letter
your Father has ever written
you. I would have written
you sooner but I've been
terribly busy lately. You
don't know me yet but
soon you will, because
I'll be coming home to
you and your wonderful
mother. Please pardon me
for not being there when
you took your first look
at the world. If it had
been at all possible, I
would have been there
but Uncle Sam required
my presence here in the
Land of the Morning Calm.
I'm here in this strange
land with a lot of other





American fellas doing a
job. It's not a good job
but it's purpose is very
good. I'm here to see that
foreign powers don't ever
threaten you and your
mother. The fighting has
closed and I'm now here
making sure that it doesn't
start again.

I have your picture and
also your mother sitting on
my field desk in front of me.
You're a very beautiful
baby and I'm terribly
proud of you. You have
awfully cute dimples and
a sweet little pissable
nose just like your mother.
I'm afraid I'm going to
spoil you when I get
home.





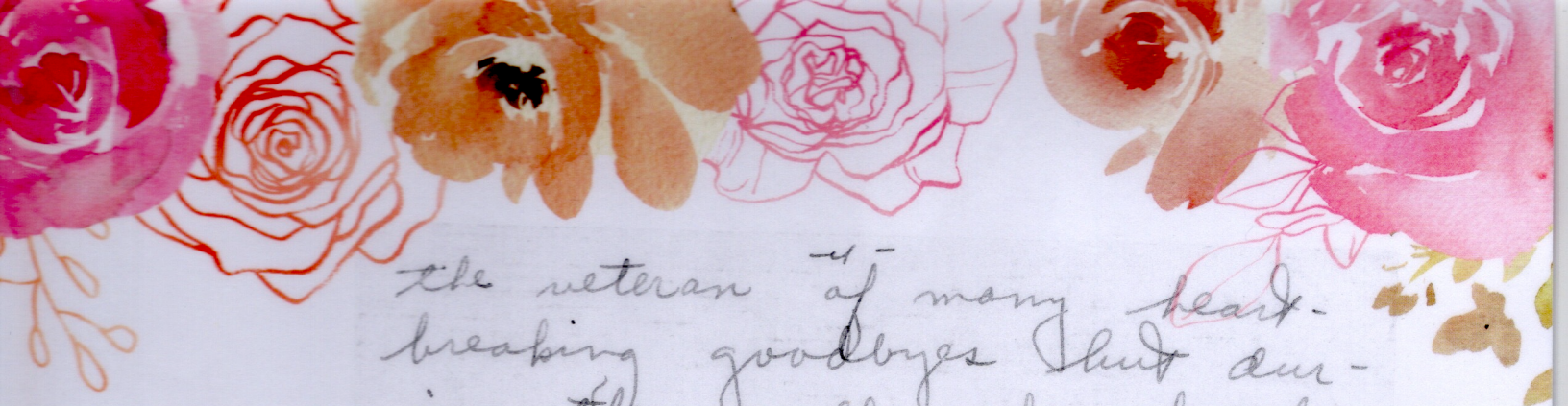
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When I first get home
you will have to be
very patient with me be-
cause I may be pretty
green on how to handle
you. Please don't be scared
when you first see me.

In a way you're a very
lucky little girl. You have
a very beautiful and under-
standing mother. She captured
my heart the very moment
I laid eyes on her. I con-
sider myself a very for-
tunate guy to have a
woman like your mother
for my wife.

Your mother has not
had it easy being married
to me. The Army has kept
us apart more than 90%
of our married life. She is





the veteran of many heart-breaking goodbyes I had during them all she faced the situation bravely. I could have searched many places and for a very long time but never would have found a woman like the one who suffered the pain of bringing you into the world, my wonderful wife.

In closing let me say that I miss you, yes, even though I've never met you, I miss you, and love you too. Be a good little girl, as you have been in the past, and tell your mother that your Daddy loves her with all his heart.

Your Proud and Adoring Father, Art

