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New LBilibid Prison

APO 75, Frisco

Bunny Darling;

The above address is not a new mailing address, you will still send my mail to the Command, the above address is merely by way of letting you know that I am on my three day pass and that [sic] I am spending it at the prison as I told you I would. I got here yesterday and in the activity of the day I did not get [crossed out words] to write to you. I am being sure that I will get one written today by [crossed out word] taking time off this afternoon to write to you.

This morning I went to the prison with Mac and looked around [sic] the place. There are a lot of prisoners here including General Yamashita and a raft of other general. I have a picture of Yamashita which I will send to you as soon as I show it to the fellows back at the battery. The prisoners seem to be quite happy about the whole thing and look as if they were treated all right. They were all pretty hard at work this morning, I did not get to do any good sketches but I did get a good look around and can do some sketches from memory to give you an idea of what it is like.

Mac got a letter from a friend of his who lived in the Union. This fellow is now vacationing at Copper Harbor, Mich and from his description of the place it is an ideal one for a honeymoon. The letterhead on the stationery he used states that they rent housekeeping cottages. It is on Lake Superior and is about the northernmost point in the state according to what he told us. It sounds like a very wonderful place to spend part of our honeymoon. Since there is a resort there [crossed out word] there must be a dance hall and some other amusements there. Do you know anything about the place? If so would you let me

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know what you think of the place.

I am tired as the devil today. I played volleyball all yesterday afternoon and am stiff as the devil today. I feel and skinned my knee during the game. As a result, my leg is quite stiff today. All in all, my idea of this as a rest camp was slightly erroneous. Tomorrow we are supposed to go down to another camp where they are getting in new prisoners and I will get a chance to do some sketches of them just as they come in. The ones here were mostly clothed in GI clothing and were not too colorful.

At the present time six men are actively engaged in trying to electrocute themselves – quite successfully [sic] too. They have a radio which only plays sporadically and not very well then. They are trying to find out what is wrong and everyone wants to have a hand in the job. At the rate they are going there will be no radio left. They just took it outside to try it on some other line to see if it will work there.

Everyone here was asking how you were and they all want me to say hello to you for them. It seems good to talk about you to someone who knows you. I wish I were able to talk with you instead though, that would be infinitely better. I assure you that talk is not all I have in mind when I say that I would like to be with you because we would have many things to do besides conversing. I am very anxious to start doing them with you too Honey. I think that Mac and Jere intend getting married when

he gets back. I know Mac wants to. Jere is not sure that she wants to go back to school to finish. She has a good job and hates to leave it. I think she will probably go back though because Mac is encouraging her to.

Mac finally caught on to Barbara Fernside who is a bitch in the true sense of the word. I guess you know that she broke

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off with Harry, the fellow she was engaged to. The other day she called up Jere and tried to get her to go out on a double date with her and her new fiancée [sic]. I think she is trying to see what she can do about breaking up Mac and Jere. She is just no good at all. I always thought so but Mac and the others thought she was all right. She epitomizes everything I do not like in a woman. I am always especially thankful that I have you whenever I run across anyone like that because I just think of how miserable life would be with such a person as her and then I think of the good fortune I have in being loved by you. I love you. I love you. I love you. Do you understand that? I wish I could make myself better understood when I say that but it is impossible to tell you with words alone. What I need is to be with you so I can show you just what I mean. I am going to enjoy the task of showing you how much I love you because it is a job which will take at least a lifetime because my love will grow with each passing day and I will have to keep abreast of the increase in letting you know how I do love you. I wish so much that you were with me now and that we were on our honeymoon. You would be lying on the bed and would look so very seductive Darling. I just couldn't resist you. Then, in much less time than it takes to tell it, I would be right there beside you making love to you. That is just exactly where I belong always, not thousands of miles away from you as I am now. Darling, Darling, when I get back to you I shall never leave you again. I want to be with you every hour of the day every day.

You told me a while ago that you were going to make a scrapbook which would take up where the other one left off. Have you started it yet Honey? Don't forget that when you get it done I want to see it. You want to include everything on our furlough

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It was such a perfect furlough, although it would have been much better if we had been married then. Do you remember our evening strolls down by the beach, and the time we went swimming and then had to wash our feet when we got back. I guess Mom thought I was killing you the way she dashed in when you were yelling because I was scrubbing your feet. Then the evenings we sat up in the living room. I can still remember the way you looked on the train ride. You looked just like an angel sleeping with your head on my shoulder I can remember every minute of that time, especially when I gave you the ring. You looked and were the most beautiful woman in the world and grew progressively more beautiful for me after that. No other woman could ever start to compare with you Sweetheart, you are so far above all the others. We had a lot of fun shopping for the ring too. Those were some of the happiest days of my life but they are nothing as compared to the days to come when I have returned to you. Then life will really start for me, and for you too Darling. I have to leave you now but I will be back tomorrow to let you know how I am getting along here. Until then my Darling remember that

I love you with all my heart and soul.