

Service Club

Sunday 5/2/43

Honey - I have spent the entire day indoors, tidying



things up, listening to the radio & at the same time catching up on

correspondence. I write Frankie, Joe, Diana

(from whom I got a letter I enclosed) my sister, and a couple of other relatives. I have the pile of letters from you that I'm about to reveal before answering them. I find the installment of the W. Gazette even more enjoyable than usual. I

liked the annotated edition which you labelled "Army notes" - remember? Well, I started to think after that. It suddenly

struck me that possibly the doctor last Sunday was thinking only of postponing treatment, examination, or whatever he thought might be necessary only to that when he must have slipped it to somebody else, and then really burdened staff & patients had would've have an additional problem. Just a guess... Last night I walked into town with Dr. Judge, who has

some laundry he wanted to get. We  
had a bed & returned. I got in  
bed at 9:45 and slept until  
about 7:45 - by far my best night  
of army sleep. As I fell asleep I  
was thinking of how I would have  
not been alone (was a little lonely) had  
I been a little further south!

I mean to tell you that after  
last Sunday's experience I have  
devoted much thought to the doctor's  
"advice". Please, against the counsel  
of some friends, decided to take him  
literally. I have drastically cut my  
food - I haven't used the second half  
of my mess kit one meal in 20 -  
that's how much less I'm eating,  
and 2 days ago I took my belt off.  
I remembered what my doctor  
told me about coming to be compli-  
catedly dependant upon it - and I  
don't want to have to wear the  
damned thing all the rest of my life

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So I decided  
that since I was  
aching & fainting  
almost all the  
time. So try going  
with our U.S. Army

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find that as  
last now it  
makes but little  
difference. I don't  
know what will

happen when we start getting heavy  
dust (we haven't had a really tough  
day all week). But I can describe -  
out is. Now, if the doctor's advice  
was good, I should stand to benefit  
even more. And I will not be

dependent on a trust for every  
day. I think I'll go back to  
using it as for spio - only  
when needed. But I got to  
wearing it all the time because  
I needed something all the time.

Don't be too surprised if I send  
it home some of these days. And if I  
do, dear, please wash it over for  
me. I may be needing it again.

I feel pretty good today - only  
my back aches - and that from sitting.

I am using the stamps & envelopes  
Marks for them. But next time you go  
to the P.O. (or you never get there in time)  
please send me a large book of 3¢  
stamps. Marks. They are easier to keep  
in a book than loose. you can increase  
the premium in space.

I'm very happy to know you  
had less trouble this month. I'm sorry  
the incident repeated itself this  
month. I'd think after all these  
years it would start to get monotonous.

The first month you head the  
monotony I think I'd celebrate  
by filing for O.C.S. I was never  
being separated by a distance as  
much then. As you know, both  
of the things we hope to achieve by  
the treatment mean very much to  
me - much more than being  
an officer does. I could file now  
but don't intend to.

You didn't about the ball game  
was on. I always did say that  
Bees had amazing luck. Let me  
know what you hear of him after he  
gets in.



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By the way,  
I'm beginning  
to accumulate  
adds & ends in

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going to send  
you to keep  
use any of them  
you can, take the  
extra toothbrush

I might wish me. And maybe I'll  
ask for the other thing when I have  
more room.

Was my suggestion on insurance  
adequate? What do you think  
we should do? And say hello to Tony.  
If he recommends changing compa-  
nies, Fern Bureau is okay by me.

I am disquieted by your letter of the  
21st and your reflected impotence &  
dissatisfaction. I am sorry you are  
not happy in your work. And hope  
you can do more about that than  
I can about my debts.... If  
when you see A + E again, remember  
me to them. And tell the Co I  
asked you to call & say "hello" but  
that I haven't time to write.... glad  
you are going to be happy. Don't let  
this miss as to all the talk of "kissing"

you, though you may be in power  
enough for them to derive a new power.  
You are to me, but then? How to operate the  
machines.... I was afraid you  
have trouble with the buttons. But is  
there anything to prevent you from  
covering them with a cloth of sent all  
color, or something like that? I  
should not think so. But I take  
strong issue with the inference about  
the parts of the "discriminative" ~~other~~  
reference. In fact, I rise to collective!  
But also for all that! ... Again on the  
indef. cases: ~~Consciousness~~.... I am  
distressed by man's personal problems.  
I hope ~~they~~ they reach a rest to  
worthy and unpleasant activities. We will  
work help. I think the one thing he  
has done that you have reported is  
a step in the right direction... Your  
diagnosis of the reason for the ~~invitation~~  
invitation to me might be correct.  
But I hope the whole man is  
cleared of room. I hope it because I love  
him and because it is keeping him from  
doing the things he should be doing.

?/ What is the  
story on Bob?

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Has he been sent  
anywhere yet?  
Give him my best.  
Maybe one of those

points for the  
offspring of WLB  
will fit him!  
Maybe he'll  
need some  
rest. But for

now as he's not be able to do much in  
that line... What you said in  
yours of the 23rd convinces me further  
of his instability & serious illness...  
Send me Bob's address when you  
get it... What was wrong with  
Dad? When you see him again  
please remember me to him, &  
through him to his mother Murray.  
(O wish I could be working  
with either!) I never got a  
message from Murray else he  
have looked him up... Well,  
that covers your many letters.  
In a short while he'll have to go  
out for some air (it is 5 of 2  
already, and I think he'll walk  
into town to mail this. By the  
way, "Frankie" let a said your



Mom is sick. How is she? I got  
delivered Easter cards from her +  
Aileen yesterday, and I have  
a knowledge with with cards.

Are you getting those pins in  
time for Mother's Day? If not, still  
try to get something else. The  
stores were all closed last night.

Maybe ~~she~~ she'll be able to  
get a "Ft Ontario" pin on  
for stuffing.

Well, honey - it's 3 weeks from  
yesterday to the end of my basic.  
Can't come too soon.

Give my regards to everybody,  
esp. the W's, against whom dis-  
crimination ~~is~~ by not using cards.

Love

Barbara