

Tuesday

Dolores Dearest;

I have spent a very enjoyable day doing nothing much except stay here in the Plans and Training tent and make myself scarce which I manage to do very ably these days. I had to have my vaccination checked this afternoon and at the same time I painted my feet once again with that purple dye. I hope it get his athlete's foot cleared up soon. It's a darned nuisance.

I guess you didn't write to me Sunday after all. I didn't think you would because you looked rather tired and heavy eyed Sunday. After all, you didn't have an awful lot of sleep Friday nite [sic] or Saturday nite [sic] either. I resent having to sleep when I'm with you. It's such a waste of time, unless of course I happen to be sleeping with you in which case Morpheus is forgiven and all is well with the world and especially with us.

Tonite [sic] there's another beer bust in the mess hall. I don't think I'll sit in on it tho [sic] because I don't care for 3.2% beer. It is very bitter and has

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very little kick. Maybe they'll have some tonic that I can imbibe and then go to the show to see Paulette Goddard and Sonny Tufts in "I Married A Soldier". It's on the post here. I still haven't exhausted the dime bank fund and have enough money to see me thru the show with a nickel to spare. I have that \$10 bill but I'll try to keep that intact.

Our company went out for mass athletics this afternoon and only 20 men showed up. I'll bet the C.O. really blows his top at retreat tonite. [sic] I'd like to see him because it won't do him a darned bit of good and may accuse us a little. All the fellows who work in this tent with me seems to be vying with me to see just who can do the least work.

Wednesday Morn

I just got your letter Darling and was very glad to hear from you. I'll try to get those stencils to you as soon as possible so you can get to work coloring the bottle. Just what size are the bottles anyway. I forgot to ask. Give me the height from [drawing of bottle with arrows saying 'here to here'] also the length of the neck of the bottle so I can make the stencils the right size.

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My guard duty Monday nite [sic] was really something. I had to get up at 2 AM and stay up from then on. It was rugged and I was quite tired yesterday. It was finny tho [sic] because I thought the corporal of the guard had relieved all his guard and sent them to bed so I just got the men on my guard up and sent them out. A half hour later the nite [sic] K.P. came up to the tent to ask me if I had someone to relieve a guard on Post No. 3 who had been there since 10 PM. The poor guy just stayed there waiting. I had to rush down and tell him he could go to bed. When I went out to relieve my shift in the morning I found one of them shaving in the latrine and the other two asleep in bed. And I had to stay up all the while so I could take care of some boys who were shipping. There's no justice.

Last nite [sic] I saw a very horrible picture called "I Love A Soldier". It had every stock situation that they could possibly cram into the picture. There were some good characters in the picture and also some good scenes but the picture as a whole should have been in one.

We just had quite a ball session in here. The platoon orderlies, and several fellows goofing

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off were all in here until they were chased out by an emissary from the CO so that we could "work".

There are supposed to be quite a few hospital trains and some medical supply depots organized here by the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. I'd like to get into either these or the malaria control units because the work should be rather interesting. I will probably be send to a Port of Embarkation as an overseas replacements. These overseas replacements are just put in a pool and when an outfit goes P.O.E., if any of their men are unable to go for any reason, these men in the pool are used as replacements. That wouldn't be too bad a deal either. I'd just like to know what the verdict is, whatever it is.

John Maynard wrote [scratched out word] Bob and told him that he send congratulations (that gets complicated doesn't it? With all "the" hims and he" in there) to you and I. He said that he knew I was very lucky and added that if you could cook half as well as your mother does I have a gold mine. Your mother should appreciate that.

Did your mother and father enjoy themselves at the Lake last week end. I'd like to have another furlough and just spend it up there with you. That would be very nice.

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So you've started to plan out home now eh, and you think we could omit my cow and chickens. Look, it was your cow and my chickens. You're the one who likes cows remember. We can get a cow if and when we get a hired man. Then the hired man can stay home with the vow when we want to go anywhere. Animals do tie you down quite a bit if you ever want to go anywhere. It will be so very nice when we do actually get down to work on our home won't it Darling? It isn't going to be a scheme for our old age either, but something which we will have to get started on as soon as possible because I do want our children to grow up in the country. Gosh it's wonderful to think how nice everything is going to be when we're together.

Well Darling, it's time to eat so I'll say Goodbye again and be back soon with another letter. I don't think I'll get a three day pass this week end but will work like the devil trying to get one next week. They're supposed to have been cancelled for the time being. I'll get a week end pass tho [sic] unless something chaotic comes up. It'll be wonderful when I can be with you again Sweet. Until this week end I'm

Yours, always, all ways

Freddie