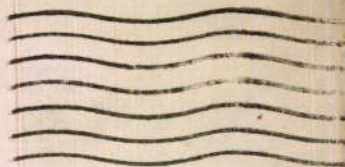


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26 Ft. B.
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Miss Judith Berman
817 West End Ave.
New York, N.Y.

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June 13, 1943

Dearest Judy,

I have about an hour before lights go out so I decided to start on tomorrow's letter.

I'm mailing you a photograph postcard of the main entrance of Camp Croft. On the right you can see the guest house. On the left you can observe the Service Club.

In my opinion it would be a good idea to house yourself at the guest house. There are a few rules that in which one is a guest can only rent a room for three days unless they are not crowded when you may stay longer. It would be much more convenient for me to see you. I could easier meet you at the Service Club.

There is a restaurant at the Service Club where you can eat. It only cost 75¢ cent a night at the guest house. Another good feature is that many women stay at the guest house and you can ~~me~~ get acquainted very easily. Therefore during the day you won't be alone. It would be very convenient for me to ~~to~~ escort you home. It takes me about 15 minutes with the bus to get to the Service Club or guest house. It is necessary to notify the club at the guest house at least three weeks in advance if you intend to rent a room there.

I think it would be advisable to ~~reserve~~ ^{make} the reservations for the room beginning with Sunday or Monday night and stay here as long as possible. Then you can stay with a private family.



CAMP CROFT
SOUTH CAROLINA

I also think that when you plan to come down you arrange to be here on Saturday and stay until the following Sunday. In that way we can spend two Saturdays and Sunday together.

Do you completely understand me as far as accommodations goes?

now dear, as far as my free time I explain that to you again.

Weekdays - 9 in back in my barracks at 4:30 o'clock P.M. When you come down I can then get washed and dressed and meet you for supper instead of eating in the GI mess hall.

I have to be back in my barracks by 11 o'clock when we have bed check. But see lets figure at 10 o'clock when lights go out.

On Wednesday I will be having night problems which means on that night I won't be able to see you. But I will get off on Wednesday afternoon I not positive but I think I will be able to see you then. On Fridays we have floor show so I will have to see you a little later on that night.

Week ends - I'm free on Saturday around 4 to 5 o'clock. I could see you then. until I'm free until Sunday evening at 11 o'clock P.M. I could be with you all day on Sunday.

Do you completely understand me on that point? I feel that while the time I'm free is not much & its better then not seeing you at all.



So you see darling, I looking forward every day to the day when I'll see you. I do hope its real soon.

Sweetheart, even since your letter telling me how much I hurt you I can't stop thinking how badly I made you feel. I just keep rolling over and over trying to sleep.

Lights are going out soon dear, so I close for tonight. Good night darling I love you. KISS. K I S S

K I S S ———> traveling to New York. K I S S

K I S S *A. get Berman get NEW YORK
817 West End Ave.

Did you get it?

Monday
6:30 block 6

Back again dear,

I just placed a telephone call to you and was told I'll have to wait from 2 to 3 hours. I hope it doesn't take longer than that because I will have to be back in my barrack. I'm waiting in the recreation hall which is near my barrack. In this hall there are tables for writing, radio, games to play, and ping pong table. There aren't any girls here so I'll answer your question before you ask it.

Today I started learning the Morse code. If you even hear it you will agree with me that it sounds like Greek.

The method that they use for teaching is not the learning of what dot dash dot means or ... - V means. They have us listen to the different sounds and from ~~they~~ that we have to learn.



CAMP CROFT
SOUTH CAROLINA

I guess after some time I will get on to it. I don't feel bad about it because no other fellow has either.

I don't specialize in the ~~more~~ Morse code. I only have to have a foundation of it. The sending and receiving of messages is left up to the radio section.

Dearest I suppose by now you expected me to be a major. I tell you - don't expect me to get any ~~ratings~~ promotion until I complete my course. Then it will depend on how well I applied myself and the ~~off~~ openings there are in my next camp.

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manty didn't know his girlfriend
wasn't coming down here until the
same day you informed me. There
is a slight possibility that she
may be down to see manty.

Closing for the present -

Just finished speaking to you
and that was the shortest three
minutes in my life. It was
worth it just to hear your
voice.

Dearest I'm glad you
mentioned coming down alone.
I can't see anything wrong in it.
You are capable of taking care
of yourself. I hope I
understood you correctly when
you said coming down by
yourself. I don't think I
will be able to locate
another person from New York
you is planning on coming
down here.



As soon as you definitely decide when you are coming down I will make reservations for you at the guest house.

North Carolina is only about 25 miles away but it lot depends on what part of North Carolina your girlfriend is visiting. If she makes the trip with you it would be swell.

What makes you think I don't want you to come down here. As Dearest as I said before I hope and pray every night that you will be down here to see. I miss you immensely.

How dear I have to go back to my barracks and wash up and get set

for tomorrow.

Before I close I repeat

Let me know as soon as possible
the day you expect to arrive
here. Do you agree with
my plan about the guest house.
That's staying from Sunday evening
until they ask you to ~~leave~~
leave which may be after the
third or fourth day.

Saturday night you can
take a room in a hotel in town.
The reason why I ~~want~~ ^{would like} you
to go to the guest house on
Sunday or Monday evening is
because you then can be
in camp when I haven't as
much time off as over the
week-end. Understood?

Do you agree with me?

I close now darling
with all my love to you.

Ben