

Bunny Darling;

No mail again today. I want a letter from you! I am very thoroughly disgusted with life over here. This has been the hottest day yet. It is quite unbelievable how uncomfortable heat can be until you get in the tropics and find out. Don't ever listen to anyone who tries to sell you on the idea of a tropical vacation. I had a very slight case of cramps and dizziness today, the first time I've been bothered that bad by the heat. God but I'll be glad to get home to a decent climate and to you. You are the only heat I want Honey and I know you'll keep me very warm. That heat I won't mind a bit though. In fact, I'm sure I'll generate a little heat, and maybe some smoke, of my own.

Mac did not come out tonight. I played a little volleyball, then read while I cooled off. After that a nice shower and a little jaunt over to the club with Stavish to have a beer and to talk. I got [scratched out word] nailed on a committee to decorate the dance hall for Halloween. We're having a Halloween party and dance next Saturday night, the night before the event. They have made a pretty nice little dance hall outside the club. It is open to the air and yet has a roof on it. I'll do a sketch of it for you when they finish it.

All the nonsense around here continues. Now they make the adjutant general, a major, go all through the building, to all sections, [scratched out word] and check for dust

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and for untidiness. He is undoubtedly the highest paid janitor in the army. The first day he did this he went over to the chief clerk in the Records Section, peered in the waste basket and, in all seriousness, informed the chief clerk that his basket was full of waste paper. I have no idea what he expected to find in there but the clerk in question informed him that the basket was there to have waste paper put into it and that, as he had work to do, he could not run outside and empty it each time someone dropped a scrap of paper in it. These officers get crazier and crazier with each passing day.

They printed the box score on the number of men sent home last month and so far this month. There were 51,000 sent home last month and [scratched out number] 18,000 in the first [scratched out word] half of this month. Not an impressive figure at all when you figure that there are about 2 million men out here in the Pacific. They're certainly not trying a damned bit to get us home. I'm so damned mad about it that I just see red, very literally, every time I think of it.

Our battery commandant was put out no end this evening because about half the battery failed to fall out for retreat. The CO went through the barracks and took the names of all men in the barracks, I [scratched out word] was at the office as relief CQ so I was not apprehended. He is beginning to think we don't like either him or the army very well. The poor fellow, I hope he doesn't develop an inferiority complex.

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My tan looks quite nice now I think. I just have a very thin strip of white across my groin. I'll get rid of that too and shall be tanned all over. I have been rolling my shorts down into a small loin cloth for modesty's sake. To heck with modesty though because there are never any women around at noontime. I'll get a nice even tan all over. We'll both get the same kind of tan on our vacation next summer.

The diet and exercise are working Honey. I was up to about 185 at my peak and am now down to 180 even after a week and a half of the new schedule. I have just about cut out potatoes and bread and am playing volleyball ever night. I feel better for it too. I want to get down under 170 and stay there. With the chance to exercise, I'll be able to do this easily.

They are building a basketball court here, right smack behind the latrine. I don't know who makes the choice of locations but the choice in this case could have been much better. I'll have to try to get hold of some tennis shoes so I can play out there. The court is to be built of wood and should be quite a nice one when it is finished, except for the location and the fact that there is a three foot drop off one side of the court. The only trouble with all these athletic facilities is the fact that we can only play at night. We don't have enough work to do to keep us busy half a day and still they won't let us off during the afternoon to play games and exercise.

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The Colonel in charge of the section is supposed to return tomorrow. He was on a vacation in Australia for two weeks, it must be great to be a Colonel. I wish he'd stay away for a while, say a year or so. He's a damned nuisance. Things go along swell until he's here. When he is here we are bothered with all kinds of CS.

Time to leave you again Sweetheart but never fear for I'll be back tomorrow to write you a nice long letter. Until then just remember that

I am yours, all yours, and shall be,

Forever.

Freddie