

Wednesday

My Darling;

I got a letter from you today and want to tell you that it was wonderful hearing from you. I just miss you terribly Sweetheart. I guess that furlough spoiled me too because now I'd like to be with you all the time and am not very happy when I'm not with you.

Mom wrote me a letter today and told me how much everyone in Lynn liked you. She said Aunt Al and Aunt Bunny both thought you were wonderful and, as for Dad, he is urging her to invite you back for another visit as soon as possible and Mom is getting just a little bit jealous I think. Hmm! Maybe I should be too.

Mom sent me a card from a friend of mine who I've owed a letter to for over a year. He graduated from school at

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Lowry Field with me. I'll have to answer his letter soon. He was a darned nice fellow and hailed from sunny California.

I had a very lazy day today and did very little except sleep and read an Agatha Christie thriller entitled "Murder In Three Acts". It wasn't too good but was the only thing available. We were supposed to have eight hours of class on Field Medical Units and the officers, realizing how futile it would be to try to talk for eight hours on a subject that could be covered in less than one hour, let us sleep to our hearts content all day long.

Our hike has been cut down to nine miles and starts at eight o'clock tomorrow morning. That is much better than a nineteen mile hike. I lost the heel [scratched out word] on one of my shoes and will have to go on the hike that way. I now

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walk with a nice little limp due to the difference in height of the shoes now. It feels queer as the devil. I can't get any traction with that shoe now. It's a lot of fun.

Bob, Bill Barnhardt and I came in town, dined at the Masonic Service Center's expense, took some of their Stationery and are now at the USO writing. We intend to spend a quiet and uneventful evening here.

So you think the Decameron treats only with one subject, eh? Well, I will have to admit that most of the plots are very closely concerned with sex but they are not all the same. There are all types of love stories in it – the gay and humorous, the sad, the stories of true love

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returned, and stories of unrequited love. I rather enjoyed some of the stories. A lot of Chaucer's stories are stolen from the Decameron, that is, the stories in the Canterbury tales were largely the Tales of the Decameron told in English.

Mom wrote and told me that my cousin Foster's bride now has a cold. How very strange and also very funny. I'll have to kid Foster about it when I write to him. I guess what Swifty told me about honeymoon colds must be true. You'd better be prepared for our honeymoon Darling, or don't you think you'll catch cold?

I'm very glad to hear that everyone likes the ring Sweet. I do too, but I love the girl who wears it ever so much more. She's wonderful and it's so hard to be away from her. She's a darling unequaled anywhere and I do love her.

I checked up on the guard roster last nite [sic] and found that I

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had not been given credit for guard duty that last time and that I am one of the most [scratched out word] eligible men in the company as far as guard duty goes. I think they put these other fellows on because they are shipping out soon. I hope so because I don't want to get stuck with that this coming Sunday. I want to see you.

Bill Barhardt has a list of courses offered to soldiers by mail thru the Armed Forces institute. I will take some of the courses offered by the Univ of Mich. And in that way will be able to get myself some credits which I know will be recognized by that school. I may be able to get in about a year's work in this way and if I can get my AST credits added in I'll really

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be about set on my BA and can get an early start on my Master's degree. That would help us a lot. We could even get started on Michael earlier that way. Don't you think it'd be a good idea to take some of these courses Darling? The Army pays almost all the expenses.

I'll leave you now Honey and try to catch up on some of my other correspondence. Goodbye Sweetheart. I hope and pray I won't get guard duty so I'll be able to see you this week end. Days are so long now.

I love you

Freddie