

Thursday

Darling;

We just discovered how to spend our time – until June 10th at least – inexpensively. The letter head explains all. The Masonic Service Center here is really wonderful. It's small and out of the way and not many people come here but it's a nice cheerful place and besides, they give free food, cokes, have free slot machines and just about anything else you could ask for. Bob and I have found a home here. Now we're going to try to find a nice family that would like to have two very charming young fellows over for food and liquids the next couple of Sundays. You understand don't you, I don't want any young ladies in the bargain, just food and drink, so you see that I'm behaving myself don't you Sweetheart? It is very nice here tho. [sic]

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I feel a little more presentable now that I have some clean sun tans on. The others were really sadly in need of the attentions of a bar of soap. Now I have to pick up two pair of trousers which I left at the U.S.O. to be taken in. I hope they're ready. I'm leaving here on my way there now. I'll be back in a minute Darling.

U.S.O.

I got almost all the way here when I remembered that I had forgotten my India ink at the Masonic Temple so I had to walk all the way back there to get it. Shugerman walked back with me so I didn't mind it much.

It's awfully hot here for some strange reason. I'll be glad when the sun goes down and it cools off a little. My new sun tans will be a mess the rate I'm perspiring now.

Today was another easy day for me – they are so frequent around here. We did have to drill for two hours this morning in preparation for a

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parade in honor of a visitting [sic] Chinese General who is scheduled to be here tomorrow nite. [sic] After the parade we went to a lecture on the emergency treatment packets which have to be carried into battle by the medics. The officer who gave the lecture was very confused and flustered and kept repeating that "The right hand packet which I am hold in my right hand – this one – is called the right hand packet and is worn on the right hand side which is why I am holding it in my right hand." This routine was repeated for the left hand packet – both the medical packet and the dental packet. We all just laid in the sun on the grass & poured grass down one another's backs and kidded while the officer tried frantically to find something to talk about for two hours which he was sure to know we would not be interested in.

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This afternoon we had a lecture on loading wounded men in an ambulance. As soon as the lecture and demonstration started the storm clouds started gathering and the officer kept trying to ignore them and continue to speak finally with a [scratched out word] final clash of thunder and flash of lightning the sky opened up and we all scattered and headed back for camp on a dead run leaving him standing all alone. We spent the rest of the afternoon in our tents while the rain poured down. It was wonderful. At

present, the sun is out again and all is well with the world once more. I wish that would happen every day so we could spend all our afternoons doing bunk fatigue.

It would be a nice [scratched out word] nite [sic] out for walking because it's quite cool out now. I'll be glad when you come out here Darling, I'm sure you'll enjoy your visit very much because everything out here is quite nice. Even the city of Rockford itself is nice.

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My jaw is just about healed now. I have just a little stiffness in the jaw but I guess that also will go away shortly. I'm just about set for another trip to the dentist's now – probably my final one I hope. I've been to the dentist more in the past week than I have in all the rest of my life and have minded it less. They have very good medical facilities here which is one good thing.

I just heard that AST is reopening – languages and all. That is a great laugh, especially after all the to do they had about doing away with it. They are supposed to take $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the Army's personnel in it this time altho [sic] the requirements are the same as they were the last time. It would be rather nice to start in all over again but this is out of the question for such as I.

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Bob is really making a dust in the cookie jar here. Everytime [sic] we come here he hovers over the cookie jars like a vulture. I don't care too much for the cookies they have here or I'd be right in there with him. I like the Masonic Temple better for food.

I think I'll close now and go downstairs to do a little sketching. They have some model down there every Thursday nite [sic] so I'll see if this weeks is worth sketching. Bye now Darling I'll be back tomorrow. Take care of yourself and give yourself a great big hug and kiss and remember Honey that

I love you

Freddie