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Good Evening Sweetheart.

I just listened to the news, still good, played a few games of ping pong with Kowal-Chuk, winning them all (luckily), took a shower, and now am starting to write a letter to you.

They kept me pretty busy all day. I made another cartoon for the booklet our department is putting out. It turned out quite well but I shan't be able to send you a copy of it since it involves some restricted stuff. You being a civilian just can't get in on that. Tch! Tch! Now aren't you sorry you didn't get in some branch of the service? You'd better say no because I can think of nothing I would rather ever have you do than joining any one of the women's auxiliaries of any of our armed forces. You'll have a full time job getting things in readiness for V-M day (in case your curious that stands for Victory-Maurice day when we stand at the altar and you join the ranks of the Maurice family). Everyone else has a V-E day or a V-Pacific day so I may as well have a private one for you and I. It will be the best of them all.

In that letter you received from you, you asked if I would wipe the dishes for you when we are married. Of course I will if it is necessary but maybe we could eat off paper plates with paper eating utensils. OK! OK! So we'll eat off plates and make more work for us. You realize though that there will be a slight fee for my services as a



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dishwasher—leave us say that the price will be a countless number of your very delicious kisses. That seems to be a very good medium of exchange for the Snarville Community. the best I think we could ever discover.

Now, now, there you go worrying about me getting a cold merely because I sat out in the rain ~~while~~ during a movie while I had a slight head cold. You know that I won't catch pneumonia. A little rain never hurt anyone, and besides, it was warm rain. You don't seem to trust me at all Honey. Of course it would be very nice to have you here to look after me so if you can figure out a way of getting out here I can assure you that your presence would be very much appreciated, more than you could ever know. You used very strong terms in telling me that that was a foolish thing to do, I quote "Darling, are you crazy to go sit in the rain when you have already got a cold" I unquote. Leave us not question my mental capacities as that is one subject on which I am very touchy. Do you blame me? Uh! Uh! mustn't answer that.

OK, OK, so I made a mistake. I do so hate to make them because you may start to doubt that I am as perfect as I have led you, gullible little girl that you are, to believe. I know, as well as you do, that one does not illuminate a ~~that~~ cigarette but that it is lighted. I must have started to day dream of you, as I so often do while I am writing letters. You are quite near to me while I write. It is as if I were talking with you for a short while.



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I do have quite a few pictures of you, but not as many as I'd like by a long shot. I have about twenty of them now, a dozen of which are colored photos. I hope the case for these colored photos arrives soon so I can keep them safe from harm. So you don't intend to send me any of the other pictures merely because they are slightly spotted. That doesn't matter. In that picture of you kneeling in the snow though I noticed that you had a crimson freckle right on the end of your nose. It looks quite enchanting there. Honest.

Are you disappointed that I am not pining and wasting away to a shadow because of my separation from you Darling? I could try a little wasting away if you insisted but I don't think I'm made to waste away. There's too much of me to waste. I think that I shall soon have a few photographs available for you so you can judge for yourself just how I'm making out here in New Guinea. The photos Kowalchuk took on Easter Sunday must be about ready now. As soon as he gets them I'll see what I can do about getting a few to you as soon as possible. I'll say good night now Honey and will be back to you in the morning. Goodnight now dear sweet Darling. I love you more than you could ever know.

Good Morning Honey; Sunday -

And don't yawn back at me. You know that yawns are not conducive to romance. I'm afraid that yours is a contradiction to this rule though because I'd



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Love very much to look up and see you yawning right here before me. Ed stole the yawn very fast and very effectively, believe me.

Last night I saw the Big Dipper. It was a very cheering sight I can assure you. It is about the only constellation I know at a glance. I was quite sure it couldn't be seen from down under here. Last night though as I strolled out to take care of my night type retreating problem I happened to notice it right out in the northern sky. It was a very cheering sight and I only wish you had been with me to share the sight. I'm afraid that your beauty would have eclipsed the brilliance of the stars so that my eyes would be filled with you rather than with stardust.

This morning I went in to work but since there was nothing to do the Lieutenant let Daly and I take off. I came back and relaxed for a while by reading further in my History of the Far East. It is quite interesting but is not the type of material that one breezes through in nothing flat. I'm about $\frac{1}{3}$ the way through it now. One of the boys in the tent got ambitious and cleared house, he threw away all the time magazines which I had not yet finished reading. This irked me considerably.

Our breakfast this morning was another one of fried eggs and was a very welcome relief from what we have been getting all week long. I wish we'd get better meals for a change. I'll be starved if they keep up the present diet.



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It is going to be another hot day. It will be wonderful to get back home away from this damned heat. I really feel miserable with it. For our vacation we'll have to go to some place by a lake where it will be cool. I imagine that by the time I get home my blood will have thinned out to the point where

I'll be freezing in 70+ weather. I'll have to become acclimatized all over again. It shouldn't take me long, especially since I'll have you to keep me warm during the chillier moments. You won't mind acting as a de-icer for me do you Honey. You'd be a much better one than any that was ever patented. The mere thought of you is enough to raise my temperature ~~from~~ ten degrees—by actual count.

Goodbye now Honey. I'll get this posted and be back tonight. Remember Darling that I love you

Always and all ways
Freddie