

12/30 - Dear Lil - I didn't mail the letter yesterday because the mail is going out for a while. Likewise, no outgoing phone calls.



There is an out and bound task force here, & to protest it they keep anyone from writing or phoning. They don't tell you. They just disconnect the phones & hold on to the main line. The weather here is a bit wetter, & I'm drenched. You can imagine how I feel. I got a break this a.m. when I was sent down to get my "dress" pants. That size had just come in. There were about 24 pairs, & they sent for about 75 guys, to get 2 pair apiece. I was one of the lucky few. Mine are being altered, & should be ready anytime beginning tomorrow. They completed my uniform, & I'll be ready for shipping to the training camp, but from what I have heard I won't go as fast as some of the others. In fact, several who came with me have already gone, the lucky guys. Well, while I got drenched almost to the waist going to get my pants, the confusion made it last from 9:30 until going on 11 & pm that time I was out of the rain. This is disappointing, but that's what times of the many in tentacles, & from writing in bed. So far everything has gone okay. Several times I thought I would like to make what I was doing, but each time I skinned thru.

Yesterday I got in a poker game. Won 3:45,
which was then pay for the things I
had to buy to do. I haven't been playing
Cards at all, except for that, and at the
moment there is a game going on, so you
can see, I'm not going to spend my spare
time that way... This is the last
sheet of paper, & the last envelope I have,
so I'll save the space at the bottom in
case I get any news, and I'll hold the letter
until they start letting them go. Incidentally,
please count the coupons & add them to the
bundle I have, & add the total & put the
new total on the outside. I may be
wanting to get something for them pretty
soon. Also, please put the cards & coupons
for me. I hope I hear from you soon. How
are you? aren't you glad your husband
spent his money on food when he was
making good money? The car is in the
lot but you'll see that most any you'll
will not be a wonder, because of the length of
time you have had this food. Please everybody
I said "hello" & when you see Tom & Mary
etc. explain about the phones & ~~mail~~ mail, so
they won't be sure at me. Love. Howard