Sweet Darling;

Are you superstitious? I hope not, because this is letter number thirteen. I feel quite happy today because I got a letter from you, not only a letter but also two very nice colored photos of you. I like them very much, particularly the one of you alone where you are kneeling in the snow. That snow really looks good but you just eclipse it because you look infinitesimally better isn’t that a nice compliment now Sweetheart? Aren’t you glad to think that you’re more beautiful than snow. If you realized just how much I would like to see some snow now you’d know that I do mean this as a very great compliment, and you may rest assured that it is most well deserved.

That must be your Christmas present that you are wearing in those pictures, the sweater I mean. It’s just the shade I had imagined that Pauline would select because she loves that color. I don’t think I’ve ever seen the suit you have on have I? Judging, from the suit, coat your mother has on I’d say that I’d like your green suit. It’s convenient for you and your mother to be able to wear one another’s clothes. Quite convenient. I know. Dad has worn out most of my clothes – what few I had left or which Mom did not give to my Uncle Foster. At the present time I have absolutely no clothes left – civies that is. I’ll have to buy a whole new wardrobe. That will be fun though because I’ll be doing it as a civilian and with your very able assistance. I am not very good at picking out clothes so you’re going to be stuck with the job of the major part of the deciding as to what I should and can wear. You don’t mind do you?

I know you don’t mind because you’re probably looking forward to it just as much as I am.

The war in Europe was not over by the time I received your letter so you may consider yourself indebted to me to the extent of one hundred wonderful kisses. I’ll hold you to your bargain too Darling as you needn’t think that I’m going to let you squirm out of it. You’re stuck. Got any more bets to make Honey? I’m very much interested in them. While you’re paying off the above mentioned debt I am going to remain very aloof and make you do all the work. Don’t smirk, I really mean it. I’ll be very distant and cold while you carry out the term of the bet – but afterward – that’s an altogether different matter.

Paul Katona, that Hungarian fellow I chummed around with at the 5th Replacement Depot is up where Reid [scratched out word] is. The letter was written in French since he finds it easier to express himself in that language. He didn’t have much to say except that he was now an MP and had very little to do except the routine duties of M.Ps. Whatever they are. I wrote him a letter a while back which he hadn’t gotten at the time he wrote. He’s a very nice fellow and I hope to run into him. We used to have some very nice talks at the Depot and he was a very good teacher of Balkan history.

We’re having a little trouble with our water system and find ourselves without water the major part of the day. This should be remedied within a day or so though. They still manage [scratched out
word] to have enough water for us to shower with, although we can’t use it at our own convenience but have to be there

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when the water is, or else. This water shortage is also responsible for our not getting any Coca Cola. That hurts.

I was looking through an issue of Life Magazine today and noticed a write up of the stage production “Harvey” starring Frank Fay and Harvey an imaginary rabbit. I’d like to see it because it sounds very interesting. Harvey sounds like a very interesting personality. The article told how when Frank Fay goes to a restaurant anywhere in New York, an extra place is always set for Harvey and a carrot is laid in the plate.

The picture tonight was very good. It was “Keys of the Kingdom” and Gregory Peck, the main actor, was very good in his part. He’s an excellent actor. This is the first time I ever saw him. I imagine that the picture will meet a lot of opposition from the Protestants. I was reading an article in Time magazine first a while ago that told of the adverse criticism movie producers were getting because of the series of pictures portraying priests or Catholic persons (Going My Way, and The Song of Bernadette were the two outstanding pictures mentioned). This one will surely be added to the list of proscribed pictures. I can’t understand why people refuse to be tolerant of other faiths when their own faith preaches tolerance, as do all Christian churches. People are so damned narrow minded and hypocritical about some things. The Catholics are included in this description because they act the same way toward Protestants in many cases. Why can’t people just respect their

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neighbors privilege of choosing his own way to try to get to heaven. I’ll have my heaven on earth when I get back to you. I’m sure that if there is such a thing as a heaven awaiting us at the termination of this life it will be just a continuation of the life I will live with you. It could offer no greater joy and pleasure.

It is getting quite late now Sweet Darling so I had better just close this letter and get to bed. Possibly to dream of you. I hope so for

I love you with all my heart

And soul.

Freddie