Bunny Darling;

It is another dreary and rainy day, typical of the weather on my day off, my afternoon off rather. I think I shall go into town with one of the fellows in the barracks. I don’t know what ill do, probably not much of anything, just a little looking around.

Oh, yes! Our volleyball team played the officers last night. We won two games from them (we only played two). The scores were 21-19 and 22-20. They averaged 6 feet one inch in height while our average was about 5 feet ten inches. This made the victory all the sweeter for us. They are quite burned up and want to play us again to get their revenge. I guess they were burned up largely because there was a large audience of officers, nurses, and Wac officers. It made me feel very good.

There was no letter from you this noon, but there was very little mail for anyone. After all the letters I received yesterday I guess I shouldn’t complain too much though. At least your letters to me are coming much faster than my letters are getting to you. I guess most mail is going by ship even though it is air mail. I’ll keep sending them air mail though because there is always the chance that some letter will get through air mail, and I guess the travel air mail once they hit the States. I wish there were something I could do to speed the letters on their way a little faster. With so many planes being used to carry troops – they say – there is no room for mail.

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The toast you sent me was very nice. The one to “beautiful”. Maybe if I knew that, and used it on you when I was back in the States with you, I could have had more success in trying to make you. I think you were downright mean to keep me at my proper (?) distance all that time and not succumbing to my pleas. You would have known better just what pleasures lie in store for us. We should have been married that’s what.

When we are married, Darling, I think it would be a good idea to do as you suggested and take a week off after we are married. That is, if I am back in time to start the March term at school. At that time of year about the only place we could go for a honeymoon would be to a hotel and I don’t care for the idea of spending the first week of our married life in a hotel room. It would be a lot better if we got our apartment and furnished it and spend that week in our own cherrywood bed. Later, after I finish the summer term, you could take your month off. This would be the best thing to do. We could be over the first stage of our married life and could take our honeymoon then. It would be wonderful Honey, and it will be. I think this is our best bet instead of planning on taking off from the time I get back until the following September. If we did do that we’d use up all our savings and wouldn’t have an awful lot left to furnish our apartment. The other way we’d have the money to furnish our apartment right away and would earn enough money from the time I returned till the end of the summer term to more than pay for our months’ vacation. We’ll have to think of our finances too so we’ll have enough to get started when I finish school. I still am quite sure I shall be able to get a start on my money earning while I am still going to school for I shall not have to work, as I did at U.N.H., and can devote a little of my space time to earning money with my art. I say a little of my spare time because
the very greatest part of it will be spent making love to my lovely wife. She is the sweetest wife a man ever had, the most lovable and the most loving I could ever ask for.

You are undoubtedly right when you say that the positions which were designed for a bed would be the most comfortable. The others would be variety though because we want to vary things so we don’t get into a rut. I’m glad number 8 sounds good to you also. I think it would be one of the most enjoyable positions of the lot and think that to vary the basic position we could use number 25 in which your position would be the same but entry made from the opposite direction. In fact I think 25 would be extremely pleasurable for you because of the angle of entry which would provide a very firm contact. The first five positions would be good, but routine. Of them, I think three [scratched out word] would be the best. I’m just anxious to get back and find out. It will be so very wonderful holding you close in a conjugal embrace Sweetheart, I love you so much. This is all I ask of life and I pray and hope that I may be able to do this very soon.

In reply to your query, I do like chocolate pie very much and am very glad that you make it well.

Tell me though, have you tried your hand at cooking [scratched out word] whole meals; baking, roasting, boiling, etc...because since we’re going to start right in housekeeping and, since you will be able to have Saturdays and Sundays off, you will be able to prepare a home cooked meal for Sunday dinner from time to time, you know, one prepared by your own little hands.

What did the book on New Hampshire have to say about the state. You’ll have to see it for yourself to really appreciate it. I’ll be your guide, will that be all right with you? It’s a wonderful place Honey.

This afternoon I rode for the first time on our new bus. It isn’t bad at all and is much nicer than riding a truck. The trucks are usually covered so that I can’t look out at the scenery, or, if they are open, are dusty as hell. In the bus I can look out through the windows and not have to swallow dust.

We didn’t do much of anything once we did get into town. We went to the Red Cross (the we is Starvish and I) to find out if they had linoleum cutting tools. They do have, and they also have colored inks for the blocks. I [scratched out word] have found the subject for the card, it is an old church near here, and am going to sketch it Sunday. I’ll work out the composition of the card in the time until then. It is not the same church as the one in the other sketch but I think it is a much nicer church. It looks very old. I hope the cut turns out well. I think I shall try a two color block.

This evening I went to the show and say through a picture on the TVA, which was very good. That was a marvelous project and is just one small example of what could be accomplished by the people of the world if they turned their energies toward [scratched out word] peace instead of war; if they fought nature instead of one another. But still people attack any project such as the TVA because it does help people. It sounds foolish doesn’t it? Foolish but all too true. The main feature was an Abbott and Castello picture “The Gay Nineties.” I stomached about fifteen minutes of it and then gave up. They bore me.
While wandering around town today I ran across a textile market on the steps of an old church. They had lace mantillas there, black lace with all types of designs, but I think they wanted too much for them. They were about 18” by 36” and sold for $15.00 and $17.50. I think this was way too much don’t you think so? The prices are going down though and by the end of the year I should be able to get these things at a reasonable price. Do you care for a lace mantilla. Some of the designs are nice [scratched out word] and they are made of silk but they don’t look very substantial, even for lace. Let me know will you Honey.

I did make one purchase today and that was a book I bought. It was “Citizen Tom Paine” and was on sale for only a quarter so I just couldn’t resist it. I just read the first chapter but am sure that I shall like it very much. I like his [scratched out words] other book “Freedom Road” very much. He has a very good style and makes his stories very interesting while still sticking to facts.

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It is time to say goodnight to you my love and to go to my hard bed to dream of going to a soft bed and to your even softer and so loving arms. Goodnight Honey.

I love you with all my heart.

Freddie