

Thursday –

Dolores Darling;

I miss you! That's rather a queer way to start a letter I suppose but it's true, I do miss you terribly Darling, more and more every day.

Tonite [sic] another of your letters came. They are very welcome and make me feel very good when I get them. I like to get them at nite [sic] more than any other time because if I get them in the noon mail I know I won't get any at nite [sic] and if I don't get them at noon I can always look forward to getting one at nite. [sic]

Only two more days to go till Saturday. If I have no details over the week end I'm going to get a pass and go into Lansing. If I do get [scratched out word] stuck with a detail I'll call you up

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during the week end at any rate. I hope I have the time off because I want to see you very much.

Today we had our usual morning schedule of anatomy & physiology during which the lieutenant called on one fellow to answer some questions. The fellow knew none of the answers but was not going to commit himself to anything so when the lieutenant asked him if he had been there Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday the fellow just said "Perhaps". This rather flabbergasted the Lt. who retired quietly behind a clearing of the throat.

This afternoon we went on our hike, which was very easy and almost enjoyable except for a little rain which we encountered. We visited a general hospital in the field. It was set up by some boys who are doing what we will be doing in about three months or so – they were on a biv

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ouac and were sleeping out in little pup tents in sleeping bags. The hospital consisted of sixty very large field ward tents. The place looked like a four ring circus. It didn't look too bad tho [sic] really and I think that bivouacking will be about as enjoyable a part of army life as I could have while I'm away from you.

It has really been cold here today. So cold in fact that this evening, for the first time in my checkered army career – except [scratched out word] for our wrestling class – I am wearing my winter underwear. It's self defense tho [sic] because we can't wear our winter uniform and the summer uniform by itself is too cool. I think the temperature was below freezing most of the day.

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One result of that physical exam yesterday is that tomorrow nite [sic] I got for a dental check. I think I'll have a tooth pulled and a couple of other filled. I hope that's all. They'll have a fight on their hands if they want to do any more.

There are a lot of people here at the U.S.O. doing handicraft work. They are making leather pieces such as wallets, notebook covers etc. Maybe I'll try something someday soon. I'll have to find something to do to keep me busy because I don't want to spend any more time than I have to hanging around the company area and the U.S.O. is one of the cheapest forms of diversion that the [scratched

out word] city affords. Tomorrow nite [sic] before I got to the dentists I'm going to take in the picture "Gaslite" with Ingrid Bergman. Kennedy, Shergerman and Warren

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who also are with me tonite [sic] are going to go with me. I have a lot of fun sketching some of the characters around here during classes and in between classes. I'll be filling up notebooks wholesale.

Why isn't the war over so I could have you to help warm me up on these cold nites? [sic] That's all I want to marry you for you know. You're so nice and warm. You're so nice – you're so nice.

Ever's landlady pulled off a beautiful one the other day. She was talking to Ellis's wife and told her about the wonderful girl that had the room before they did. This wonderful girl was so lovely and all and she only took one hot water bath a week and always turned out lites [sic] behind her, never left the water

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running & was generally the kind of girl every landlady dreams of having as a tenant. Ellis finally got tired of listening to her and is moving.

I'll close now and attend a sketching class next door so goodbye darling.

I love you very much

Freddie