Monday, October 2nd 1944

Sweetheart,

Another day and I miss you one day more and also love you one day more. It really didn't seem possible that I could love you any more than I did the last time I was with you but I find that absence does make the heart grow fonder in my case and that I love you more with each passing minute.

Darn, Darling, we are not allowed to number our letters so you will have to use the dates as your guide in getting them in their proper sequence. I am quite sure we will be allowed to number them when we reach our destination.

Photographs are a wonderful thing when people are apart. You will try to have pictures taken and will send them to me regularly won't you? I'll do the same. Town [illegible] has a camera and will be getting film from home so I'll see what I can do at this end.

You should see the beard I am growing now. I trimmed the sides and have left a small goatee, thus ![smiley face]. Well, along those general lines anyway. You'll have to pardon any discrepancies in the sketch or in the writing because this is being written by the light of the moon it would be much nicer if we were both watching...
the moon shining on the Red Cedar River.

I was thinking today that it might even be a good idea to finish my undergraduate work at Michigan State since they would probably give me a maximum of credit for the work I did there.

Then too, you might feel better about getting a job in East Lansing or Lansing. Then we could get things ready for our stay at the University of Michigan while I got my master's degree. I'm almost positive that U of M will recognize a B.A. from MSC. If we did live in East Lansing we could get ourselves a nice apartment somewhere there. Some of the fellows had nice places. What do you think of this idea? Let me know will you sweet. I thought that perhaps you would like it better from the angle of getting work and also getting an apartment and giving us more time to get a place in Ann Arbor. If I get full credit for the work I did while I was at MSC it would help because it was straight A work. I'm quite anxious to cut corners some can get the preliminary stage over and can get started toward that choose. Have you run across any new plans that you like? If so please send them.
I made myself some extra money today doing pencil sketches of some of the passengers about ship. I drew five sketches at a dollar a throw and have appointments for at least three more for tomorrow. They turned out all right too. I didn't think I'd care much for pencil work but I find that I like it as well as I like pen and ink. It's much better for this type of sketching too because you can do the sketches much faster. Quite a businessman ain't I, my Darling? Every little bit helps though. I also did some small sketches for our ship newspaper. All in all I had quite a busy day.

It's about time for me to go to bed again, my Darling. I would feel much better about it all if I knew that you would be awaiting me there. Since that cannot be however I will say goodnight and in kissing you, send you all my love.