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Friday 3/14/43

Honey,

You will soon see why this is
the first you've heard of me in 2 days.

I have your letters of Tue. Wed. &
Thursday & am returning the
clips.

Glad to hear of all 5, but am
not happy about the not keeping in
news.

I, too, am concerned about Ed. We
had no answer to my letter of 3 weeks
ago.

Will have to take the news. Co. thing
up. We can't let it go at that.

Before I get to today's (Thursday's)
letter, notice new address, C. D.
I'll tell you about it if you get
this, I think. I don't expect to sleep
tonight.

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Cruddy by this morning.
I've had the of the time I
was a "genius!"

As soon as I got the pass I
fled to the barracks, swapping my
~~field jacket~~
jacket for the blouse I had,
mentally, to the bus. Once
swearing to begin with, & by
the time I caught the bus I
was drenched... Got in New
York yesterday. Date with
Allan & Martha. He is
almost finished the book but
is in a very bad state of
mind re: the Army. O.K.

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Spoke to Sid, who recalled I visited with Irving for a while. From the Chases I went to the Hope Son Cafeteria.

It was less pretentious than I expected, but no less entertaining. Its an old cellar, somewhat like the movie set version of Pelecin's cellar - cafes. Coffee & fixings are served free. The center is a dance floor, fronted by a small, makeshift stage. Over there is a juke-box to provide dance music, & so is

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in case when other entertainment
is not offered. A very pleasant
M.C. stopped the dancing
& announced the show. The
boys - ~~off~~ of all services &
most allies - "hit the
deck" - The floor - for seats.

Then Bert Lytell came
out & acted as M.C. for a
while. He made a
pleasant, light talk with
a couple of mounting
stories. Then he called in
& introduced Billie Burke,

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who made a very artificial
 pointed speech before flourishing
 off. Next came Curran
 Cobello & part of his
 orchestra, ~~that~~ who did
 3 or 4 numbers. They
 were followed by a new man,
 of who I thought very little
 who is to be the "hit parade"
 girl" or something like that.
 This is singer. Then came Tibbett,
 who was very good. ... As you
 can see that was pleasant
 entertainment. From the 3
 took in the 12 o'clock show

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At Cape Society afternoon, &
from there I went down town
to Cape Society, where I
remained until time to
catch the 3:50 am. train,
which I just did catch.

Before I forget, the
Golden Gate News Series in a
successful song "Hailin' Don't
Hailin'" which I heard.
They have already recorded
it for Columbia. Please
get it as soon as you can.
You'll like it, & I think you
will.

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In the way back to his
boat met a soldier who,
it turned out, was in
my company. Suddenly he
knew he knew me, I was
the guy who had gotten that
post from Duke by being
home. One of the noncoms
had told him about it, feeling
that I could have had a visit
Monday a.m. Presumably I
could have - but I had already
promised to work tonight,
& I didn't want to be a pig.
Had I known I was going to

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to send to C.O. Jolley, I'd
have been a pig.

Well, the gang is begin-
ning to leave, & I'd have to
Rueckhoff.

I got in at 5:30. It
was raining so hard they
didn't even get out. So was
okay even if late. But was a
wult!

I had my suit packed
a fellow for whom I have done
some favoring, ~~the~~ and if it
wasn't that I'd have no sleep
since 5 am. ~~For~~ yesterday

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John ~~feels~~ feeling fine.
Well, got the 91.

Love

Mede

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I take the absence of any serious
 condition that would be causative to
 be a good sign. The next will not
 look you much, & my part,
 you know, is the most pleasant
 one I know. Would I could do it
 more often. All of his orders
 like the others have something
 specific in mind & maybe
 are trying to remedy it. If I
 stay here I think I'll be able to
 hold up my end.

As for how about Mr. I hope
 he starts writing soon.

I'll try & remember the point
 like this weekend.

Your wife to Captain Fuller

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as though I should know
win. I don't. You'll be the to
bea that up.

Or in any case I have to
take up a few chores less pleasant
than the ones mentioned. When
I resume, as I expect to be
able to do so, I expect to
surprise you by the way
I'll feel of what I did yesterday.

Also, before I forget, I have
thus far this year spent \$52.50 on RR
fare, of which some is tax & delivered
under income tax.

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I was in yesterday at 12:30
& not on again until tomorrow a.m.
(I volunteered for tonight because the
man scheduled was shipped).

After eating a busy meal
I just felt like having some
fun. I determined to hit the
top Rick for a press. I was tired
& felt that if he refused me I'd
go to sleep for a day instead.

I got to the orderly room,
his office just as he was
informed that 3 jeeps had
"forgotten" to make a shipment.
He hit the ceiling & as illegally

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as properly took them to the speaker
 for the duration of their stay here. He
 returned - I was standing quietly
 in the corner - & called over his
 name - came together & flushed back
 out of them for not standing
 formations. As he left this
 meeting he saw me & as
 pleasantly as I could said
 "Hi Sarge?"

"W haddaykwant?" he

~~also~~ flushed

~~and~~ I replied in these
 offhand words.

"This is my 76th day in
 this place. I don't want to go

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All my still relatives; I have
no immediately pressing
personal problems. Sir, off duty
for a couple of days. How about
giving me a pass so I can go
out & have a little fun?"

I smiled, but myself, he
looked at me, all the time looking
more & more as if he might
explode.

"Did you say you just want
a pass to have some fun?" he
demanded. "Honestly, sir,
I don't want it for," I said.

"Well I'll be a god damn!"

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much to me and so & such. "I've
been in the Army — years, making
a son of a bitch of this since
the first time I've heard a
Nigger say he wouldn't have
a suitcase of war death when
he wanted a pass.

"Whodago! Whodago do
with it?" he asked. I told him
I'd like to go to N.Y. & have a few
drinks & take in a few shows.

Still refusing to
believe the military
millennium had come he
told me to go into the subway

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would see them ~~by the~~ said
I was to write my own
ticket.

Of course, they didn't believe
me. I waited for you to come in
and ~~then~~ ~~believe~~ that god
had sent me, I was to
have a job, & to give me
what I wanted. I got it
just enough. Meanwhile, he
repeated what I had said
to all the many non-
coms present, some ~~unbelievingly~~
unbelievingly. They & he
had the whole set over the