

May 25, 1943
8:28 P.M.

Dear Marion:

Don't be surprised at receiving so prompt a reply. It doesn't usually happen. It's just that I figured that if I didn't write now, it would be a long time before I got some more time to write.

You asked about army life, etc. I think it's going to be alright. I really don't know. Today is my 28th day in the army and I've spent 16 of them in one hospital or another.

I just saw "Casablanca" at the Red Cross. Those Red Cross people do a good job. I'm putting this in an R.C. envelope.

Tomorrow I'm supposed to go to my Battalion. There I live barracks. In Dix I lived in tents, very dusty tents. In the A.M. we rolled up the

tent flaps, and during the time between 8 AM, + 12.00 Noon the dust got on our sheets, mess kits + personal property, At noon we tried to dust of the linen + merely ground the dirt in. It is decidedly better in barracks.

Jerome swore to me that he wasn't going to take another deferment. But that was a month ago and anyway ~~it's~~ it's his business. Excuse the blot. I do think, however, that he + Potter, Jimmy, will be the only ones from that bunch to join me.

Jimmy's A.P.O. address doesn't necessarily mean he is crossing the pond. My springs cousin has had an A.P.O. ~~since~~ since he's been in the Army.

Those numbers B-8-3 mean Battery B, 8th Battalion, 3rd Regt. That is technically speaking my home. Although I haven't been there much.

The man in the next bed saw Bobbie's
Picture & immediately became interested.
He thought she was 23 or 24 years old.
He was sadly disillusioned when I
told him she was 15.

It is now 9:04 P.M. & lights are
supposed to be out, but I am continuing
in the cabins. Every night we have
a round table discussion in here after
lights out.

Tomorrow I am leaving here. At
least it was told that. but that's what
they've told me since Sunday. So I'm
hoping tomorrow will not find me here.

It's tough that you missed
the Bridal Bouquet. Better luck next
time.

Now it's my turn to tell you
to be careful & good,

As Ever,

Ken