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Thursday  
10:30

Dearest Dottie,

Good morning, honey.  
No flying today, it's raining.

Sorry I didn't write  
last night, hon, but Kennedy  
and I went to see "For  
Whom the Bell Tolls." It was  
good. Ingrid Bergman is  
quite a gal, - man!

Well I met the board  
yesterday. Gosh you'd think  
I'd shot the president or  
something. It was like a  
trial, a very stupid one.

I'm very much P.O.'d with  
this outfit. I know damn  
well I was cleared from  
that hairy hospital, but you  
can't tell the damned army  
anything. Wait until I become

a general, oh just wait,  
I'll show 'em! After about  
three minutes of careful  
concentration, and frenzied  
debating, the competent  
judiciaries gave out with  
the verdict. I got off easy,  
I thought I was going to  
be shot at dawn. Five  
demenits + five tours.

Yeah five stinking menses  
tours. You know what that  
means darling? I won't be  
home this weekend. I think  
I'll dig up a bottle of  
Scotch somewhere and find  
myself a nice dark corner  
and get stinko.

Aw honey, how can I  
go without seeing you for  
two weeks? I'll get off Sunday  
at 3 o'clock. Maybe you could  
come up. I hate to ask you, though,



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it's such a long trip,  
you wouldn't get home until  
late. And anyhow, I might  
get off Thanksgiving. I  
don't think on Wednesday  
night, however. From Reville  
Thursday until 7:30. Sweet  
of them isn't it. That's  
what I love about the cadets,  
you get so much time off.

Parting it's awful to be  
so in love with someone,  
and not ~~being~~ able to be  
with her all the time, especially  
when we're so close, only  
fifty miles. What will it  
be like when I'm in  
Georgia, or even China or  
the Pacific? I hate to think.  
Well I'll worry about that

then. I got plenty of troubles right now.

Now, let's not get a yellow gold ring. That's so old fashioned, women don't wear them much anymore. I'd rather get you white gold, that's what you really want isn't it, darling? Our wedding bands don't have to be alike. I'd like a wide band, and you could wear a wide one with your engagement rings angel.

And Christmas;—darling I've thought + thought, but honest I can't think of anything I want. I'm a great help aren't I. Let's see something I don't need, impractical, that I can keep always. Hmm, there's you, but I need you, hon.

Say you know how there's something that I would like, that's not expensive. a



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good pen and pencil set.  
this thing I got now leaks  
like a sieve (seive-humm)  
That's all I can think of

honey.

See I love you, or have  
I said that before.

That fortune teller is OK.  
Our marriage will be happy  
darling I know it. Yes, even  
if you can't cook. We'll go  
out to dinner alot anyhow,  
angel. I want to show you  
off. That will save doing  
dishes, too.

Well darling, they're  
keeping us busy. I've got  
to wash some windows.  
How undignified.

I love you darling, and  
miss you terribly.

Give my best to your family.  
I love you. as ever, field