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Dad - I have a few minutes
that may stretch. It is
early morning for you - but
~~a~~ my morning is dead... We
had our regular Tuesday
morning inspection and it is
now over. I am, at the moment,
stymied in work. Though I have
plenty of it to do... The water
yesterday & today, a fine lot, a
night & pleasant. Last night
I took my regular Friday
night walk into town so
buy the things the tank &
man had needed for polishing
for this inspection. Of the \$3.04
I spent I've gotten 60¢ back.
But I imagine the tanks
passed inspection... The mess

has, handicapped by a lack of
chewing material, has been
so filthy that they found
maggots there this week. My
should be clean today. But
The nurse got very suspicious
when I went in yesterday
afternoon & asked what would
need that I got a swab
put where stuck out of
it! That was all I ate,
except the omelette with
which it was fried and a
small piece of ~~bread~~
bread in which I dipped up
the butter in which the whole
thing was fried.

I felt relieved when I got
back to the post. And after a

little personal clearing up
I received to good night
A sleep, waking at 5 a.m.
Yesterday we began to
give out the additional
clothing that is being used.
It was a tough day, to
have my regular troubles.

The insurance ended
early, though, because they
had a superintendent Robert
Parale.

And that is all there is,
Nelly. I have had only your
brief note in which you said
you were going to write. I hope
I get the promised ~~note~~ letter
soon. For now that is all
Love Howard

Sat. 5/15/43

Dear,

I had no more scaled a letter to you than the good, big fat one came. I had no more and that I had rather, as yet unsolved, was handed me. As on letter us I had a good day, too.

I have a letter from Joe, forwarded from Rio, also unsolved. If I can answer it now Rio unless it. This probably I won't be able to. We still have clothing for issue (from the 50 m) & there are to be company permits, too.

I'll take up your letter as it flows. About Allen & Charlein. The hell with Allan

I his crazy idea. I'm
going to look him up as
soon as I can - but I
suspect he has already
shipped out. He was in
the same company as that
fellow with whom we
discussed the movies.

Of course, all this conception
of why what happened to me
is completely romantic & false.

That ends the business of
your first page.

And before I go further, this
is to remind you to add \$25.25 to
my RR fees, & your own, for dis-
cussing the reader. I got a letter
from the O. T. people. I'll send
you a copy of ~~for~~ my answer.