

Ash,

5/24/43

Today I did not have to go out on the range; but I had to get up with those who do at 3 a.m. It is now but 6:30 a.m. The day looks like it will be nice, but it is cold both outside & in.

Well, as soon as the few men who know fire & their shooting we can push off, and I am convinced that we will very soon, perhaps even tomorrow.

I have no additional information as to where we ~~are~~ are destined. I will, of course, be glated if its closer to you than 2 miles. But I doubt if it will be. C. L. ships out in two days today. On, I know, is going to Theresa, N.Y., which is not terribly far from here from what I hear. They were on the same shipping orders as the men in my company so, maybe, our orders will be changed.

Once again I have that funny, anti-victory, nervous feeling in the pit of my stomach. We are all anxious etc.

Mary & I sit & read again.

I am happiest however, that I am now to

be marked "unfitted for." It has taken a long time. Now if I can only get something to do, something that will, in the future, let me say without apology even to myself that I was a soldier - something that might help at this struggle. But that, too, I fear, is not likely. I have been told by one of the lieutenants here we will spend an entire continuing our training - emphasis on close-order drill & things like that. He was nice enough to give me some names of people at whom he said was my destination.

And now, it seems, Ft. Ontario is to be converted for the training of recruits. One of the majors told me there are 2000 such men coming in as soon as we have.

Looking back on the past 5 weeks I can see only one bright spot of a personal sort - your visit. Militarily speaking, it was practically worthless. What we learned here anybody should be able to learn in his free time. And I made out the usefulness of much of it. . . .

Because I got up so early this a.m. I was able to almost finish packing this. It's radio. I leave it in the wooden box, packed carefully with

cardboard, with the list mailed on. But  
the box is too large. So, as soon as the Carpenter  
shop opens I'm going down there & have the  
list torn. Then we go to the post office & send  
the set. I am pretty certain I'll be able to get  
it off today. Please tell Lydia. If you write her if  
I got a chance, but the ~~old~~ practicability is that  
I won't have much time. And when you  
speak to her, will you ask her if she thinks  
we can get the people in the S.C.B. to make a  
box for my telephone in which it will not only  
be shipped back, at my new post, but in  
which I could ship it myself or move around  
in which I might safely lay it with me  
or I go - for I believe we may keep on moving  
around. If she does get them to do it, that would  
be fine. But I don't expect her to be able to.

And if she can, see if I can buy that  
broken set of maws. If I can, ~~you~~ pay her  
for it & ship it to me at my new post. I'll  
try & get it patched up there. I can make a  
cabinet for it myself, again.

A radio is a great comfort to a soldier, esp.  
in such a ~~far~~<sup>bottom</sup> place as this on the ~~out~~<sup>over</sup> side.

which we are likely to be shipped. You know, dear, it  
happened on me yesterday that I am unhappier than  
many of the other men because they go out & have  
a good time with the pretty girls. They ~~do~~ this  
except from their Army obligations, and, for the few  
hours have a good time & relaxation. But this I  
do not do; hence I don't share off the same they  
do. But I don't mind. The one thing that  
I prefer to plague me is the complete ~~compl-~~  
~~plete~~ uselessness that is my plight in this war.

But, perhaps this will change soon. I feel  
better, considerably, after spending yesterday in  
bed. And it's okay left in I get set up at  
the new place. But in spite of all my  
knowledge, I persist in the hope, hopeless, that  
will be sent to a place within reach of you.

For the moment that is all done. And if I can  
get a chance to write once more.

You keep on writing in here until I send  
you my new address. They will forward mail,  
though they won't want to.

Good.

5/26/43 7:30 a.m.

Dear - just the highest note before  
I take a little walk & then turn in  
and rest. Wish to keep you  
up to date.

Well the news suddenly  
downpour of my Sippican Canal!

Dear The M P has on today,

Well, at first I was to go  
to the 1/20th Dr, which would have  
put me in my old company,  
W. F. Christ it seems like  
years since I was there instead of  
months). The says  
who were here (from who didn't  
finish their M.A. training) are quite  
satisfied with the place.

Alma now does there was  
no point ~~in~~ in my

going there because I had finished  
my training. He said I can  
stay here.

The sgt. told me today it's  
understandable that a man would  
stay in the company unless he  
had - come here. If that's the case  
it may not be much fun, being  
the only private in a company!  
But whatever they will do, &  
it just cannot be too costly,  
because of the benefit we  
stand to get.

The sgt. also told me that  
everything is taken care of now  
I will be shipped to a place  
sucessfully to D.C.

Well, I hope so. But  
until it ~~happens~~ happens I'm  
keeping my fingers crossed.  
I certainly keep on hoping

that D. Disseminations  
are good, too.

The weather is still staying the same, the cycle. Now it is in the transition phase, and I get through my left knee has been troubling me considerably today. I'm taking a stroll for a few minutes, drink in some of the features of the weather. The birds chirping, lots birds' time in.

Am. is a little sun glarie that might take a bit longer. The "Dog" is the highest point to the highest star in the state, where Oliver Sargent & Rollins, Lake Arrowhead

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Dear - As I write this at 2:00  
p.m. I have just returned  
from my "last duty" in Co M.  
as acting supply Sgt. & have  
been told a message was passed in  
for me not to pack up & go to the  
1st Bn. but not to leave like the curse  
my commanding officer wants.

Immediately before I left  
in the little job I had on of the  
corporals returned from the  
Bn. HQ. & said a major had  
said I was to ~~so~~ stay here & not  
go to the first Bn. because I was  
shooting pretty won. I ~~had~~ thought  
he was kidding, but now it looks  
like he wasn't. What this mean  
I don't know, but it has me jumping  
all over again.

The reason I ~~still~~ am writing you again is that I forgot something in the last letter. You may remember we spoke about it before. Have you found out from the Delta how long the trials are? Should a will be considered in the ~~other way~~ now we can't insure them and they do not work out?

I would ~~ever~~ like to know this very much.

I hope you are well. You didn't sound so well when I spoke to you. I hope I hasn't got you up in the air and waited over the prospect of some good unfolding out only to have another obstacle or mistake ruin everything.

And I hope we will be seeing each other very soon.

2.34 - Apparently I do stay in N.C. for the time being here. Address me as before. I hope I do have a good memory.

True  
Yours

10:40 a.m.

Then -

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As you should know by  
the time you get this, the promise  
made me to ship me to a  
point nearest to Washington has  
not been kept. I have time  
now to go into my reasons I  
might just have taken up by  
Chapp. But the situation now  
is that I'll be shipped in 3  
weeks to such a place. I deeply  
hope they do it this time.

Meanwhile as I will have to  
spare by phone, there is a chance  
of my getting a pass if that is so  
important time this period, and  
a good chance that the Rep  
will approve of the request for  
the pass will help materially in

getting me assigned to a  
place where we can continue  
with the treatment.

At the moment I'm like a  
madness chicken, because for lots  
of work to do, and because of the  
nervous tension of the business.  
But I'm okay, ~~and~~ and as  
soon as I get a chance to sit  
down for a few moments & relax  
I'll be less nervous.

Rin dashing my letter off  
in a hurry so you'll have one  
tomorrow. Damon going to the P.C.  
is waiting for it.

All try and write again later.  
With much love & longing  
Raold.

12:30 pm 5/26/43

Dear, Perhaps she will enlarge and  
explain my phone call & bring  
you up to date because of the  
~~notions or knowledge you~~  
didn't have I thought you did.

No deams Mainan!

Sunday before 8:30 a.m. I  
finished my basic training by  
completing shot my R-60000  
"C" course & getting a maximum  
grade.

Monday I had to go <sup>to the</sup> the  
Sgt. major to get ~~an~~ some  
supply forms. While there I  
asked him about getting shipped  
as close as possible to Washington.  
I told him briefly why. He said  
had I told him Saturday he  
would have been able to take care of  
it, but now it was out of his

hands. He sent me to Col. ~~Mosser~~  
Moulder, to whom I spoke. He  
Mr. Saxe his took care of it &  
turned me over to Mr. Lieutenant  
who is personnel officer. I was  
told to come back the following a.m.,  
which I did. He asked me a  
few questions which I answered.  
He asked me where I'd like to  
go & I replied I didn't care where  
~~the~~ a do what job, but just be  
close to P.C. R.R. station. I said  
that it would be N.Y.C. or a  
point south of there would be  
okay because of the good train con-  
nections. He said okay, his  
take care of it. Then, yesterday,  
it was announced in this company  
we were all going to go to Buffalo N.Y.  
if I got word to ~~the~~ take to  
the Lieutenant. He was out, & though  
~~he~~ I went back several times, I didn't

get to see him. I won't take  
this morning, the man who had  
been announced. He said it was the  
truth, that it includes me. I asked  
if it wasn't foolish to do something.  
He ~~said~~ <sup>replied</sup> asked if I  
had read the "C" issue & I assured  
him of it. He told me that he had  
had no record of it, and that is  
why I didn't seem shipped out  
with those who went to  
points that would solve my  
situation & problem. I reminder  
him of what Mr. Cleveland had said, &  
he told me to wait a minute.  
He gave back often a while &  
~~will they be~~ <sup>they were not</sup> the only men  
Philip wants me to turn down  
N.Y.C - I couldn't make the  
trip for the treatment with our ~~as~~  
~~as~~ a special bus from them -

and being shipped to Penn would  
be me no good. I don't know where  
to go. As he said they were going  
to transfer me to the ~~first~~ 1st Bu.,  
which would stay here for 3 more  
weeks (I think longer) and at  
that time I would be shipped to  
a point accessible to D.C.

For all of which I thanked  
him. The prospect of going through  
this the 3rd time doesn't  
worry me, but almost any  
cost is not too much to pay for  
being off to continue with the  
trial work.

At that time I asked him  
about the possibility of ~~transfer~~  
getting a job for some time  
between the 1st & 8th. He was  
out for a minute and sent me  
to the field representative of the Red  
Cross. It is a man. He was out &

I spoke to the woman now. She asked me some questions and then asked for the names of the doctors. She didn't say I would get the pass, but she led me to believe that I would if the doc(s) substantiated my story.

That's why I showed you at the office, dear. I didn't want to. I may have to make this off in a second or more, physically, to the 1st Bu.

Now. If Odella tells Mrs. only that he said ~~she~~  
~~would be~~ having a baby  
would improve your health.  
Not you, Mrs. may woman's  
troubles, and if the gross health

people tell them that you  
are going to them for treatment,  
Re Red Cross we report this  
to the proper authorities here &  
everything should be set for  
the future - ~~less~~ for a part  
for shipments to a place  
making transportation of the  
material forth. At least,  
this will satisfy my question  
the Army might have other  
need.

Of course I feel badly about  
this whole thing, we arranged,  
fell through because of some  
stupid mistake. And it is not  
I would now be in Whifford,  
N.J., and everything would be  
a lot better. Mrs. if O'Gorman  
got off, you could have come to  
me. It was all so unnecessary  
but this is the way things work

in the Army. I got another  
tough break because of some  
stupidity or ineffectiveness.

Well, yes, I'll have to  
close now. I'll probably offend  
this evening getting settled at  
my new place. I have a little  
job & do my & I move up the  
hill to the section where I was  
before - the section in which  
Maurice was.

For now -

Love

Harold.

You'll hear from me as soon as I  
get a chance & as soon as I  
have something ~~to say~~ new to  
tell you.