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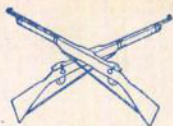
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Dear Brothers

John Dear

Dear Judy



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Good morning Dearest,

It's now about 6.30 in the morning <sup>it</sup> and the rays of light are beginning to brighten in the same manner as your lovely face outshines everybody else's.

No doubt you are wondering how I'm able to write you so early in the day. From 6 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock I'm guard on post 3. There isn't anything to do here any - my buddy Marty is with me. We (Marty & I) always ~~seems~~ get details together because his name



comes after mine on the  
roaster

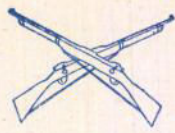
Sweetheart, I believe I have  
some excellent news for you.

The light of the sky is  
brightening up so I'll be able  
to see what I'm now writing.

Here a bee or horse fly  
directly over my head and its  
interrupting me every few seconds.

Now to get back to what  
is really on my chest as I can't  
keep it to myself any longer.

Last night the class was  
assembled and an platoon leader  
read off a list of names of all  
the fellows who have shipping orders  
my name was among the  
list.



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Darling, here's the news.

I signed the furlough paper last night which in all probability means I'm getting a furlough within two weeks.

The exact number of days of leave is unknown but it will be at least five days. It maybe up to 12 days it all depends on the day my next camp which will be Camp Meade in Maryland wants me.

As far as my next camp is concerned it's a replacement center and I'll only be there a short time. The camp is only a fine hour trip to New York so if I should be there one or a week-end I may be able to get a pass to come home over the week-end.

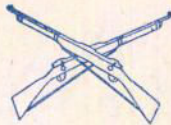


I may stay at Camp Meade for 2 days or I may be here 2 weeks to 2 months. It's impossible to tell. The reason for going to Meade is to be assigned to some outfit. The replacement center forms

There are a few fellows not leaving with us and Marty happens to be one of them. He feels sad about the whole setup because he was counting on the leave.

When I leave here I'll go home and from New York I'll go to Fort Meade. The government is going to give me 34¢ a mile for the distance between Camp Meade and Fort Meade. I think that's a very good method because it reduces my traveling expenses home.

Dearest, there are probably plenty of questions you don't understand but it won't be long now till I'll be able to sit next to you and explain them to you.



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One of them no doubt is why isn't  
manly getting a furlough. Nobody seems  
to know that's do why he makes sense.  
He may even get a better opportunity.

I was thinking dear that  
it would be a good idea (if  
possible) for you to sleep over my  
house during the week. I'll be  
home. It will save a lot of  
time of trawling back and forth  
since every minute will  
count. I hope you understand  
my point and feel speak to  
my mother about it. Going to  
write my mother about it.

It sounds so good that  
I'm going to get a leave I  
can hardly believe it.