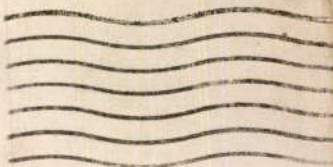


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CAMP CROFT
SOUTH CAROLINA

June 13, 1943

My Dearest Judy,

I don't think I can stress enough the importance of you taking good care of yourself and not worrying about me being shipped overseas. By the letter you wrote me it sounds as if I told you I was being shipped overseas. The answer is NO I haven't the slightest idea as to my next destination. Let's pray and hope it nearer to you.

I had to buy myself a few pencils and notebook for the beginning of my specialist training which starts tomorrow. I was informed that I will have 50 hours on the Morse code and 24 hours of map-reading. Have a few other

subjects but don't do it no what. 2
It sounds very interesting and I
feel I learn a great deal of on
communication. you can't
have any idea how I feel about
being in this specialist course
until you speak to the fellows
in the other parts of the camp.

I don't remember if I
mentioned it before but I received
my first army pay Friday night.

The amount I received was \$30. It
sure was good to feel rich again.

I would like to telephone you
today but I figure you are in
Long Beach so I won't I'll
try and call you up on
Wednesday or Thursday evening.

I'll place my call around
6:30 o'clock and hope I hear
your voice before lights go
out at 10:00 o'clock. As I told
you before it takes from



2 to 6 hours to get the call ~~through~~ to New York. If I was to call bright and early on a Sunday morning I would get you in a few minutes. Early is around 6:30 to 7:00 clock AM. I'm going to try and call you as I said, Wednesday ^{and} Thursday. If you don't hear from please don't be disappointed.

Since my poison oak has disappeared I will spend this afternoon by going swimming. Last night I went to the movies and saw two pictures that put me to sleep.

Dear as far as getting you a private family to stay with that can be arranged very simply. you may even

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be able to live with a Jewish family. By going to the Jewish U.S.P. they will tell me where there is a room for rent. So as far as that goes there isn't anything to worry about. The problem of finding a woman who is planning on coming down here will be difficult, I definitely try my best to locate someone.

Honey, I'm not going to tell you what your mother wrote me because I believe she already told you or will tell you.

While I have lose a little fat I am gaining it back in muscle. The weight that I lost was excess fat. I'm not thin at all in fact when you see me I think you will agree with me that I look much better and healthier.



The French saying came from a book. I'm not learning how to speak French.

It's very clear in my mind that you write me everyday and that you love me as much as I love you.

I don't blame you for not wearing the ring while at the beach. I can understand the reason.

Darling, I want you to keep your chin and ~~for~~ your beautiful head up in the air instead of bending it over. This whole mess is going to be over sooner than you think. My uniform is the symbol of the best soldier in the world and I'm ~~not~~ going to uphold that fact.

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I do hope you can write
me saying that you feel
better and you are not worried.

I just decided I'll call you
up tomorrow. Or should I say I
try and call you up. So if
you hear from me tomorrow
~~do~~ you won't have to wait
home for my telephone call on
Wednesday or Thursday when I'll
go into town for my pictures.

Wednesday evening is problem
night so it would be impossible
to call you then. We get off
on Wednesday ^{afternoon} evening to
make up for the evening.

It feels as if I'm going
back to my school days tomorrow.

In order to get anywhere it
will require a lot of studying.

Dearest I know you want
me to advance so for you
mostly I going to absorb all
the work,



I believe I answered all your questions. more important than that I hope I was able to convince you that there isn't any need to feel bad.

From now until I leave here it will be easy sailing for me. you most of heard that the first that the first four weeks of a soldier is the toughest. It wasn't as bad as I expected but I'm glad its over.

you better keep smiling to keep me happier.

mail call will be in a few minutes so I won't close this letter till later.

There wasn't any fmail from you dear but that's because you proable mailed your letter from Long Beach.

A letter that I mailed to Aaron came back to me today.

The letter was forward to 2
his new camp but I guess his
name isn't in the directory section
yet so they mailed it back to me.

Keep well, chin up, smile
and I love you.

Love, & kisses

Ben