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Darling Beloved Judy,

Just now I was reading the Sept. 11, 1943 edition of the Liberty magazine and my I came across a poem that seemed to strike me in the right place. The poem is so true that I'm going to copy the poem now so you will be able to read it. There will be a slight change from the original as I want it to bring out the idea better even though the poem may not rhyme as well.

Here goes -

I'm a soldier now for the U.S.A.
I get lonely sometimes and begin to pray;
I look at the sky - it's always blue -
And I keep on praying for a letter from you
I look at the dock as the hours roll by.
Then turn in my bed and begin to sigh
The lights are turned out the day is all
through.

I'm waiting for a letter a letter from you
The morning seems bright, birds sing all the day
But for me I have nothing to say,
I do my duty to keep us all free,
yet I'm waiting for something - something
from you.

The hour is drawing near, there
will be a bedlam of joy.

I'll feel like a kid with a brand new toy
When they ^{will} just call my name. Then I'll
never be blue.

Cause I have a letter - a letter from you.

Don't ever forget we're fighting to win
We need all your help so won't you pitch in?
There nothing much I ask you to do.

Only keep sending me a letter, a letter from you.
That's it, How did you like it?

The last part was ^{not} unnecessary but since
it's part of the poem I kept it in.

Dearest, I couldn't express my feelings
any better and I believe that you will
agree with me when I say the poem ^{you}
brings out the point and hits exactly how I feel
about your letters.

Received some PX items today consisting
of a Oh Henry ^{bar}, boy was it good a box of
Chuckles which is assorted gummies and
surprisingly a box of Cheese Tiel - bit. Besides
we get cigarettes, life savers and gum almost
daily. Yesterday I received two sacks of my or
should I say our favorite favorite gum -
Dentyne.

Intended to write you a O mail
letter today but since I've written so much
~~now~~ I guess I'll send you this letter today.

Now that I'm settled on my new job
I find that I got a swell racket. The hours
are long but that doesn't make much
difference because there isn't
any thing else to do. I can write, read,
play cards or checkers or just have a
chatter session ^{while working} discussion. Don't have
any other details such as 15 P.M. guard duty.

~~Loss~~ of ^{rather} my memory hasn't failed me
I do think of that your parents
wedding anniversary is coming up
soon. If so I'll like to wish them
lots of luck and another year of
happiness. ~~Then~~ While on the subject
kindly wish them and sister a very
happy New Year, same for you, but that
has already been taken care of. Correct?

Let's hope that by next year I'll
be able to tell you directly to your
beautiful face the words of a Very
Happy New Year — Darling when
the handle of my watch strikes 12, I'll
be ~~as~~ right on there doing exactly
what I've done last year that at times
and smarts you don't have to worry
about me having someone else in
my arms. ~~Some~~ day soon I'll tell you
why plus the fact I ~~was~~ wouldn't want

any one else besides you. I 4
hope you will have one second
to yourself when the sun goes the
bad year and (I hope) in comes the
good year so you will be able
to respond to my action at that time.

ⓐ In between answering calls and
writing you this letter I finally
~~managed to~~ find myself busy because
I'm interrupted frequently.

As I repeatedly say now, have
you finished have you finished I am
I can say no yes to this letter.

So darling, as another day is
passing, and my heart is beating for
you I'll sign off with
mountains of love and a kiss
for every peak.

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