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My True Little Sweetheart:-

When I spoke to you over the phone tonight I had some headache. Now it has entirely deserted me, thank Godness. With that off my mind, I'm lonesome, dear, lonesome 'for my little girl. The one consolation I receive is, that there's a chance that you may be just as lonesome as yours truly. Am I justified in thinking that way?

Before I get off on some other line I'll tell you about down and our sweater. Emphasis on the "our". (That means you and me). The weather was too warm early in the afternoon, so I didn't wear it. But at four o'clock, when I go



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To French Class (or as we say
Salle de Francaise) I put it
on. I got there before Don, and
when he entered the room, on his
way to the seat next me, he
noticed it right off the reel.
For his further benefit I took
the coat off, and he looked at it
close and looked at it from a
distance, with a critical eye, and
then he felt of its double thickness.
He gave a short whistle and
exclaimed "Golly Joe, is that
how much your girl loves you?"
I said, "See no, Don, I couldn't
begin to tell you how much she
loves me." Then he add, "I wonder
if me and my girl will ever get
that way?" Just like that!
What do you think of that, Little
Girl? Now do you wonder
that I love you the way I do?



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If I had you here, I'd give you one great big kiss and then many more, and I'd hold you and never let you go. Can you imagine how I feel? When I come over to your house next time, and you don't want me to kiss you so anyone can see us, see to it that nobody is around, for I shan't refrain, regardless who is there. I'm only giving you fair warning sweetheart. But you know me, be sure and have lots of coffee and dill pickles for me and you. Did you find out yet how to feed a man by tub-fulls? Just ask me I'll tell you, don't be bashful, Girl, because some day you might be up against it, and then if you don't know how? Wouldn't that



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be rather nice? You ought to
learn how soon because it
won't be long before I'll come
back to you for good. Won't that
be glorious?

The guy
next to me saw the way I
began the letter and he asked
me when I got married. I
told him in about fifteen
years I was going to think
about it and he said he has
known and gone with a girl
for a year and he doesn't dare
to call her even "Dear." I told
him if that's all I called you,
you might get to feel insulted.
Am I right? Be sure and tell
me, so I'll be certain.

Tonight
the whole company was
changed around into new squads.



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Tomorrow we are to be assigned to bunks according to squads. Each squad bunks together and the corporal is responsible for his men. By the way things look now, our squad will be stationed in the front sun parlor. Imagine going to bed in a place like that with windows all around and lights on. It's right on the street too, where people pass frequently. I won't bother us any but just think, some old maid wondering perchance along that way might die of heart trouble or from shocked modesty or some other such cause. Then she would sue Uncle Sam for a funeral and maybe I'd be cheated out of my \$8.60 for one month. But then, we're in the army now, and



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have to do what we're told to, I suppose. But whatever you do, don't come around here at 6¹⁵ in the morning, or at 10⁰⁰ at night, because I want to have you for myself when I'm done with this business. Ain't I selfish though, to ask for so much? If you say no, I might ask for some more.

Today has passed very nicely and generally speaking, meals were swell. Meals at noon and evening were exceptionally good. Breakfast was fair, we had oatmeal mush, eggs, omelets, bread and butter and bananas and pudding. I'm hungry now enough to eat a horse out, but we all have to wait until breakfast, I suppose. Meals were better



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today than any other day so far.
Studies ran off like clockwork.
In a few minutes
we start for our bunk and
then thoughts, fair thoughts of
you, dear, and finally - Sleep.
Be good sweetheart and I'll
do the same

Your own
Joe.



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