

honey - I tried to call Saturday night  
you a little after 6, but ~~there~~ there was  
no answer. I won't be able  
to call you tomorrow, because  
I am on H.P.! Beer will be terrible.



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And it's a penalty too, which  
should make him even happier!  
So tell him, by all means... But  
before I go into that, thanks for  
keeping me posted on your  
Ms. But please tell me what  
is wrong with her. I've sent  
her a card, but whenever you  
see her or write her, tell  
her I was asking for her  
& hope this out & better soon....  
and now (I'm one of the 2 guys



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who didn't go in four days - we  
have off until 11 previous  
night) I can write in  
comparative peace & it  
takes your recent letters &  
answer any questions you  
may have asked. I got 2 air-  
mails date 28 & the large  
envelope dated 29 today.... 11:00  
It is not being streamlined.  
All mail forward but Philip's  
letter. We have it. I don't  
know Jane a card.... What was  
the matter with Eddie! ... Re your  
mother's hospital & extra bill: In case I  
didn't tell you well share that. Let  
me in for half of whatever you give.

3) #26: my hair - I tried for weeks  
above the neck... Pubs  
on skinning much more  
convenient here.... Bonds:



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Am doing the same thing. Also,  
those I have that are not  
glorias are made out to you...  
Had you written me <sup>earlier</sup> ~~last~~  
about Lt. Peitzer? No such  
letter received... Do you sort of  
testo liked Salotage? How about  
the book you're supposed to be getting  
me... "Thursday" - Thanks & let me  
typing the allotment forms. Please  
Belle for me, too... "Wednesday"  
(red with "Thursday" - today) - Hope  
the weather change won't affect you.



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4) Any to hear of the implications  
of the Madison incidents.

I hope they go no further.  
Frankly, I surprised similar things  
have happened in the past. I  
hope it this time there was no  
assassin for these incidents. I

Can't recall anyone named "New-  
man" connected with the Bookshop.  
But there is something about his name.

... Say hello to "Good morning" to Bill  
for me, please. I was here time to  
write him for at least several days

... Check re Bob. R. eyes. And  
that was your letter. Now for  
what little "news" I have, none  
of which could be called good.

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My back has been getting steadily worse unless it now hurts almost constantly. This week was a tough one. They have marched us as though the ground were clear & the weather good, which, of course, is not the case. Thursday we took a big one, left down some hills, with rifles, and it almost did me in. I went to bed as soon as I got back. Friday we had bayonet drill in the snow, which really wasn't tough but was very painful for me because of the strange, oblique positions into which it got me. It was so bad that



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6/ in spite of my determination not  
to, I did. Not to anybody  
noticed it, but I couldn't  
help it. Late Friday we  
had a drill on the drill field, ~~that~~  
with rifles. The snow was deep  
where there was snow, & where there  
was no snow there was ice.  
I managed to keep my feet  
upset for one time, when my  
knees just wouldn't do what  
I told them to do. Later, the boys  
said I looked like Quasimodo  
terrible ugly as I rolled over  
out of their way, but I don't  
remember any pain or aches...  
well, there was an air raid

7/ alert that our st. did not hear  
of the Capt. Wolff's plan  
to get us off the fold in  
a hurry. He kept us at  
night shoulder arms, meaning  
our rifles on our shoulders, &  
gave us double time, meaning  
run - on ice & snow. I did not  
think I'd make it. The boys  
thought I was going to collapse. I  
thought I would, too. But one  
thing I have learned here is to  
quit my death and "fot-e-t".  
Some times the conflict between  
my nerves, which rebel at  
the pain, & my will, which  
commands my muscles to keep on,



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8) usually make me guess in a  
curious kind of way... to  
late Friday I got to see  
The Lt. He explained to  
me that the staff was too much  
for me. He gave me permission  
to go to the hospital on sick  
call, which I did this morning.  
The doctor told me to put boards  
under the mattress & said  
there was no treatment he  
would give me. After a  
notable trial I still feel  
I can't continue in the service  
to go home. He said the only thing  
then would be a medical  
discharge. I told him I wanted



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2/ it clear I was not asking for this  
but that I would appreciate  
being given work that would  
pay me all the time. He said  
there was nothing he would do  
about that without consultation  
of both his end & mine. So I  
do what he said. See py, but  
if after about a week I can't  
stand it, I'll go back.... I  
just don't know what to do.  
I don't want to have to do this,  
yet I can't keep on as it has  
been. Actually, I have been in the  
four years of my service since  
been here, though I have every  
night off. In fact besides getting  
the haircut, I've been to the PX,  
which is in the post, only once



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30/ January, when I went down to call  
Mum, who had called me  
& you, who was not in. in



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It is strange, this whole  
thing because aside from my  
head & related troubles, I'm feel-  
ing okay... Don't worry about  
Mrs. Lopez, because I feel that  
a solution may be near. Either  
they will give me things I  
can do or discharge me, unless  
more not prescribed by the doctor  
does the trick. I can't believe they  
will keep me doing things that  
pain me. And don't feel that  
He's able to call up somebody

610) like General Farnwell who he  
knows, & try to do something  
for me. And I don't want to  
have him do that. I'll work  
this out for myself. But you  
can tell him I asked for him &  
wish him well. I hope also that  
his problems dissipate themselves  
soon... I'll write you about the  
M.P. if it didn't ~~take~~  
take my last sheet of paper. I'll  
save that until I can get some  
more. How are you? Take  
care of yourself, & also, be sure to  
forget, I'd like to have a zipper  
bag of the appropriate dimension  
of Maxis! If this is not what  
L + B want to give me, please buy it  
for me. Love Harold.



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