Dear Herman,

How do you like Army life? Does it come up to your expectations? I wish it would! They drill all day with your bare arms.

I received a letter from you today. She told me you were away. Some of the fellows are away from Fort Devens. Perhaps you will be able to see them right away though. Won't you have to stay in a certain length of time?

I will get your pictures today and send them over to Mrs. Smith 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. To see it!

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

It is now a quarter of twelve and we just came back from
We have the awful meal off nights. Regular stuff, I like very much. Some days are very good and sometimes not. Last night I got up early and we went into Boston for the Shelby car. The ride is one of the wonderful car. We had the top down and a seat and another seat. We went to the old lighthouse. It is a very quaint old place, built after the style of various all in Europe. The candle smoke makes a knight in armor and all that.

It is very nice. There is an after bar, a cocktail lounge and a place to dance. We had a sandwich and a couple of Singapore Slings, the usual drink you know. To celebrate our one month in the army.

Thursday we got paid and of cause this morning Shelby and I rode down to the bank in After to get our checks cashed. We received $88.10 but 16 of it has to be put in for our next funds but that we are supposed to only get $78 a month.

I splurged and bought a camera. It is a total of 95. It is something
like the one I gave you.
I shall be able to take some
good pictures of the place around
there now.
Yesterday afternoon we had to go
downtown and have our pictures
taken for our new identification
passes which will have our
fingerprints and all. They stick a
sheet with our full name on
it and see it 9:30 under our
chins then snap it. I imagine
it will be just like a-hisious
passport picture perhaps worse. We
were driven about in ambulance
all in all I didn't sleep much.
If any last my yesterday only.
I ashed he to the morning.
I couldn't keep my eyes open.
It was awful!
My work 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-end. Everyone
who can gets out of the staff
do so.

What is the Virginia weather
like down there now? You
ought to have summer conditions
brighter than you. It should be warm
enough
I didn't get much mail the past week. I should be hearing from them 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 money. Maybe when you are in the Army it won't take as long. Nat wants to get married but Ray doesn't like the idea of her having to support herself with him in the Navy. But wants to get married when he comes home on furlough in July, but I wouldn't be able to stay with her and I'm not sure if I were married and I kind of like it now - so there you are.

Well I must write a letter to you tonight. She has to register for sugar rationing down at the school. She next week from 2-5 she said. Margaret is coming around after you job and also that Luther Delano was married last week did in East Hampton. They were going to be married. With love.

Love, Mary.