

Friday

Dolores Sweetheart;

Just think I have a day off now. Of course half my day was spent in sleeping or rather in trying to sleep because the flies bothered me so much that I just couldn't get to sleep without being disturbed. The rest of the fellows went on that ten mile hike this morning and were really dead tired. They had to carry full field packs plus the two medical kits, and that is quite a heavy load. I'm just as glad to have missed out on that because it was no fun at all.

Maybe I won't do anything at all tonite [sic] except go to the G.I. movie because Bob may not be able to get into town since tonite [sic] is clean up nite. [sic] If he isn't here by quarter till eight I'm going to grab a bus back and go to see that "Mask of Dmitrios" picture. Bob saw it and said that it was quite a good picture.

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After I had eaten this noon I got a nice letter from you. You need never fear about my telling your mother I know about the scrap book. Your secret is safe with me. I'm rather glad you told me because you haven't really given away any secret, I still have not seen the comments in the book and it was nice to know that you were thoughtful enough to start one Darling. Have I ever told you I love you. I may have told you so before but I'm sure I never told you so enough times. I'd like to just go thru [sic] life telling you that all the time. Every day brings the time when that will be a reality a little closer. I'm really not much good to anyone except you because I can't keep you off my mind at all. I just keep thinking of you and of me and of our future together.

I came to town after cleaning up the tent and dented my bankroll by making out a couple of money orders to

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pay off my debts. Thank God that's out of the way and I won't have to think about that for a while. I still owe the University of New Hampshire about \$20 which I will have to pay them out of my next couple of pays. Then, however, my slate will be clean.

All the fellows have been asking me when we're going to be married. They all seem to think we intend to be married soon for some reason or other. Evers just asked me this [scratched out word] afternoon and told me it was really wonderful to be married, that there was nothing like it.

This morning I was awakened by a nice sweet feminine voice saying "it's time to get up". At about 2:00 AM I got tired of trying to stay awake so I called the operator and asked her to wake me up at 4:30, so at 4:30 promptly the telephone rang and while I was still asleep I picked up the receiver and heard that nice little message. The army's much different these days.

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The officers seem to be letting up on us a little now that the greater part of POM is finished. Today one of the colonels went on the hike with the boys and personally examined their feet for blisters during the break and passed out some salt pills to all the boys so they wouldn't be so hard hit by the heat. It really was hot too.

My shirt pocket was just sewed back on by the Navy Mother's Tailoring Service. That's the pocket that just about dropped off the shirt when I took the gas flap off. I also bought some stripes for this shirt and they sewed those on too. I have one very weather beaten shirt which I'll turn in for one with a larger neck size. Maybe I'll get a new shirt out of the deal.

Salvage just came back today and I am now the proud possessor of some brand new fatigues with pockets like

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saddlebags. They look rather weird but are quite handy, the large pockets furnishing lots of room. The shoes that I got back from salvage were old shoes which had been rebuilt. That doesn't matter much tho [sic] because now all soldiers when they go overseas are equipped with combat shoes which are the type paratroopers wear. You don't have to wear leggings with those shoes. The leggings are a nuisance to put on and take off all the time altho [sic] I can now do it in a very short time.

Guess I'll close now Sweetheart and get outside where Bob will be able to find me if he comes to town. Goodbye Honey, I love you and will soon be with you again for a few days.

All my Love and Kisses

Freddie

How do you like the Masonic Temple's new stationery? Nice, isn't it?