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Monday

Dear Sweetheart:

Another day's past and I have accomplished nothing constructive. This morning all I did was police the area and do a little shilling. This afternoon I had a dental examination k laid out all my clothes for inspection k had myself checked off the supply list, played a couple games of volleyball – the team I played on split-, and then played penny ante and won 89¢. See what I mean when I say that I accomplished nothing constructive. After I played a little horseshoes which was a lot of fun, when to the PX, came back to see the company area where I saw the film "The Battle of China", and now I'm writing this letter after which I will shower and then go to bed hoping again to dream of you.

God Sweetheart but this last weekend went by so fast that it's almost impossible to believe I was there until I think of what happened and how nice it all was while it lasted and then, Darling, I grow very thankful that I am fortunate to be engaged to such a wonderful person and thank God that one day she will be my wife. I do love you so very much Darling that I know every day for the duration will be an empty eternity. There will always be the prospect

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of our life together after the war to look forward to and that will be so very worth waiting for Sweet.

I now have a fairly full beard and I dread the prospect of shaving tonight because it is really going to pull to beat the devil. I'll have to use a new blade and grit my teeth.

Darling, I suppose I can tell you this now that it is all over and was all right. You see, I was not supposed to leave here last Saturday when I did but was supposed to wait until after retreat at 5:15 PM. This first sergeant I told you about who is such a stinker refused to give me the pass and even refused me permission to speak to the C.O. to ask him for a pass. This got me boiling mad so I just said to hell with it and packed by bag, got one of my tentmates to agree to pick up my pass for me at nite, [sic] and took off. It was such a darned irritating thing because I had the whole day off and yet even refused to give me the pass. As it was I got off and nobody knew anything about my being gone. Mattes [sic] picked up my pass Saturday nite [sic] and I handed it back and signed in Sunday nite [sic] when I got back. I didn't tell you because

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I knew you'd worry about it if I did tell you. Nothing happened so it was all right. The only bad luck I had all week end was missing that noon train and forgetting the ticket, but the weekend was so very much fun that little things like that don't matter much at al.

I got the letter you send me last Friday or Saturday – I forgot which – and it was very nice to hear from you again. I love you!!! You know that don't you? I also got a nice letters from Jimi Martin and from Mon. It's nice to get mail.

Tonite [sic] I dropped into the supply room to speak to Touma [sic] and he told me to bring in my field jacket and he'd swap it for a combat jacket. I am now the proud possessor of one of the new combat jackets size 34 and it fits very well. I'll be a well-dressed soldier yet.

Tonite [sic] a few of the fellows have gone to town tonite [sic] despite the restriction. I have to desire to however and had a lot more fun playing horseshoes. It's the first time I've played in about five years and the first time I've played with regulation shoes – I always played with real horseshoes before. I'm quite proud because I made as many ringers as anyone did and all the other fellows

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are more or less veterans.

I'm chumming around with Roger Thomas now, his wife went home during the last part of last week so he's quite unhappy about the whole thing.

Tonite [sic] in the movies there was one scene that really had everyone on the edge of their seats. It was a shot of King Farouk of Egypt's dancing girls doing an Egyptian dance a la Cleopatra complete with exotic bumps and grinds. That was enough to bring out the wolf in anyone and remind me of how much I'd like to be with you at the cottage on our honeymoon right now. That would be wonderful. I'll be so glad when we are on our honeymoon Sweet. It will be the most wonderful time ever enjoyed by two people. I love you so very much and in closing I remind you that all my thoughts and all my love are with you.

Always

Freddy