

(Original letter follows this typed version.)

2110 Saturday, 10 February '45, England -

Dearest Margie, My Darling –

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No, dearest, I don't mind your letting C. A. Keller read any of my letters which you think suitable and interesting to him. That reminds me also, darling, I don't write Mother and Dad very often and scarcely anything but Vs so if you'd let them read any of these, if suitable, I know they'd appreciate it and so would I. You take practically all my free time - I don't want to let you forget me, you know.

I may break this up and finish it tomorrow - I have a lot of laundry to do and some sewing and this and that. I would like to do some of it tonight and some tomorrow so my hands won't get so sore - I have to heat the water in a fire bucket and wash in small wash pans but it sure saves money. I have the receipt from the \$50 money order. I hope it doesn't get lost. But if you don't have it by the time you get this I will put in to collect on it. I am enclosing a clipping from the *Stars & Stripes* which explains the state of the mails. So I am glad for you to write many V-mails. What do they cost you? They are free for us, you know. But there are so many addresses to write it is more of a job as you know.

I didn't receive the V#1 to the #s 2 & 3 I got this morning but surely will Monday.

I am glad nothing new or more serious was found wrong with you with Drabel. It pays to be safe. You should have a check-up by someone good every 6 months at least. If he thinks stilbestrol might help you why not try a few by mouth - they come in 3 or 4 size doses - try the smallest and work up.

I will finish answering your letters tomorrow but think I had better break off now and get organized for tomorrow. I am going to try to stay in bed until about 1000 - I love you my dearest Margie - and sure hate to go to bed without you. I'll see you in my dreams - goodnight dearest girl.

1515 - 11 February '45, Sunday

I am sitting in my room naked as a jaybird waiting for more water to get hot enough to allow me to finish my laundry. I have to keep the fire hot as hell to dry what clothes I can get on my lines so I can take them down to make room for my woolen undershirts and sox which require an overnight stay on the line. When I finish this job today, everything I have will be clean. I have finished my handkerchiefs, summer undershirts and pants, washcloths and towels. Bed sox, wool sox, heavy undershirts are next. Then I'll have a bath and be done for two weeks. It has been warmer so I have gone back to summer underwear. I will put away this wool underwear in my trunk until it gets very cold again or - until next winter - wonder I'll be there - here or there?! Sunday suppers are usually so putrid I don't plan to go. I have a ration of cookies and candy bars I will munch on. I haven't been to the office today so I have seen no paper and my batteries are gone so I have no use of my radio anymore. But Reeves bought Col Pruitt's radio when he left. His room adjoins mine and I hear good music all the time so I can't justify the use of the required money to get new batteries for mine. I am writing with the leather writing pad on lap and I seem to be a bit out of practice writing this way. I hope you can read it. I will stop when my water begins to steam and continue later when I finish my laundry and sewing. How glad I will be when I get home and have the use of your washing machine to do my laundry. You will let me use it, won't you? ...Time - ... 1600 the water was hot enough for my sox - now they are done. Only two wool undershirts to go and my washing is done, but they are the hardest job of all!

Just for fun, let's figure up how much terminal leave I have coming now - at the end of this month. June 1 1942 to March 1 1945 is a total of 33 months with 2 1/2 days allowed per month which amounts to 82 1/2 days of leave accrued. Of that amount I think I had 8 days, 10 days and 5 or 6 - call it 6 which totals 24 days. 24 from 82 1/2 leaves 58 1/2 days accrued leave due - that means practically two month's pay. I certainly don't intend to use any leave as long as I am over here or there either unless I have to see you - it will be nice to have 2 or 3 month's salary after I am out of the service. It will help a lot. With the U.S. Gov't paying me that and paying my tuition and 75\$ a month do you think we could swing a year post-work in EENT or would you allow another year of separation? It wouldn't be the same as now you could spend part of the time with me. I know we couldn't afford to take all the kids.

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Now at 1830 I am a bit hungry but I have to shower yet and then I think I'll go over to the club and have a beer and a sandwich. See you later this evening and tell you goodnight my dearest love - God! How I love you, want you, miss you...

2350 ... Hepple, Cobb & Emerson were ready for bridge at 2000 and we had a damned good game but Cobb and I took them for 28 points. Cobb worries me. I haven't been his partner many times but he is always "psyching" and no man alive can follow him. Out of a clear sky he bids 4 clubs! With two previous passes I know he is defensive but me with 5 clubs we end up at 6 clubs and he makes it with Ace Queen! I must say goodnight my darling. I am worn out. Playing with Cobb always exhausts me. Will try to get you an airmail tomorrow night and one or two V-mails tomorrow especially if I hear from you.

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I haven't been his partner
many times but he is always
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can follow him - but if a
clear sky he bids four
clubs!! with two previous
passes I know he is
defensive but me with
5 clubs we end up at
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say goodnight my darling.
I am worn out. Playing
with Coby always exhausts
me. Will try to get you an
air mail tomorrow night and
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especially if I hear from you.

Always, all my love,

Dearest,

Your own Ted -

Don't forget the 51 club!

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