

Sweetheart;

You are now gazing upon a wealthy man. Today, for the first time since I have gotten into the army, I was paid on a Sunday. Now I am \$17.00 richer than I was before I got paid. Next month I'll draw \$20.90 since I shall receive "old fogey's pay" for having been in the army three years. It is worth \$3.90 a month [scratched out word] to the army for my having been in three years. I'm glad that I shan't see another year go by while I'm in the army. That would be the last straw. I'm damned glad the war ended when it did.

There was no mail from you today. I don't know what causes these delays but I wish they could cease because they are never going to raise my morale unless they give me letters from you. They are the only morale boosters I get these days, and they have to go a long way because there are plenty of depressing factors here for the letters to overcome. I only went in to work for a little while this morning. Starting next Sunday we are going to have all day Sunday off per order of Afivespac (Armed Forces Western Pacific). That will be very nice.

This afternoon I played a little [scratched out word] volleyball. We had an enlisted man's team against some officers. We could have taken them over easily and were going so when it started to rain. One of the officers quite so we gave them one of our men, me, and played in a downpour of rain. The EM still won even though I was playing for the officers. I really played hard but those damned officers just don't play together as a team. After a while we had to quit because the volleyball was so soaked that it had all the bounce and resiliency of a nice heavy medicine ball.

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I'm sure that, if we can meet the officer's team under favorable conditions, we shall be able to beat them. We should have a good team if we can get our men out all the time. There's always something coming up which robs us of a couple of men though.

In addition to getting paid and playing volleyball, I also did a little reading and sank my teeth well into "Beowulf", one of the classics in the English literature series I got from Gene. They have quite a selection of works in the four volumes comprising the complete course.

My sun tan is getting quite noticeable now. There is a distinct line of demarkation [sic] around my legs and waist where the whiteness ends and the tan stops. On our vacation we shall have to find or construct a private little nook where we can obtain thorough tans so there won't be any of this business of a white banded effect. It will be so nice having nothing to do except sun ourselves and make love all day long. I want to do a lot of drawing and some painting while we are on our vacation so you will have to do a lot of posing. We shall also have to take a lot of pictures then. That is where this textbook on elementary photography will come in handy. I want to have as many pictures as possible of this time. As far as drawing goes, I have never drawn from the nude and have hardly ever done much figure drawing so this will be a very good opportunity. I remember once when I started to sketch you in the living room. I was stymied because I didn't know enough anatomy. I shall have a wonderful opportunity to learn all about anatomy, at least about the female figure, during our vacation. I'll be killing two birds with one stone, I'll be doing portraits of you and learning how [scratched out word] to draw the human form at the same time. You will have to resign yourself to being a

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model as well as a wife. And you'll be perfect at both job to my Darling for you are the very most beautiful woman in the world, the very most perfect in every particular, and oh [scratched out word] how much I do love you. I'm so anxious to get home to show you.

When I was out to Mac's place some of the boys from Lansing (MSC) and I were talking over the good old days and they told me of one fellow who did not care to use rubbers whenever he went out with a girl and so he used to have some diaphragms with him all the time. If he could do this, it must be that they are not quite so hard to get as it seems. I am still sure that if we speak to your doctor when we go for our blood test, and make our case good, that we shall be able to have you fitted with one. The only reason they [scratched out word] say that they should not [scratched out word] be fitted until after marriage is because of the maidenhead. It would be impossible if the maidenhead, or cherry, were intact, but since such is not the case here, I see no reason why he shouldn't do it. I still think this would be the best thing because there is the direct contact of the penis against the vaginal walls and still there it something there to keep the sperms from the womb. I do not like rubbers at all, not only because they prevent the very pleasurable direct contact, but also because they sometimes break or slip off. Don't tell me they don't either because I have had both happen to me. The surest and best way is to use a diaphragm and then a douche. It is also impossible to just lie in each others [sic] arms for a while when a rubber is used because as the penis becomes soft [scratched out word] it just comes out of the rubber [scratched out words] which may then allow the sperm to flow out of it and into the womb. I do think it is best to just lie in each others' [sic]

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arms, still joined, after the climax. I don't like the idea of coming to a climax and then just separating immediately. Even if, as Sue suggests, it is easier on the sheets. I am sure we could use some kind of protective cover over the sheet, at least over a portion of it, which would bear the brunt of the overflow. These are all things we can decide after we are married I suppose but I just want to let you know how I feel about them. I'm just judging from what little experience I have had. If Sue or any of the others give you any more tips, which you think might be useful to us, just pass them on to me.

This evening I saw the Fred Allen picture "It's In the Bag". It wasn't bad in spots, but on the whole it left much to be desired. The gags were good but the plot was very weak and sketchy. I enjoyed it moderately well. We are going to have our own theater soon. I hope they finish it in a hurry because it is impossible to get seats at [scratched out word] the theater we do go to. The Filipinos, who are not supposed to be allowed to attend performances of GI movies at all, get there about an hour before show time and just take all the seats leaving the GIs to sit on the ground. This gets my goat. I did not care a bit for the idea as sitting on the ground in the rain. Oh yes, it rained during the show tonight. Not an awful lot, just a slight outburst from time to time. It still rains every day here, and usually the rain is accompanied by a high wind. Terrible weather.

The members of the Non Coms Club are still causing me to lose sleep at night and I am getting dammed sick and tired of it. They come in at about 1:00 AM and start shouting and singing. One of them is going to be hit

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In the face with a pailful [sic] of water one of these nights. It doesn't help a damned bit to say anything to them. They really burn me up. I hate people who are so inconsiderate of others.

Speaking of alcoholic beverages, we shall have to have a goodly supply on hand on our vacation. I don't think I have ever seen you even moderately under the weather and I want to see how you react. [scratched out word] We will have to have enough to get you past the sleepy stage though because I don't want you to go wasting any precious time sleeping when you don't have to. On the other hand, I don't want you to have too much because it is claimed that too much alcohol acts as an aphrodisiac [sic], and I want nothing lessening your desire and your passion. We shall have such a wonderful vacation together Darling and I am so anxious for it to start because

I love you more than anything in the world

And I am yours

Forever

Freddie