

Tuesday –

Darling;

I've been a bad boy today. They came out with some orders that really got my goat and so I am sitting out the bike tonite [sic] out of sheer orneriness. Bob and I came to the Service Club instead of going on the hike. I doubt if they'll ever find out the difference because the greater part of the boys had to report to one of the classrooms for a talk on malaria control so I can always tell them I went there.

We did not get paid today after all and were told we might get paid Thursday or Friday but not to count on it – added to everything else, I find I just ran out of ink. I don't know what to do if I don't get paid. Our C.O. gets me do darned sick and tired. He won't do a darned thing about getting [scratched out word] us paid because he's afraid he'll get in trouble.

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They cut out our ten minute breaks between classes and today we only had half hour off for dinner. Then they read us off a list of threats such as busting any non coms for passing a piece of paper without picking it up, failure to salute officers and staff cars and a million and one other things like that. Then if we are sitting down for a class and an officer goes by within thirty paces we are to leap to our feet and salute him. Most of the boys are really ready to do almost anything no fooling. I wouldn't be at all surprised to see an epidemic of AWOLism here after we do get paid. I've been in quite a few outfits but never had to contend with any of this stuff before. It's really terrific. I wish there were some way of getting out into some other branch of the service. Anything would be better than this no fooling.

It was quite warm today. It rained for awhile and interrupted one of our classes thank God. That was the only good thing that happened all day.

We played some football today and I banged up my knee a little.

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It isn't bad, I just raised a goose egg on it. It'll probably be slightly lame in the morning.

I got a letter from Gene Goldfader today. He's getting along quite well but has to do a lot of work because most of the other truck drivers are on furlough. He and some of the other boys are going to Chicago Saturday and wanted to meet Bob and I there. I'll have to write and decline his invitation. I have something much more important to do this weekend. My very best girl friend is coming here and I wouldn't miss seeing her for anything at all. I still have to pinch myself to be sure it's true that you'll be here this week, Sweet. I do love you so very much and want to be with you as much as I can. I hope you can make that early train in here. It would be swell if you could. You're cutting time very close tho [sic] aren't you when you leave thirteen minutes time to get to the train station. I think you'll make it all right tho [sic] because the train station is right close.

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You're not having much trouble reading this are you? I'll have to keep a better check on my ink supply so I'll have some all the time.

I hope I'm able to get a haircut here before I meet you. I certainly look more like a sheep dog than ever now.

Tomorrow nite [sic] I think I'll call you up and reverse the charges then pay your folks when I get paid. I don't think they'd mind & I could find out for sure just when you'll get in here.

Oh, to be back in East Lansing again. I'd really love that. It was so nice being there with you Sweetheart. It's a shame it ever had to end. All good things do tho. [sic] They'll just go on forever tho [sic] as soon as the war is over and we're together once more.

Guess I'll close now and try to find a cooler place where I can listen to the band and daydream of you. I'll see you Friday Darling.

With all my love

Freddie