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Well, honey mine, I got the letter to-day with the pictures in it and oh honey, honey how they do make me think of the times I used to have and honey the one where you are by yourself is so good and you are looking so well, I just can't stop looking at it.

It has been raining up here again today and cold, gee. I'm sitting in the barracks with my overcoat on writing this letter, so you can see it must be a little cool, but then these barracks are awful disagreeable on a day like this anyway. We have stoves up here, one at each end of squad room, but I think they are only for ornament because we never leave fire in them.

Tonight is Wednesday night and so of course no regular study hour, but we are going to have a class before long and then you always have assignments anyway to get up for the next day. So I'm going to stay right here and not go anywhere. I'm awful happy right now anyway because my mind is far away from here. It's with you, honey.

### **Oct. 30**

Honey, you know I'm sorter lucky this week. We go on guard three different times and I'm not on either time. Battalion guard is only from 4:30 to 8:30. We are on that again tomorrow night, but I'm not on. Now tonight we are on school guard and that lasts as usual all night and day. Have to walk past two hours at a time. Oh me, it's awful. Well, that took all of the battery, but eight men and one of the luck eight. Why it's cold as everything and rains about every hour or so. No, sir, I'm glad I can crawl under my five blankets using one for a pillow and in case of necessity also as cover, then one overcoat for pillow and one for cover.

Honey, what do you think of this. I go on duty at 12 o'clock tomorrow as cook, stay on until twelve o'clock Saturday. Have to get up at three o'clock Saturday morning go down and start getting breakfast. Now don't get excited, I'm not cooking by myself. Another boy and then a regular cook will also be there, but we all have to learn how.

So you see, honey, when we have our own home, I'll do the cooking for us both, but it will be army cooking. I'll be honest with you, ever since I've been transferred, I've had better eats and more than I ever had or expect to have any other place in the army.

We may get a chance to go to town, Saturday as I hear that the flu ban is to be lifted. Only 10%, however, from each Btry. I doubt whether I'll get to go and really don't care because I haven't anything to do there, but I haven't been in over a month now and I would like to

know what the city looks like. If I can, though, I'm going in Sunday and go to church. I sure do want to go. That's the place for me now any way.

You know, one night while I was over in the so called hospital, I woke up from a little nap and there were two men standing by the side of my so called bed. I finally recognized one of them to be the night orderly. Well, as soon as the other one saw that, I was awake, he told me he was a chaplain. Well, now you can, maybe, imagine how I felt to wake up and find a chaplain standing by the side of my bed, especially after feeling like I had been, but he was just going thru making little talks to everyone. I soon got used to having preachers visit me anyway because they came quite often, but I was awful glad to have them come around.

Sweetheart, many, many thanks for the aspirin tablets, but I hope I'll never have to use them. You didn't tell me what they cost. Now, honey, I want you to do that, hear.

I have been feeling better than ever the last two days. Don't get dizzy anymore when I walk, took exercise for one hour and 30 min. this morning and it didn't bother me a bit. Can run now as good, no almost as good as usual. I only hope I stay well.

Honey, you know every time I get a letter from home, they always give you more compliments, and it just pleases Mother so much. You simply can't be beat, darling. That's all there is to it.

Honey, I don't know why you haven't been getting more letters from because it seems like I have been writing every two days anyway, but I'll try and do better, sweetie. (Whistle)

Honey, I'm just naturally about to freeze, and I've got my overcoat on and just lot of other stuff. I don't know what these stoves are up here for, there is one just across from my bunch, but it is colder than I am.

Well, honey, I'll have to quit and study now. Stay well and go see the folks when you can because they just love to have you.

With all my love,

Otto