Sat. June 15, 1918

Gainer, sweetheart, if my letter did you as much good as yours did me, it would make me feel sorter proud of myself to think that I could write such a letter, because honey I sure did enjoy that letter. I was looking for one this morning and was on my way to class when I met the postman and got my letter.

I haven't had breakfast yet, and it is 10:45. You see I have a class from 9 to 10 and the negro won't start cooking here at the house until
tomorrow, so we have been eating first at one place then at another, that is all but me and I have been going out to brother's for dinner and supper. I did have two peaches and a banana for breakfast but I sorta feel like I could eat more.

I am afraid that I am not going to get to stay here, I mean at this house much longer because brother got in this morning and I phoned him and he asked me where I was and when I told him, I thought he was coming thru the phone
after me. It is wise told me that he didn’t think much of the fraternities around here, so I haven’t even unpacked, but have been waiting for him to get here so I would know what to do. You know it is a fact that these boys don’t study at all, out of all these fraternity boys that I’ve met, not a one has passed in all his courses, why honey they actually don’t know what studying is, and they don’t do any thing but cut classes and run around having a good time. You see here they get practice.
credits like ½ or ⅓ depending upon the number of terms work that they pass, but at Rice it makes no difference what kind of grades that you made the first two terms if you fail in the last one you are very liable to get a failure for the year, they don't grade in fractions, it's either a whole credit or none. As far as the two schools go, give me Rice any time, we have got them beat in everything but scenery and that sure is pretty around here. Austin is just one hill after another anyway, and then so many
trees, that it is awful pretty. They also have what they call the mountains way off in the distance and at nights when the sun sets it makes me feel powerful lonesome to look at those big old hills and then think about when I am. Oh Honey I would give just anything if I were back in Dallas, I know you are going to get tired of hearing me say that before the summer is over, but dear Josie never had a greater longing nor a sweeter one than to be with you, and jolly hope I will be the
somebody whose home you will sometime keep, I am always building air castles about that and someday I am going to realize one of them, if you will let me, why gonna's honey you have all the influence in the world with me. I'm just as truthful as I can be when I say that every thing that might seem a little out of the ordinary that I do, I always stop and ask my self would gonna's want me to do that, or what would she think if I did that, and honey that is why I like for you to tell me that you
don't want me to do things because then I won't do them and honey that is another reason why I don't have any more dates than I do when I am away from home, not that I think you would care, because I know you don't, but the girls are so different from you and I simply cannot treat them like I treat you, because honey I love you and other girls to me are nothing more than friends. You don't know how sorry I have been that I said what I did, but honey I didn't mean it at all the way it sounded, I don't want
to just lay down a set of rules like Gordon did for Martha, see hunny, I don't want you to feel like I am keeping you from doing anything, but I would like for you to ask yourself, when something arises the same thing that I ask myself, that seems to me to be the best way, of course there are some times when that won't work, well then ask. It always seems to me when a person does like Gordon did for Martha, that he hasn't any faith in her, and hunny I have all the faith in the world and there some in you and always will have.
quite a little time has passed since I started this letter. I had to quit and go to a class and from class I went to town and then out to dinner and then back to town and then out again for supper, and then to the Majestic and I heard that pole you were telling about the 'cooter' saving the fellows head.

Do you know that Booker boy? He is down here in Camp Mabry and his mother gave me a call to bring to him and he got it today, but I simply couldn't keep it. I went out to the camp last Wed. and they wouldn't let
Me in and I phoned him and it was two days before I got him. There sure are lots of boys from Rice up here at the ground school. I didn't know it until today but they all get off on Saturdays and come to town. Austin really looked alive all afternoon.

Did you have a good time at the dance last Thursday night? I sure did think about you and wish that I was there to go with you. Did you have your picnic to-day? It sure made me feel bad to hear all you talk about doing first one thing.
and then another and I knew I wasn't going to be there.

I went swimming a couple of times this week and naturally got sunburned and look almost as red as I did summer before last, only I haven't started to peel yet. There are several good places to go swimming here. At one place they have a big long chute that leads out into the river and it sure is lots of fun. I was scared to go down it for a long time but after I had done it once why it was all I could do to stop.
You know honey I am sorter on the fence again because they have called off the summer school at Galveston and now they are going to have a session beginning at the regular time in October, so see if I get thru with this "shorkey, shorkey" physics alright this summer there won't be anything to keep me from going to Galveston but what is worrying me is shall I do that or shall I go into the army, what do you think I ought to do, now honey don't tell me just whatever do I think I ought or want
to do, because I would really and truly like to know what you want or think that I ought to do.

I am going to stay out here for the time being anyway, brother didn't seem to care where I stayed or if I stayed at all, he sure tickled me they way he is down on the university, he hates it. He is a powerful strong Ferguson man and you know the university people sure landed on Ferguson and naturally he hasn't had any use for them ever
since.

This time last week we sure were having a good
time and I hate for tomorrow to come, because
I know how it is going
to be and last Sunday
was so nice, but then I
guess that the faster they
roll around the quicker I
will get to see you again.

I haven't started to learn
how to drive yet and am
sorter scared they won't
Teach me, because I told
them what I was going to
do if I ever got a chance

With all my love honey,

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