

5/5/47 a.m.

Dear - This is the first of the days I should be with you but I guess it is forer otherwise. But let me hope the officers - it will be greater

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in the near future. I feel pretty good this morning. It must be physical work, & muscle open & let loose. The other ~~that~~ drill we had

Last night was a good outlet. Later I went to see the chaplain. I had no hope that he could help, and I now have no hope, but I would have felt wrong in my conscience if I hadn't exhausted every possibility. He said he'd see what he could do but didn't offer much. He said these guys pay practically no attention to him. He keeps the three with him until 10 p.m., which is late here. We talked about many things. He is strongly critical of the caliber & inoffering of the Army, and as a consequence of many of the officers here. He told me a story I already knew that made me feel sick to the stomach. Here it is. There are 2 brothers in the Army. One is in 10th Corps, the other here in H. Co. Their father died 7 weeks ago & the boy in Africa couldn't get to the funeral. Monday she ~~the~~ mother, having just lost her husband, was to undergo a serious operation. There was some doubt as to the outcome. She was all alone. The boy here was denied a pass to go to be at her side at this crucial time.

Such things are inhuman, certainly no credit to the Army, and what need say of such officers?

But enough for now. He prefers not to dwell on it.

As I said, I'm in pretty good shape this am.  
and physically I'm good, too. I haven't had  
3 hours of ~~rest~~ rest since in the past week, &  
no Callisthenics that I can recall. That is  
the answer, I think.

I got no mail from you yesterday, so I  
guess you were up the country this weekend. I  
no know how anyone is. I got a letter from  
Sam last night. I enclose it.

Not knowing whether or not you were able  
to get the pins I asked you to get for Mother's  
Day for me I bought & mailed a couple of  
Ft. Ontario below-slips last night. They had  
my sister's sweetheart, so I got your name &  
mine on of the latter.

One other thing before I close. How would  
you like to come up here for the weekend? I haven't  
written this before because of the following reasons:  
I remember the effects of the treatment on you  
last month & wonder how you could stand to lay  
a trip; the time involved; the expense. Of course, it  
you without hoping it'd like you to - but  
I'm not going to want you to feel that you  
should make the trip if you feel it will be too  
much of a strain on you. Frankly, I feel it will be  
that. It's a long distance deal.... Well, I'm acting silly  
Sgt. has got to get to his work. Take care of yourself, I  
don't feel too badly if we have to miss this one. I have  
already reminded myself to it. Give my regards to  
all - Mom, Johnny, etc.

Love

Wanda.

5/5/43, 12:30 p.m.

Dear, your letter of Monday arrived  
this a.m. From it I see you  
feel okay, I take it. I hope so.

You will find that I am  
arriving better than you expect a dog,  
& not long when you do see. It  
is because of my experiences in the  
mail.

I did forget to correct the address  
address on some letters envelopes I  
prepared in a room when I had a few  
moments. I was hoping to save time  
when I did have it ready.

I'm surprised you didn't know  
your mother was sick. Franklin  
wrote to me, enclosed with a letter  
from you, and she was ill. I'm  
not surprised Wendell's fever is suspected.  
I think Buck, too, ~~suffered~~ suffers from

unimpaired milk. But I hope it  
is not this. She certainly has had  
more than her share recently.

Do you look up your mai-  
rities in a book on livestock. Some  
compliment!

You must have been a happy  
gang Sunday with all the sick-  
ness to add to Bob's departure.

Where was Mr. supposed to speak in  
Cleveland? Before whom? And before whom  
did he speak on what in Yankee Stadium?  
Good reference, large audience?

Bele must have hit the ceiling  
when she found she had planted a  
row that had already been planted.

And what a combination - plus & minus!

You should be straight on the  
press situation by now. Be things now  
stand in not getting one.

As Bob wasn't too happy in his few  
days at Meade? Jim not too surprised.  
I hope he has gone to a decent place for his  
basic & that he winds up in his line. Jim  
wishes he managed to get out to Bill here, though,  
unless they have different regulations. All ~~the~~ <sup>that</sup> at  
that all for now. Love Harold.