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My Own Sweet Dear -:

Once again I'm at study, and I still have time to write a few lines to you Sweetheart. I'm just about all in, and I'll bet that I'll fall asleep, as soon as I roll into the blankets. And then sweet dreams if I have time - if not, I won't wake up until morning with the bugle. Other way is satisfactory, so you see, how much I worry.

The days go pretty fast for me, and, dear, before we know it, Saturday, will be here and I'll be with you again for a short while. Be sure and satisfy Billy with kisses before I come home, because I want you

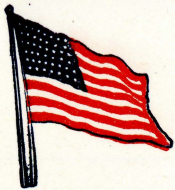


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to devote at least an hour to me alone, if no longer. Remember what Don is going to do to his girl, and Jim liable to even surpass his threats. Remember also that I am in the army now and I not responsible for what I do. See, my dear?

My classes all went off Okch today for the first time and as our company is being changed considerably, we had no drill. The lieutenant is a fine fellow, very strict, but just. It looks as if the company is going to undergo a complete change. But I don't care, if they would only hurry so I could send you my address so you could write to me. This makes three letters you'll have to answer and there will

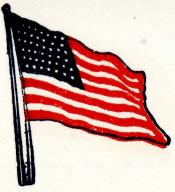


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be more. Do you see what you're  
up against? I'll keep you  
humping alright young lady,  
don't worry.

Grab today was swell,  
all but evening mess. They  
fed us on beans, rice, muffins,  
tomatoes, cucumbers, bread and butter,  
and cocoa. I ate it all and then  
to fill up, had all the bread and  
cocoa that I could get within  
reach of. I finally managed  
to fill up after which I went  
to my bunk and <sup>there</sup> shaved and  
washed up a bit. I went over  
to the club and called up home  
and spoke to both Mag & Pa and  
when I was done with them I  
signalled the operator and asked  
for Columbus 4933. She gave the  
busy signal and retraced the



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dime that already was in there, so although I missed talking to you, I called up home for nothing. One has to do that in the army, only 8<sup>00</sup> per. There is a reliable rumor around the camp that we get paid Nov 5. If that's so I'm going to celebrate. Do you want to get in on it too? You'll have to cook me some of your good coffee then, little girl, and I'll drink, maybe two cups if you'll allow me. Of course if you won't, I'll have to wait until I get home for some more. And if you truly love me, don't forget the dill pickle, either. Yesterday I went to see Sam, and he had some fudge there from home. He was not feeling well enough to eat it, so I



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pitched in to help him. We cooperated in finishing the box - he dishing out and I dishing in. Some system Grace, when you know how and the stuff is good. He says next time he gets some, he will not, by any means, let me know until all but one piece is eaten. Then he'll tell me and allow me to look on while he finishes that one too. Isn't he some guy? I've would never do anything so mean as all that. But I'll get the best of the Irishman yet.

Another rumor is afloat that in English we are not to have any work outside of class. If it's true, so long word themes, and thousand-word essays. It's really too good to be true! Of course,



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the only safe way to do in a place like this, is to believe only half of what you see, and nothing that you hear. Pretty good rule, if you stick by it.

Well, I've got to turn in at 10 so I'll have to say "adieu" for this time.

Yours for a good cup  
 of coffee Saturday  
 Joe

P.S. And don't forget the dill pickles.