

Thursday 27 September 1945

Bunny Darling;

There was no mail from you today but I can't complain because your mail has been [scratched out word] coming in quite regularly. It has been very nice getting mail from you regularly after all the delay there has been lately. Speaking of delay Honey, there probably has been considerable delay in your mail from me because I have run out of stamps and have had to wait a couple of days for those I have ordered. The mail clerk is independent as the devil and like the make us wait. I should get them in the morning though so I'll be able to loose a raft of letters to you at one time. Not really a raft, it will just be about three.

This has been a terribly hot day and I have been quite miserable. I have perspired more than I have for a long time.

I was put to work doing some covers for work that was being assembled in G-1. Colonel Chester, my boss, took me in to the colonel in Charge of G-1s office to have him explain what I was to do. The chief of staff was in there too. I had a four days growth of beard and must have looked like a French – Canadian lumberjack. They didn't say anything, although I fully expect that a directive shall come out within several days ordering all men to shave daily. This I don't do while I'm overseas. I will when I return to you though Sweetheart because I don't want anything like five o'clock shadow to ever come between us. I always want to look my best for you just as I know you want always to look your best for me. Little things can be very important, things like dressing for dinner. It would be very easy to start going to dinner very informally and letting our hair down, forgetting little

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things that can make a lot of difference. I want always to look as attractive as possible for you Darling.

So you ordered the cherry bedroom set after all. It came as quite a surprise to learn that you had, but I'm rather glad because it will be all ready for us to use as soon as we get our apartment. It is nice that you just got the dresser and chest of drawers because I am not overly fond of vanities. I think that a little dressing table is much nicer. A vanity is a damned weird looking piece of furniture and seems out of place as far as I'm concerned. It is a good idea to pay a little more, if necessary, to get good material and good workmanship. I agree that it would be best to get a good dining room table and a whole dining room set for that matter. We can wait and buy that and the rest of our furniture together. We do need the bedroom set though because that is a vital, the vital, part of our [scratched out word] furnishings after we get our apartment. We could always eat in a restaurant but there are some things you can't do in restaurants.

As far as the necessities of furnishings which you mentioned (the stove, refrigerator, washing machine, and vacuum cleaner,) if we get an apartment we will probably be able to get one which has a stove and refrigerator. I don't know if it is the same in Lansing, but in Lynn most apartments are furnished with these two items. We could buy one of these small combination washers and dryers which would be large enough for our uses. Vacuum cleaners are not too expensive an item and I think we shall be able to afford that all right. I think we'll be able to manage very well Honey, and I do

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think it will cost us less to start housekeeping in a small way, while I am in school, than you figured. When we get our own home, we shall have to buy all these items, but for living in an apartment we will not. The more I think of it, the more I am convinced that the college will furnish their apartments fully and that if we live there we shall not be able to use our nice cherry wood bed. Are there any other nice apartments in East Lansing which have stove and refrigerator furnished. Now that I come to think of it, there were some in Durham N.H. which is much smaller than East Lansing, so there should be some in Lansing. You can look around to see if you can find any of those as well as depending on the college apartments. I do want a nice place, one which we can be quite proud of. I do not want to live in some of the dives the ASTP boys had to get for their wives while they were there. It would be nice to live in a nice new apartment like the ones the school is building, but I would also like to be able to use our own bedroom furniture. I find that your enthusiasm for it is very contagious and I am anxious as the devil to see it, and to use it in your company of course.

I must leave you again my Darling. I love you so Sweetheart and I shall always be

Yours Alone

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Hello Again Honey;

Here it is, exactly one year that I have been overseas. Today, a year ago I pulled out of San Francisco Harbor and took my last look at the States for the duration. That was many many centuries ago as my heart measure time. A year without you is as long as a wasted

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lifetime, and my time is still being wasted now. This last month has seemed longer than the other eleven months combined. The days [scratched out word] just drag on at their excruciatingly slow pace.

I knew [scratched out words] that you would not have gained weight by the time I returned but are you sure you want to lose some weight? Of course if you think you have a tummy and want to get rid of it, that is all right but I don't want you to lose any of those other curves through dieting. You are just exactly right now Darling. You are not too rounded but are just rounded in the right places. I do not like thin undernourished looking women. They may appeal to some men but the boyish figures some girls have arouse about as much desire in me as a fence post would. You had just the least trace of a tummy when I last saw you but I thought it looked nice, not that I'd want it to increase in size at all except when Michael is on his way. I concur with you in your thinking that I should be down to 170 pounds by the time I return to you (what's the matter Darling, afraid of a little extra weight that you'll have to bear? I'll be a gentleman and rest on my elbows). If I play volleyball every night, as I did tonight, I shall soon be down to that figure. I think I must have lost a couple of pounds this evening alone. All I need is [scratched out word] exercise. That game required an awful lot of moving around. It is much more strenuous than most people imagine. I'll see to it that you are not married to a fat man and shall keep my weight down. Don't forget that when Dad was my age he weighed as much

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as I do now. And he is not overweight now. A very slight bit of tummy on you would be very comfortable though. Just the slightest bit.

Aren't you ashamed of yourselves, you and Sue, for disturbing Archie and May that night. You should know that, when the living room and kitchen lights are out, the people probably don't want to be distributed. How would you like people bothering us in a like predicament. As far as I am concerned, in such a case as this, they could just continue to knock but I wouldn't bother answering. I don't want anything to interfere with our love life. That is one of the main reasons why I want to go far away from anyone on our vacation. I don't want anyone to bother us.

What kind of wedding to have is a problem. I do want to be married to you as soon as possible though. Isn't it possible for us to have a nice ceremony, nothing elaborate but with you in the wedding gown you described, and just a very few people so we could get married within a week or so. I just couldn't possibly wait a month after being back with you once more. It just [scratched out word] would not be humanly possible. I'd just have to make you my wife before that. I wish we had already been married so this problem would not arise. I just want to be married to you as soon as I possibly can be. This is the foremost thing, even if we had to get married in sack cloth. I love you so much Darling. I consider myself as your husband now, even though we have not gone through a ceremony or shared the nuptial bed. It's too bad we have to go through the formal ceremony and waste that time, but since that is the accepted procedure we shall have to go

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with it. Even if there were no such things as marriage vows, and free love were permitted and sanctioned, you would still have me on your hands for life simply because you are the only woman for me and I shall always love you – more with every passing day because I shall discover new qualities about you to love every day. You are the most beautiful and adorable woman in the world and certainly the most adored and cherished of all women.

No one could ever be as happy as we shall be Darling. I'll be so glad when we are on our honeymoon and I can really make you my wife. That will be a glorious day and a glorious experience. Not the most glorious because each succeeding day of being married to you will be more glorious than the day before. It would be best if we started our honeymoon in late winter or spring, from the stand point of comfort. It would not be quite as good in summer because it would be too hot. We will be getting a full measure of exercise so it would be best in cool weather. I can just picture us now, in a bedroom lighted and warmed by a nice fireplace, in a nice soft and comfortable bed. You would be looking very beautiful and desirable and I would be desiring you and making love to you very ardently. This would really be heaven my Sweet and after this I could expect no further heaven in after life for I will have had mine in this.

Oh! Oh! There goes rain on the roof. It has not rained for a day or two either. The sound of the rain on the roof will help me to sleep though. I like the sound very much I guess I told you that I want a house where I shall be relatively

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near the caves so I can hear the rain. It is a very soothing and comforting sound and makes me [scratched out word] feel very safe and secure inside from all the rain. I almost forgot to tell you about the letter I got from Mac today. He had forgotten to tell me, when he was here last week, of an idea he has been turning over in his mind. He wants to do a book, [scratched out word] probably a children's

book, on the two little Chinese boys his outfit has adopted – T-bone and Wish Bone – and he wants me to do illustrations for it. I don't know how successful it would be, but it would be fun and very good experience to do the work. It would be something quite worthwhile to work at. Don't you think it is a good idea.

Well Darling, I'm awfully sleepy so if you'll give me a nice, long, sweet goodnight kiss I shall take my leave of you for the present to meet you in a dream and tell you that

I love you with every bit of me and shall

Forever

Freddie