

Wednesday

Sweetheart;

I just got back from our nite [sic] problem and so this letter will be rather short. I'll do better tomorrow nite [sic] when I am C.Q. I'll have plenty of time for letter writing then.

We were just given some good news. Beside our furloughs of five days plus travelling time we are all getting three day passes which start Wednesday nite [sic] at midnite [sic] and are good until Sunday nite [sic] at midnite. [sic] I'm not quite positive but believe that I can get mine the week end after next. That would be approximately July 8th. This would be wonderful because I could be with you Thursday nite [sic] and all day Friday Saturday and most of Sunday. I'll let you know as soon as I get any

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thing definite on it. I'm almost positive I can make it that weekend tho. [sic] It'll certainly be wonderful.

They also asked us about our furloughs today and wanted to know how many of us did not want them. They certainly did not hear from me because I want to get that furlough as soon as possible and take you home with me but fast Darling. I don't know why they are so nice to us suddenly, I guess it's because P.O.M. is just about over and they don't have to worry about that any more.

Our nite [sic] problem today was pitching shelter tents. I rolled my pack and went out with the company to pitch shelter tents. By a [scratched out word] strange coincidence I happened to be the last man in the line and since they had an odd number of men and I was left alone, I did not have to unroll my pack to pitch tents bust just watched the other instead. It was great fun. All we did was

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set up the tents – five minutes work – and then sit down and tell jokes for the other three and three quarter hours. It was a great farce no fooling but very little work, so I liked it quite well.

Today, among other things, we had a class in the administrations of enemas. Such stuff they teach us here. It's quite a procedure and all very scientific don't you know. There are all kinds of solutions they use and these are of carrying strengths. The last resort compound contains soap suds, glycerine [sic] (in here it acts like nitro glycerine [sic]), Epson salts, and a tablespoonful of turpentine is added for garnishing – all this is a fact no fooling. I hear that ordinance is testing it for it's potential explosive qualities.

The instructor also told us how to bathe a patient and said that we were to wash far as poss

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ible and then let the patient himself wash "possible". Some of these fellows have a great sense of humor.

Three days have gone by since I saw you last and I miss you three times as much Honey. It's awful missing you as much as I do and not being able to do a thing about it. I have that three day pass and the furlough to look forward to at least and that is something. I do love you immensely Sweet. It really alarms me at times when I realize how my capacity to love you just grows and grows until it seems that it is just endless. It's amazing, really, that something like this could happen to me because it's

something that never happened to me on this scale before and it rather frightening at times when I stop to think about it, but then I remember that you love me too and that makes everything seem wonderful again. The sum and substance of all this is just that I want to tell you again that I love you.

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I've got to get to bed now Sweetheart, it's getting quite late and I have the infiltration course coming up tomorrow. We have to crawl about a hundred yards while machine guns fire over our heads and land mines go off around us. It isn't bad really altho [sic] it sounds bad. I haven't met anyone yet who ever had any trouble on them. It's all part of P.O.M.

Goodnite [sic] now. Sleep tite. [sic] I'll meet you in this next dream.

All my love and Kisses

Freddie