

New Guinea
Aug. 13, 1944

Dearest Betty,

I have just rejoined my outfit,
& I have 20 letters from you for
the months of June & July.

You can't imagine how glad I
was to get them darling - & the
two little packets of candy were here
too, when I got back. Thanks for
everything sweets - you're the most
wonderful girl in the world.

God darling, your letters covered
nearly every thing under the
sun - about your nephew, Bobby -
the apartment you got, at the beach -
the quiet 4th of July, & even your
broken fingernails!

I had been wondering when you
were going to get my letter explaining
those wonderful "masterpieces." That
was long ago - so now we can for-
get it.

You know sweets - I found out
something nice about you from
one of your letters, & that is the fact
that you have the same feelings
during a thunder storm or a rain
fall, that I do.

When it rains here, I just lie
down on my bunk & think of
you - which is something I do

Dear Mother
July 1, 1887

Dear Mother

I have just received your letter
of the 20th & I am glad to hear
from you & hope you are well
I am well & hope you are the same
I have not much news to write
at present but I will write again
soon - about your nephew's
disposition I will get it all
to you by mail, I will
write you again
I had been wondering when
you would get my letter explaining
that wonderful "miraculous" but
now I know - so now we can
get it
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all of the time, anyway. But during a storm I get particularly moody & thoughtful - & I get angry because I don't have a decent picture of you to look at. That's a hint sweets - get "on the ball," & send me some pictures!

You mentioned in one of your letters that it was a lot of fun to go on moon light boat trips. We used to take trips like that from Detroit to Buffalo - & it was fun. You & I will certainly have to make a date on that Betty. It will just be one of the things that we have never done before, together. I want to go dancing too sweets - I can't understand why we didn't do that when we had the chance.

As for traveling (or 2 "li" (?) - I've seen most of the states too - but we can see them again, & then outside the country, as long as you don't want to see the South West Pacific - I've had too much of that already!

Gosh darling - we will have a grand time together, I know - & I think about it all the time. I want a home too - someplace where I can kiss you goodby.

in the morning, & kiss you
hello in the evening. I want to
hear a dog barking when I drive
in, & I want to be able to say
"Hurry it up Betty, or we'll be late."

I want to sleep late on Sunday
mornings, & I want to go shopping
with my wife to pick out a new
hat or a dress. What is even worse
sweets; I want to come home
drunk some night - so drunk
that my wife will have to put me
to bed.

That sounds terrible doesn't
it? - but I still want to do it, be-
cause I never get the chance.

I suppose you have received the
few letters I sent you from Australia,
& it shouldn't be too long before you
get the little sheep's wool rug. I wanted
to send something better sweets,
but I couldn't find anything
suitable. Besides, the rug will go
nicely in a nursery in later
years - don't you think?

All in all I spent 47 days in Australia
& after the first week or so I
had a fairly good time. I met a
boy from home, & I also met a
fellow from the outfit, who came
down shortly after I did.

I ate steak & eggs three times

in the morning, I have again
written in the evening, I want to
hear a day before when I see
you, I want to be able to say
"I'm up to the top, or will be"
I want to say that on Sunday
morning, I want to go to the
with me, I want to go to a
but I can't. What I can do is
write, and to come to you
I think I can write to you
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a day, & steak & ⁷ eggs for dessert after every meal. I drank 350 gallons of tomato juice every morning, & I stood under a hot shower three hours a day for the first week.

It may sound a bit exaggerated, but it's almost the truth, darling. I went to one dance, at the Red Cross, but didn't spend more than 10 minutes with any one girl & I didn't collect any names or addresses. Missie girls are different in so many ways - & I couldn't imagine myself as being in love with one.

I went horse back riding, visited a couple of museums, an art gallery, a botanical garden, two zoos, & several parks. I went to the theater, took in a half dozen operas (Gilbert & Sullivan) & heard Eugene Ormandy, the American conductor & composer, leading the ~~_____~~ Symphony Orchestra. I can't tell you the name of the Orchestra, because it would give away the city I was in - & that isn't permissible darling. I went roller skating, played billiards & snooker every day & rode every tram in the city.

a day, & steak & eggs for lunch
after every meal, & drink 500
gallons of water, & was very
well, & I think with a bit of
this & some tea for the first
week.

It was a very hot & dry
but I think the best of it
I went to one house at the
end, but I did not see any
there, & I think I was
in the wrong place.

I then went to the
other side of the
river, & saw many more
of the same kind, & I
was very well.

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That pretty well covers my stay⁵
in Australia Betty. If you had been
with me, & there was no war, we
would have a wonderful time.

I didn't see all the things I
wanted to see in that particular
city, & if we had been together we
would have visited all the other
principal cities as well.

I'll close for now sweets, &
write again tonight or in the
morning.

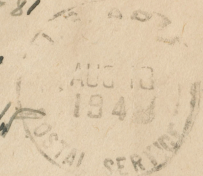
Don't forget about the pictures
darling - & I love you.

all my love,
Lew

That first well known man who
in Ontario's history, I hope had
with me, & there was no one
would have a wonderful time
I didn't see all the things I
wanted to see in that particular
city & I'm sure that had I
would have visited all the
principal cities as well.
I'll close for now, however,
with some thoughts on the

morning.
But first about the
writing of this year.
All my love,
The

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