

Saturday

Good Morning Darling;

Saturday morning. It's quite nice out but I'm afraid it will be a nice hot day a little later. We don't have much to do until four o'clock when we have mass athletics so I guess I'll probably survive.

Bob and I are going to either Madison or Milwaukee today. We don't know which it will be – probably Milwaukee. We're going to unflex our thumbs for Transportation. We just want to get away from Rockford. The atmosphere around here is very depressing and we need a change of air. Milwaukee is about 90 miles away and offers a lot of things for the soldier. I don't know where we'd stay, or anything else, but I think we'd manage all right without having to pay very much for our weekend.

I was told that our three day passes could come at two different times. They could either [scratched out word] extend from Wednesday at midnite [sic] until Monday morning, in which case I would have all day Saturday with you but would leave Lansing on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 P.M. The

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other way would be to take a pass from Saturday evening until Wednesday at midnite. [sic] This would mean that I would spend all day Sunday from 5:30 AM on in Lansing but would not be able to spend Saturday with you. Which do you think would be best Darling. Let me know right away won't you. I think the getting off Wednesday nite [sic] would be best but am not quite sure just when your free time is so tell me what is best won't you Honey?

Monday

Sorry I couldn't finish this Darling but I had to get an early start to go to Milwaukee with Bob last Saturday. We did not want to stay around Rockford and wanted to see something new so we decided to go up into Wisconsin. We thumbed up there and had quite a time, passing thru [sic] a few very nice towns which were reminiscent of New England with their elmshaded trees lining the streets. After we had just about given up hope of getting a ride out of Elkhorn we started to thumb

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back to Delavan when a car stopped and gave us a ride straight into Milwaukee where we contacted a hotel room thru [sic] the U.S.O. It was about the only one left in town and we had to pay \$5.50 for it but it was pretty nice.

Tuesday

I had to leave the letter last nite [sic] to go out on bivouac Darling. That means that last [scratched out word] nite [sic] I slept out under the stars in a little tent. A grueling experience because between the mosquitos & the hard ground I got no sleep to speak of. When I got back here at 6:00 A.M. this morning I had my choice of breakfast or a shower and the way I felt the shower won out so you can see that I felt rather uncomfortable. It was a nice nite [sic] tho [sic] and I think that I might have enjoyed the experience had you been there for company.

Just think, when you get this letter I'll most likely be with you, Sweet. That'll be wonderful Darling. It'll be so good to be with you again. Then in three

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more weeks I may get my furlough. Seeing you for almost two full weeks out of five will be more than I ever dared hope for before the end of the war. After the war you'll really see a lot of me – all the time, everywhere you look, there I'll be and we'll enjoy every minute of that time together too Honey. I can hardly wait. You're the most wonderful person I've ever had the pleasure of meeting and I love you so much that it defies description.

Well, Beautiful, I guess I'd better close this letter now if I want to get it in the mail so Goodbye Darling. I'll see you immediately if I haven't already seen you.

I love you with all my heart

Freddie