

Wed. After.

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Dear Small Family:-

Rec'd 2 small letters from you today.
And one of 'em was from you. Dale. Nice
mail. Write as often as possible 'cause I'm
really a kid & hear from you. Yes. I'll forgive
you all for not writing last Saturday morn.
I have a devil of a time getting letters written
here. I now have 13 to answer since getting
2 Valentines - one from Elsie & Joe & one
from Virginia, who is now giving a party here
yesterday. I don't know where or how I
can get any of 'em answered when it's all I
can do to write you & Ruthie most other days.
I am off now until 5:30 & have to go to the
Pressure Chamber Room 3 till 5 this after-
noon because I never had it in S.I.C.
I'm so busy here that I'm never sure I get
what I wrote & you last or what I said.
I think tho'. That the last time I wrote you
was Monday. which seems to be a week ago.

It was small to talk to you again
~~last~~ Monday but I wish you had

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help have there. Dale. so I could wish you
a happy birthday. Again, as
usual. The time went altogether so fast that I
know that others are anxiously awaiting en-
cuits too.

I'm sorry my letters & papers up at
Vesp so, Mom, but the papers, as Dad
said, are more a formality. And as for the
letters, I hated writing them at the time be-
cause of how they might make you feel but
I wanted you to know how much I love
& still do - & always shall - a PP inside
everything.

The dipping about the Parachute
episode of the Fortness crew was really
interesting. I'm showing it to several guys
& am going to show it to Dad. Wonder what
Ruthie would say if I woke up in some
Br. gal's company! It she wouldn't mind
too much. I'd like to try it sometime. Ha Ha.

The last couple days have been really
windy. Remember Sioux Falls in Mar. Mom? It's
been just like that the last couple days but today
is just like Spring in Bee Dee!



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What do I think of the govt
pulling the army guys out of college
& putting 'em into combat outfits?

I think it's almost time they
find out what it's like to be away from home,
eat lousy food, get cold, be tired, miss papers
to do anywhere & everywhere, miss sleep, get
up at all times, do K.P., & a million other
things you happen to know in the last year!
Oh, what I'd have given to have had 'em down
with Tapt, etc. in St. Pete!! And I hope
they pull the name & training out o' school
soon too! I can see that yellow Richard
Conley & Dave (last names) slipping in their
own & ~~right~~ now. & they have
leave school. because & find 'em & give 'em
my "see ups" — the village ~~down~~! I
some o' those guys try to tell me how tough
the war was when it's all over! I'll be the
first 'un a true taste of it!!

I don't mind a bit when it's my job
to have to do so but I hate like hell
to have a lot of & charges for
guys like that to stay home & take my 'til
& have all the privs that I'm dreamin'

O' Captain! Back to some day!
I knew that's on our side of
that!



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Long I aot a not but Iotta go
go to 30. 000 ft in that demand Pressure
Chamber. Till I have time again

Love
Shirley



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