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Bunny my beautiful Darling;

It is a very hot day here. Everyday is though. I want to get home where I can feel comfortable again. Of course the only reason I'd want to be home for is the change of weather. Well, maybe the fact that I'd be with you would have a little to do with my wanting to get back. Since you force the truck from me, I must admit that you are THE reason I want to get back. I think you should know Honey, that I am very warm for your form and that I love you very much. You are a very sweet wife and I do appreciate you. Never fear about that Sweetheart. It will take you at least a lifetime to learn how much I appreciate you and teaching you this will be my very pleasant life's work. All else will be subordinated to this task. I am sure you will be a very cooperative student and that the task will be mutually pleasant. Don't forget to set aside the rest of your life for the lessons, you won't have time for anything else.

It is very gratifying to hear that the occupation is progressing so peacefully and satisfactorily [sic]. If it continues thusly, and I trust it shall, my return home will be hastened quite a bit. All the talk of getting us home sounds very good. I think that, if the tentative schedule of discharges holds good, I stand a very good chance of being with you on my 25th birthday.

I want to do a little apologizing now Honey. I just got two letters from you today and I find that the reason why I got numbers 18 and 20 almost a week apart is because you wrote two number 18 letters. Am I forgiven for giving you the devil. I didn't really give you

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the devil though, I just called it to your attention. It seemed so good to get two letters from you honey. They were very nice letters too. Isn't that the way it always happens though. Whenever anything is said about receiving letters too seldom, the next day brings with it a flood of letters. Never again will I say anything. Honest. I will also try to remedy my present habit of stretching a letter over two days, since you say you'd rather get two separate letters even if each is short. Let me remind you though that I am not alone in this habit.

Now to get off this topic to things gayer:

The mystery of your temporary job is now explained. I just got the letter telling me that you were working temporarily for Loomis. You seem to be turning out a lot of work for him. Are you typing? I guess you must be, although you told me you didn't care much for typing.

Later the same day –

Coming past the mail room I was greeted by a very nice sight; there on top of all the packages was one from you. Of course I can't get it till mail call at 5:30, I have twenty minutes to wait yet, but it is nice knowing that I have one there. I wonder what can be in this one. It's a fair sized package too.

What kind of work was **Dr. Soonis** doing in Europe anyway? It must have been work for UNRRA since he is a sociologist. My! My! MSC is just filthy with celebrities ain't it? While on the subject of the

faculty of MSC may I ask if Mr. Christ – Jamer is still there or not. I think someone, you most likely, told me that he had left there. If he has left would you tell me who is replacing him.

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It's very nice of Peggy to paint those glasses for you. What kind of paint does she use and what kind of job is she doing? I'm just curious to know, that's all. You got the glasses ready quite a while before Pop's birthday didn't you?

I'm glad the college is going to build the apartments anyway. They should be completed just about in time for us to move into one of them next fall when I start school – next year fall that is. I wonder if we can put in our application early, before it is completed. I think I'll inquire about that when I write the college to inquire about courses, transfer of credits, etc. I wish we could get an apartment with a bedroom, living room, kitchen, and bath. That would be just about large enough. If we could use our own furniture, it would be quite easy to furnish it. Our Cherrywood bedroom set would just about do half the job of furnishing the place. I'm quite sure that, if the college furnishes the apartments, someone will see to it that twin beds get into them. Twin beds are one thing which I cannot tolerate. I like a big single bed. Having twin beds, a couple might just as well live in separate rooms, I want you right there by my side – always.

George Durham just went out to stand mail call. He should be back in a very few minutes with my package. Oh! Oh! It seems that the damned mail clerk is out playing softball now and so we have to await his return.

He just got back and I have the package and have opened it. It was the one with the "Desert island Decameron", colored pencils, sardines, and two cans which I believe contain cookies. I haven't opened them yet. Thank

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you very much Sweetheart. It was a very nice package. It only took a month to get here too because the postmark shows that it was mailed in July. That's damned just service. Soon packages will be getting here as fast as air mail. The "Decameron" looks as though it would be pleasant reading. I have more reading matter now than I know what to do with.

I have already heard the two jokes you sent me in your last letter – the war worker and the Secret Agents. It was a long time ago that I heard them though so they were still appreciated.

So you want to take my brother Arthur and shake him do you? I'm afraid you had better not try it because he is quite a rugged boy. I agree with you that he should finish school, and I think he will now that Pauline is on his neck. I know how he felt though. It would seem rather strange to him to be going to school with sixteen and seventeen year olds, I think this will be remedied if he takes a correspondence course. He just had to take two more courses to get his diploma, he could work and study at the same time and still finish inside of a year. I think this would be his wisest move.

Lay that pistol down Lady. I didn't know that you would take my remark, about your inability to get a tan, so to heart. I just thought you were one of the people who do not get sunburns. There are some you know. I assure you it was not means as an insult. I based my opinion on a phrase from one of

your letters where you said that, when I returned, I would surely put you to shame with the beautiful tan I would have. I thought then that you meant that you didn't tan.

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I'm sorry to hear that your views on compulsory military training are not the same as mine. I don't know wherein our views differ but I do know that I can see no earthly reason for having it. A regular standing army, increased over the pre war size, and extensive scientific research are, to my mind, the only requisites for security. These measures would guarantee us more security than a nation of people with a mere shattering of training in the use of outmoded weapons and outmoded techniques of warfare. The new weapons we have obviate the necessity for large forces of men and lay stress on the desirability of having mentioned in the use of advanced technical instruments and weapons. Our defeat of Japan was achieved without the landing of a single man on its' shore, don't ever forget that. We would be even more secure if we promoted understanding among the people of the earth and started right out in our own country. The different peoples of the earth know very little of one another and, in this case particularly, ignorance breeds distrust. If we could understand and respect one another we will have gone a long mile in the way of permanent peace. Tell me, someday when you have time, just how you disagree with me on the question of compulsory military training. I will tell you this, Honey, that I do not want any of our children to go through this very phony set up. It does no one any good. I want to get back where we can discuss such things and where I can see just what your views are based on and tell you what I base my ideas on. Of course I don't want to get back to you just so we can discuss ideas. There are

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Other subjects which will take up just about all our time. Other more pleasant topics. I'm very anxious to get back to you so you need never ask me to get back to you soon because I will be there not one minute later than I can help. I wish I could be there right now because any time after right now will be too long to suit me. Darling, Darling, I love you so that my love just well up inside me until it seems that I just can't contain it all. Since you are not with me so I can pour my love out to you, it just keeps growing and growing. When I am back with you Honey, you are going to be inundated in the flood of love which shall be loosed upon you,

I love you with all my heart and soul.

Freddie