

Honey - I don't know  
how much I'll  
be able to write,  
so I'm not  
going to print.

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Tuesday night

I've had a  
hard day, but  
I did want to  
write you. It's close to bedtime &  
I have to shave... The camp here -  
what I have seen of it - is  
really very nice. All the boys  
who have been here for a  
while say it is one of the  
best. We are right on  
Lake Ontario, about 35 miles  
above Syracuse. The lake is  
less than 100 ft. from the  
door of my tentacles. It is  
cold as hell here, but it  
has been dry enough for  
it not to feel very cold. At  
the moment we are in  
the midst of a cold spell  
& wind storm. It was  
warm this morning &

2) that after weeks of daily snow.  
The ground - that is, the rain  
on top of the snow - has  
frozen, & walking is impossible.  
The wind blows you away -  
even as big a feller as I!  
I have fallen 3 times! I haven't  
been out since 6 p. m., but  
several of the boys who were  
going visiting were forced to  
return. The weather, I am  
told, will stay this way, but  
apparently it will be better  
for me than the weather  
at Dix, because it seems to be  
dry, usually... We got off  
to a good start last night  
by stopping off in a fine  
restaurant in Oswego (we owe  
its out skirts) & eating a  
banquet. My bill was over \$2.50!!  
It made us feel swell. But the

3.) food here is good. It is a nuisance to eat from the mess kit, but the food is

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morning

tasty. I spent almost all the day scrubbing my mess kit and (other things!)

The attitude toward the men here is more mature. They feel me you are treated like men, not babies, & are expected to act like men. This is much to my liking.

... We are, as you can see, a military police training place. As yet they are organizing the groups of which this batch will be composed.

I am hoping we will get definitely located & down to work - whatever that will be.

... After we finish here we will be sent to N. Y. C. to

4) finish our training & get our jobs. That's what I'm looking forward to, because it brings us close again. Actually, I probably have to do all the drilling & that sort of thing. Today we took a high walk, & I had a little trouble with my back & considerable trouble with my legs. I was, fortunately, the last man, & nobody noticed that I was really far behind everybody else. It was no fun. I hope I can toughen up enough to help me take the strain from my various delinquent parts... But after 5 or 6 weeks we'll only be 4 or 5 hours apart, & that

5.) will help me keep going...

There are  
apparently -  
I say this  
because as yet

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I have no  
first-hand  
knowledge -  
well no

facilities here for recreation.

We have every night off,  
the we are issued our  
overboes. There is a bowling  
alley, a theater, a movie, a  
library, & a P. O. all within  
a 15 minute walk of my  
barracks. Also, Sir told that  
each company has a "day  
room" in which we can  
relax & read & write. I am

told also that we may  
have typewriters here, but I  
have been advised to first  
see if there will be ~~permission~~

6) provision for leaving the  
+ writer in the day room.  
So, honey, please try very  
hard to get a key for it, &  
please, also, get it ready  
for shipping to ~~me~~ me by  
By. Exp. You know, that  
we'll mean more, larger &  
intelligible letters! Please,  
as soon as you can, get it  
ready for shipping - so you  
can work it as soon as I  
send you the word.... I  
wish very much I were in  
P.C. tonight. I have heard  
the news about Truman on  
the radio. I am, of course,  
terribly sorry he didn't get  
the job yet I can't help  
feeling that he has won a

7/- Signal  
victory. This  
whole business  
has given him  
power & fire

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publicity. Even  
The most  
wait in any  
Committee at  
have been

forced to announce the adminis-  
tration's ineffectiveness & the  
fact that many men to  
decent committee assign-  
ments. Also the fight against  
the poll tax, though it would  
have prospered most by this  
getting on the committee,  
has been given the numerous  
impetus. All in all, a  
defeat for the bad ones, if  
not the kind of a victory  
we would like for the  
good one. Please tell  
him I ask for him, & hope

8) he strikes back while the  
presses are hot. He can get  
a press on anything he says  
or does at this hour, & I hope  
he doesn't let it slip by.

Feel Johnny's hello, too. It's  
yet the only improvement  
in the writing situation  
is that I can sit & write on  
my knee. I now have only  
10 minutes left for washing  
& shaving, so I'll have to  
close now. Take good

care of yourself, Wiley. See  
write again when I get  
a chance. I hope I keep  
the address on the envelope  
for a while. Give my regards  
to all & to you love  
Kermit

If you can read this.