

July 27, 1944
Australia

Dearest Betty,

This may be the last chance I will have to write to you from Australia because I think I will be leaving in a few days. I'll be glad to get back to the outfit, but still, it will seem strange to go back to the jungle & the natives, after spending better than a month here.

I was passing a store two days ago darling, & I noticed some rugs on display. They were small ones, made out of sheep's wool; I thought they were very pretty, so I sent one to you. You can put it on the floor by your bed, & when winter comes, you will have a warm place to stand when you get up in the morning - & it will remind you of me.

Last week I met two ladies who have turned out to be my Australian girl friends. One of them (Mrs. Burns) is a widow, & the other (Miss Downey) is an old maid. Both of them are nearly sixty years old, & I met them through an old couple who run a grocery store not far from where I stay. I used to go to the store every day to buy milk, & we became very friendly. Mrs. Burns has a very pretty daughter, but she is older than I am, & her name isn't Betty Osborne - so I didn't take much interest in her.

Miss Downey is very fond of classical music, & since I like it myself, in the proper doses, we get along very well. Eugene Ormandy, the American composer is here in Australia now, & Miss Downey thinks he is wonderful - the minute I start talking about music, she brings him into the conversation.

It has started to get warmer here during the past week, & I have almost gotten rid of the cold I had. Miss Downey says it's because I've started drinking

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This may be the last chance I will have to write to you from this place because I think I will be here in a few days. I'll be glad to get back to the outfit but still, it will remain a matter of 2 or 3 days to the north of the mountains, after spending both the summer here.

I was fortunate to see two days ago looking out
nature came up on display. They were very
much out of my way. I thought they were very
pretty, but I don't know, I can't get it out of
your eye but I don't want to see you
will have a very good time when you get up
in the morning. I will remain up here
but will be out two days later.

I am not sure but I think I will
be out of the area (Miss Jones) in an old
house on the edge of the mountains. I don't
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tea, which is something I didn't do until I met her. Tea time is quite a ritual over here, I've discovered - instead of asking one to visit at three o'clock, they say "Come in time to have tea!"

There are a lot of clubs in this place darling, which reminds me to tell you something. I hope you'll never get any ideas about joining any organization of that type. I suppose they're all right, but I know I wouldn't do for you. Perhaps it isn't any of my business sweets - just thought I'd mention it.

I'll close for tonight darling. Before long, I should be reading your letters again.

all my love
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There are a lot of blues in this place, which
reminded me to tell you something. I hope you will
never get any ideas about going any organization
of that type. I suppose this is all right, but I know
I wouldn't do for you. Perhaps I will say that
business must just be thought of as a matter of
the law for tonight. I am sure before long
to mention your letter again.

All my love
Ben



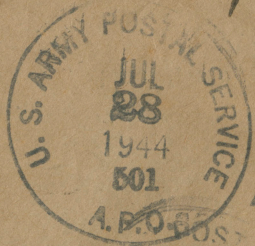
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