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Dear,

It was a hard day today. Had 1 hr. PT, 3 hrs. of drills, + 4 hrs. of bayonette practice (+ that gun - we call it weapon, or rifle - is heavy). Anyway, I've been waiting for mail all day + enjoyed your letter. Sorry to hear you've been depressed. Honey, I really haven't been depressed at all. Oh I've been lonely + missed you a hell of a lot, but I've never gotten a hopeless depressed feeling yet. I know where you are + what you are doing. I know you care + that we love each other. And I also know that time is passing fairly fast + passes are coming soon + we can act human again. I've been tired of going + doing + having little time to really talk with you much - or really to even think about things enough to write much. In that way I feel like I'm letting you down, but I know you understand + won't let our "thing" get stale or old. I love you + Lord



knows I need you to help me thru.  
This ring means all to me at  
times. I remember the vows +  
promises + even more what I  
knew + could feel between us.  
How can I be depressed when  
I've got what millions lack?  
Oh, daily problems grind at times  
but my total philosophy +  
emotional state in firm + on  
the sunny side in the long run.  
Because of our love + stability, I  
find my relations to others is  
more frank, real, warm, sincere,  
+ close. I'm making many friends  
+ someday will be able to share  
these friendships together.

Seems funny trying to cheer  
you up, my volitional one. But I  
know you pretty well + expect  
these moments (you've had  
many). Really, they're very  
feminine + I love you for  
them. Keeps me on my  
toes + reminds me of one  
of the parts of you I like  
best, your unpredictability.  
Also, as I said often, you're  
closer to things + life  
like "we" had, whereas



I'm not - I'm removed to a  
total different place + life. You're  
reminded more often of us  
& our world, our people, + also  
you have more time to dwell on  
it. Anyway I greet you up.  
When I see you next I know  
you'll be smiling so I try to  
picture you that way even  
thru your tears. Oh, honey,  
just hang on a few more days  
& we'll be together.

It's easy now to see one of  
the worse cruelties of Nam. Even  
if death doesn't strike, the  
mere separation must be  
horrible - no hope for hardly  
even phone talking for a yr.  
Well, we're not there and we're  
not that bad off. The initial  
shock is wearing off + I think  
we'll find Xmas here before we  
could believe it. I love you,  
dear.

Good grief, I feel like I could  
write forever. It's halloween  
& no candy (bad for health,

anyway). You asked about money.  
It is almost all gone (at least for  
this month) before I spend it.  
They take out so much the first  
month for so many things  
that I'll be doing good to have  
enough to pay for some enjoyment  
for my pass. By Dec. pay, tho,  
I'll probably have a bit more.  
But, I'll probably need it, too.  
Frontier + Ozark (I think there  
are the 2) run planes out of  
here to K.C. For leave at Xmas,  
especially if the weather is  
bad, I may fly up. It only  
cost  $\frac{1}{2}$  price (which means  
\$15 or so) + the trip would  
be a short one (less than an hr).  
So, it's a thought. Davell + I  
both will look into it.

I think you're hardly handling  
K. well. I might as well  
admit that I would have  
have problems controlling  
my temper. Also, I'd  
best not see the way  
for a long while or the  
air would be very blue  
very fast - such trash!



In any way, I think Deb may like living with you if this school idea I've heard floating around, sinks. Just an idea, but I think it might be good for both of you if it is her decision. Anyway, hardly had a thought about the problem other than what has already been done or said.

Ron & Mel are doing well & I hope I'll have time to write to both this weekend so I'll be sure to hear from them in the future. Sue is great to have friends. Really helps my morale to hear from people out there who care enough to write. By the way, haven't heard too from Mark & Ros, do they still exist?

Love you dear. Feel so good now. I have C & Q Sat nite, so can't call then. But will try Fri. or Sun. Instead. Love you so much.

your