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My Beloved Darling,

Taking advantage of the lovely weather today we hoped hopped into our vehicle and went a short distance to go swimming in a cool refreshing river. The depth was about waist deep but we were able to swim around. My swimming trunks that I saved from last year came in handy. Came back to our barracks ate chow then took a cold shower, which was about five minutes ago.

Been reading in the Stars and Stripes the latest developments on the Army point system. The exact number of points have been announced. I don't stand a Chinaman's chance since a minimum of eighty five points must be attained. I have around seventy points which puts me fairly high in my outfit but it doesn't do me any good. Also saw a motion picture this morning on the government's plan of sending the bulk of the men over here to the Pacific plus explaining the point system to us. The best news is the plan on sending most of the men home first before departing to the CBI. Only four hundred thousand will remain here as occupation, the rest of the men here going to the States with a large number from their moving on to the active theatre of operations, after a furlough.

Received your letter of May 1st today which I consider arrived in good time. Swell that you can cook good tasting chops. Hope the day is not too far distant when I'll be able to sample for myself and tell you, gee honey but that tastes swell, any seconds?

Oh yes, we took a few snapshots today with one of the other fellows cameras. As soon as I see the finished product I'll send you the snapshots darling. Okay? Its going to take awhile so please be patient.

Filled out another form. This time on the education program. We will be able to study while waiting for shipment. All the subjects I'm interested in relate to business. The majority of courses will be taught right from my division by former teachers that are now scattered throughout the outfit. Only when it comes to a higher education will a man be sent to a college. This plan has ^{and then} nothing to do with the GI Bill of Rights in which a serviceman upon discharge can go to college if he qualifies just as in civilian life.

Good night darling, pleasant dreams
to the best girl in the world, and I
do mean you. All my love and kisses

yours,
Ben