



LOVELL GENERAL HOSPITAL
FORT DEVENS, MASS.

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9:15 p.m.

Dear Norman,

Well how do you like Army life?
Does it come up to your expectations
or is it lower than you estimated?
I suppose you have to drill all
day with your sore arms.

I received a letter from ma
to-day. She told me your address.
Are you able to see Ray? Some of
the fellows here say Camp Lee
isn't too far from Norfolk. Perhaps
you won't be able to see Ray
right away though. Don't you
have to stay in a certain length
of time?

I will get your pictures Markey
and send them over to ma. I had
to take them to the PX to have
them developed.

Everything is just the same here
at Fort Devens. Troops move in
and troops move out! So goes
it!

Bud sent me a recording
of his voice. It doesn't sound
too much like him though
except in some parts.

It is now quarter of twelve
and we just came back from

④ supper. We have the awfulest meals
on nights Regular swill! I like
nights very much though only one
can't do much at all!

The other day I got up early and
we went into Petching in Seth
Selby's car. She is one of the
misses who come in with us.
It was wonderful, we had the
top down and Pass and another
kid was in the rumble seat.
We went to the old Oyster Bar. It
is a very quaint old place, built
after a 16th century inn. The
man who originated it made it
after the style of various old
places in Europe. The candle scones
a knight in armour and all that.
It is very nice; there is an oyster
bar, a cocktail lounge and a place
to dance. We had a sandwich
and a couple of Singapore Slings,
the sailors drink you know, to
celebrate our one month in the
army.

Thursday we got paid and of
course Friday morning Selby and I
rode down to the bank in Ayer
to get our checks cashed. We
received \$88.00 but 18 of it has to
be put in for our mess funds but
then we are supposed to only get
\$70 a month.

I splurged and bought a camera
too. A Kodak, \$6.95. It is something

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like the one Jesse gave you!
I shall be able to take some
good pictures of the place around
here now.

Yesterday afternoon we had to go
down and have our pictures
taken for our new identification
passes which will have our
fingerprints and all. They stuck a
board with our full name on
it and Sec Lt. G. N. C. under our
chins then snapped it. I imagine
it will be just like a hideous
passport picture perhaps worse. We
were driven down in ambulances
all in all I didn't sleep much
if any last night yesterday only.
I awoke 3/4 hr so this morning
I couldn't keep my eyes open.
It was awful!

My ward isn't very busy just
now. We have 28 patients and
12 went out on pass over the
week-end. It is very dead
around here week-ends - everyone
who can gets out of the tent
do so.

What is the Virginia weather
like down there now? You
ought to have summer uniforms
oughtn't you. It should be warm
enough!

I didn't get much mail this past week. Should be hearing from Ray soon.

We have been having beautiful weather every day this past week, and the nights have been gorgeous, full moon, bright stars and warm nights.

So you and Helen tried to get married. You should have a little sooner. Maybe when you are in the Army it won't take as long. Ed wants to get married but Ray doesn't like the idea of her having to support herself with him in the Navy. Ed wants to get married when he comes home on furlough in July, but I wouldn't be able to stay in the A.N.C. if I were married and I kind of like it now - so there you are!

Well, I must write a letter to Ma to-night. She has to register people for sugar rationing down at the school all next week from 2-5. She said Marguerite Loran's husband got your job and also that Arthur Delorme Pas' crippled mother died in East Hampton. They were going to his funeral. Write soon,
Love Mary.