

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, I'm 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.