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Dear Marge,

Two-thirds new—now odd girl. Are you going to come out of that place a R.N. nurse? I certainly hope not. I'd know one is more than we can stand around here now. Not that you cared ever better army, it must take years to work up a disposition like that female has.

Have you heard the good news? Just girls who have come over recently will go to school next term and it will be discontinued in
a month so that finishes it for the rest of us. Oh happy day.
Gracie has probably told you all the news. Things have been terribly dull around here. We need you to put a little life in the place.

The following is a little poem one of the gals from home sent me.

**My Age**

My years of life are fleeting fast,
My fires are nearly out
What used to be my gay appeal
Is now my water spout.
It used to be embarrassed
to make the thing behave
for every single morning,
it would stand and watch me
But now I'm old and feeble
And it sure goes in the shoes
to see the damn thing hanging there
Watching me shine my shoes!!
Right duty is certainly a pain in the neck. This place is like a morgue. Every night I play a stack of records a foot high. Gripe, gripe, that seems to be all you hear around here now. Monotonous isn't it.

Capt. Manning & Lt. Taughton both had their noses operated on. Taughton looks different but Manning is so shy and reserved. Can't remember whether there is any difference or not. Poor guy he has sewed up three soldiers so far tonight and not one bicycle involved. That ought to be some sort of record. Maybe he'll get a
D.S. M. (Distinguished Service Medal)

Sarah is sleeping in 18 tonight. Wainwright thought Manning was in there and went in to wake him up to see a case. I haven't seen Sarah yet but I think Wainwright was the most embarrassed. Don't get this wrong Manning was in 17.

It will be just about time for a party when you get back. Guess we'll have to go to work on that.

Take it easy there, baby and don't fall in the river.

Love

P.S. Filthy poem went fine

My pet at Red Cat died quite while I was at Army Nurse School in Shreveport, La.