Bunny Darling;

This is it! Three years in the army today. That is an awfully long time and I am glad that it won’t be long before I am out of it all and home where I belong. The only trouble is that I will not be home as soon as I would like to be. No matter when I got home, it would not be as soon as I would like. I am so starved for you that every moment I am away is unbearable. And yet I stand them because I know that in the end we will be together again and that all will be perfect once more. All I ask is to return to you just as soon as I possibly can so that I may start living once more.

In celebration of the occasion, I received a letter from you, my first in quite a few days. I hope I get some more soon but I probably won’t because this one just took ten days to get here. Just ten days. I can imagine what it is like only getting my letters nineteen days after I have written them, at the earliest. It seems ages before you can answer any of my letters that way. It wasn’t so bad in New Guinea when it just took our letters about a week to go either way but this is a hell of a situation.

Mac ***** - called up this morning to tell me that he has moved into town and that he is now working on the PACIFICAN. I am going out to see him tonight as he cannot get out here today. He is living just a couple of miles down the road from here and should be able to get out here quite often now.

I was quite amused at Tony’s account of the Japs trying to sell him those pictures and the statue. I know that there was a brisk trade in just such pictures down in New Guinea. They were posed for by Aussie girls down in Australia and the fellows would send down for sets of them and then sell them at fantastic prices. There were also some Wacs at Oro Bay who had a little deal with some fellows who had cameras and a darkroom. The Wacs would go out on a Sunday afternoon and would pose for these pictures with some GIs. They worked either on a percentage of the money made from the pictures, or they could * get a straight price for each picture they posed for. The fellows who took the pictures would scratch out the features of the girls in the pictures so they couldn’t be recognized. It was a very lucrative business because there are always a lot of fellows who, even though they can’t get the real thing, like to be reminded of that it looks like. I never did buy any of the things but I will have to admit to perusing copies that some fellows had. That statue Tony saw is something new on me though, I hav [sic] never run across anything like that here. One of the fellows told me that the Japanese soldiers carry around a lot of those pictures as pinups and that Japan has usurped France’s title as the leading nation for pornographic art. I know that the Japs used a lot of this stuff as propaganda against the Americans. They were trying to lower Aussie morale by printing these things and then de-scribing [sic] in great detail just what Yank solders were doing to the Aussie women while they, the Aussies, were winning the war for the “bloody Yanks”. It was largely true anyway so it made damned good propaganda.

So now the school decides that ***** it is not going to build the apartments. Well, I think it will be a very good idea if you do put your name in at all the apartments in East Lansing so we will be sure of having our apartment when we are married. I didn’t think we would be able to get into the school apartments by the time the spring term started anyway, so we would have had to get an apartment [sic] in any event. I just hope we are able to get one and that it will be a nice one. If we can’t get one in East Lansing, we can get one
in Lansing itself. There should be some there. It may be a good idea to try to get one there because it would be nearer your work and I would be able to commute all of the three miles separating the two every day. Of course East Lansing is a nice little place and would be much micer [sic] to live in than Lansing, but we do want to have the nicest apartment we can possibly get because, as you said, the atmosphere in which we start out our married life is very important and we want to have the nicest surroundings possible. I hope we are able to get one which has a range and a refrigerator. Those are two very essential items. The bed, the most essential item, we will have for ourselves.

Do you still seem to require a lot of sleep? If so, you had better catch up on it now because you will be getting very little of it when we are first married. There will be much more important things for us to do and I don’t think I have to enumerate them. Let it suffice to say that they shall all be done, and very thoroughly too, and that it will be the most pleasurable of all tasks which we will be performing. I love you so much Darling that I just can’t find the words to express myself.

I am sorry that I mixed you up when I told you that I had ordered the jewelry from the Fiji Islands. What I meant was that by the time you got the letter I would already have ordered the stuff. Then I bought the luncheon set and that cancelled the jewelry purchase. I saw some handbags down town [sic] the other day which were made from the same material as the luncheon set. When you get the set, let me know if you think you would like the handbag. If you decide that you do I will get one for you. The shape of the bag is just like the one [sic] I drew for you before only it is not silk. There are hardly any of the silk ones left now. The bags like that which are left are made out of cotton or out of this Baguio cloth.

So you think you will still be afraid when the time comes for Michael to put in his appearance? Look Honey, you can’t afford to be because I am depending on you to quiet my own fears. To tell you the truth, I think I will be even more afraid than you will be, I want you to promise me that you won’t tell anyone though. I don’t think you are a sissy either. I think every woman is scared about having her first child, and maybe about having all the others too. Everything will be all right though Honey, even if we are both scared as hell. It is a very awesome thing, this matter of birth. It springs from practically nothing except the union of two little cells, and then there is a human being born. It seems almost impossible that anything so large as a baby could ever be expelled through the genital canal. It is a very wonderful, and at the same time an awesome thing, just think though Darling, when it is all over we will be the proud parents of Michael.

I will forget about asking you if you are learning to cook as long as you assure me that you will satisfy all my appetites, no matter of what nature they are. I have many of them Darling. That statement of yours reminded me of a joke I once heard about a newly married couple. One day when [sic] the husband went to work he told his wife to have supper all heated up when he got home from work so they would waste no time. When he came home he found her sliding down the banister, to keep his supper warm. I am sure that you will be able to satisfy me as no other woman ever could Honey. There just would be no other one for me now that I have known what it is to love you and to be loved by you. That is all I could ask from life, just that you should go on loving me forever. I know that you are just as passionate as I am and that you do not try to hide it. That is as it should be because I want to satisfy your every longing and to make you just as happy as I
possibly can. Have you bothered to ask Sue any questions since you got Tony’s permission to ask her anything you want to? Or did you know it all after reading that booklet? It would not do me much good to ask any of the fellows here because they all seem to be of the same mind, they are just interested in getting it in and having an orgasm and to hell with the woman. I will get half of my pleasure just knowing that I am thrilling you and making you ecstatically happy. That is all I ask, just to be able to make you as happy as I know you shall make me. You are the sweetest person in the whole world Darling, and I love you more than I ever could love anyone else. I love you as much as it is possible for one person to love another.

What are they telling you people in the States? Every letter I get has the same theme, they all expectme [sic] home by Christmas. They all heard it on the radio. I don’t know what they are telling you people but it must be convincing. The truth of the matter is that they are trying to pull off one of the most colossal snow jobs of all time because they are not in the least interested in getting us home and are interested only in seeing how long they can keep us over here without a tempest blowing up in the States. I wish there were some way of letting the people back home know just how fucked up (again I must ask you to forgive the use of the word but it is the most appropriate) this whole redeployment [sic] is and how few men are actually going home in comparison to the number they could take home, and the number they are trying to convince the public are going home. They printed figures on the number of men supposed to go home in the next six months and the figure for each month drops off instead of increasing. This month they are supposed to send home about seventy thousand men from Manila, next month sixty thousand, and so on with a decrease of about ten thousand each succeeding month. It is just about the same story in each of the ports in the Pacific except [sic] that in Japan there is a slight rise for the first few [sic] months and then the decrease starts. The figures were anything but impressive although I still think I shall be home for my birthday. I wish I could leave here as early as the end of this year of the first of next.

So Copper Harbor is out as a vacation resort? I did not know much about the place and the fellow Mac got his information from is not the type to do much swimming so he did not mention the fact that the water was so cold. We will be able to find some other place that will be better. I think Mackinac Island sounds like a very nice place.

I will have to leave you now Honey but I will be back tomorrow. Goodbye for now Sweetheart

I love you with all my heart.