

Thursday

Sweetheart

Again I will attempt to typewrite you a letter only thing time I will dispense with the formality of punctuation im [sic] sure youll [sic] forgive me

I am one very tired boy today we went over the infiltration course and I would like to be quoted as saying that it was one of my very worst experiences of my army career first theyhad [sic] us put on some fatigues which had been worn by everyone who had been over the course from time immemorial. A fact which was very apparent since the clothes were soaking wet and caked with mud I never felt so darned dirty in my life then we crawled over a practice course 50 yards long I know 50 yards doesn't sound like much when you say it but when you crawl it inch by inch on your stomach thru [sic] nice rich Illinois mud while wearing a garment with the texture of coarse sandpaper your idea of that length is increased hundredfold before I had fully recovered from that they led us over a very torturous route to the real mccoys [sic] an infiltration course 75 yards long with explosive charges that really were not fooling and machine guns firing over our heads with their bullets kicking up little spurts of dust to remind us that they were for keeps I skun [sic] my knees and elbows on this one and generally wore myself out it was all a sad thing and is better forgotten

Tonite [sic] I received my first letter from you this week and it was wonderful to hear from you darling I was sorry to hear that you didn't have a pleasant trip back and that you got in at so late an hour and had to go to work early the next morning I know just how you must have felt because that's just the way I felt Monday morning awful feeling isnt [sic] it

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Im [sic] glad you are looking up the train schedules for trains going to boston because id [sic] have a little trouble checking on them from here especially trying to coordinate the train schedules from Chicago with those from lansing [sic] it would be swell to save [scratched out words] all the time we could so we could be together as much as possible I have to travel on coach if I want my furlough rate ticket and ill [sic] have to get that or pay more than twice the furlough fare that would not be too hot an arrangement because I have to watch the money for the ring fund – right its usually a rather tiresome trip but this time it will be much different it will at least be fun being with you no matter how long a trip it is

At the present time I am on cq it's a nice time to catch up on my correspondence I have off all day tomorrow so I guess [scratched out words] I will sleep until noon eat and then go into town in order to stay out of harms way [sic] bob will probably come in at about six oclock [sic] and we will have to drop in to the Miami for a few drinks because he wont be here over the weekend and I owe him a few we like to go to the Miami because tjere [sic] are always quite a lot of characters in there there's a vivacious platinum blonde who plays the piano and who is a constant source of bewilderment to bob she tries to make every man who comes into the place and just bubbles all over the place the amazing part of it all is that she can really play the organ the proprietress of the miami [sic] who is a very short and heavily made up bleached blond and resembles nothing quite so much as the madame of a house of ill fame get extremely perturbed at the antics of our elfin friend particularly when she starts letting the boys buy her drinks so the sparks start to fly its just like watching a show then too

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The customers who come in the place are funny the crowd they get there is pretty good tho [sic] in spite of all this

Bob just got back from the show here it was a picture called the mask of dmitrios or some such stuff he said it was quite good so ill [sic] probably take it in tomorrow afternoon for want of anything better to do everything seems so darned empty when youre not here to share it with me ill [sic] be awfully glad when you are with me permanently sweetheart because it is so much nicer to share experiences with someone you love very much you can get so much more pleasure out of things that way

Another storm seems to be in the offing right now the one thing you can invariable depend on out here is the unexpected appearance of these Illinois showers we had one last nite [sic] which caught us with out tentflaps [sic] down in the doorway of the tent so I had to rise at about one oclock [sic] in the morning to fasten the doorflaps [sic] so we wouldn't float away in our sleep

Guess ill [sic] have to close now because another fellow wants to use the typewriter goodnite [sic] sweetheart I miss you an awful lot and hope I get that three day pass soon because I do want to see you very badly we could spend quite a bit of time together when I get it as I told you in yesterdays letter im [sic] almost positive I will get it the second weekend in july

I love you and send you all my love

And a great big hug and kiss

Freddie