



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Heard today that they plan to release all Fathers' by last of June. If David W. hasn't gotten out before then, that'll be a good break. They'll get the army on a voluntary basis before very long. But there will be trouble when the economy bloc moves in & cuts base pay etc., no mention has been made of army pay cuts for PM, but they're sure to come, & watch the unholy squawk that's raised.

The bridge game is about to begin, so will close, (last night Danny & I clipped some unwary bystanders for 10 kupples). Danny's lucky at cards. Goodnight again,

I love you
David

5 Jan 45

Jayne sweet,

Wow, processing until I feel like a peice of processed cheese. We've had our clothing checked, our bodies checked, our records checked, the only trouble is that they cancelled and delayed two boats, so it's set back our time of departure by considerable. Incidentally, the quality of typewriters out here is mediocre to say the least, but just so you can read it. Went to the Red Cross last night and bumped into an acquaintance who played bridge in the tournament. We got together and found a couple of players to play with., and so passed a pleasant evening. Our opposition used the Cho System, recently written up in Esquire, but it proved ineffective against us, merely because we wrecked it as you can wreck all signal systems by the effective use of intervening, bids, and also, since you know the approximate placement of all honor cards, you can put up a terrific defense. We used straight Culbertson and won by 3500 points in six rubbers.

Kanchrapara hasn't changed much since I was out here last. It's somewhat larger, more hustle and bustle, but not much change. Don't recognize any of the personnel., all the old guys have gone home.

~~Spent~~ Spent an interesting evening in Phil Devens tent the other evening. He left for Karachi this morning, reassigned up there, probably will get home sooner as a result because Karachi is scheduled to fold up within the next 30 days. ~~There~~ Anyway the other evening, we were batting the bull when a couple of guys walked in, one a Captain Weismuller, the other a Lt. Reynolds.

Weismuller is stodgy, clever, squat, republican, protestant, well bred, educated. Reynolds is artistic, good looking, flighty, recently converted to catholicism, sensitive. We had a top notch bull session, the usual stuff, Atomic bomb problem, world peace, the present dangers to our economy, the problem of the minority races, and at 1:30 in the morning, we got around to sex., and since we broke up at 1:35, I imagine the bull session was unique in ~~that~~ the proportion of time devoted to sex. Of course, we did deal with Freudian stuff a little, but that isn't smutty.

Clint left yesterday, going by freighter, the lucky dog. He should be a civilian by the 1st of February, as for your husband, nee teek, it looks like it'll be fully until the first of March before I get home, and then it'll undoubtedly be ~~the~~ West Coast port of entry, meaning that I probably won't be home and a civilian until about my birthday.

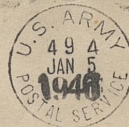
It's difficult for me to write out here, no facilities, etc, so will write every other day, hope you don't mind Beepsie, but this business of waiting around just knocks the ambition out of you.

Am now up in Kemps office, he's the Supply Officer out here, you remember, he's the guy who owes me the fifty bucks, or did owe it to me, until I cancelled it. He got Clint on a freighter all right, just hope he can do the same for me, might save me as much as fifteen days, but let's not hope for it, as the supply of boats this month is very small and there are quite a few guys waiting for them.

That about sums up the news.

I love you
David

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Jayne sweet,

Not a bad day today. am almost over my initial case of 2/15 and had the boil on the back of my neck lanced, so am running on an even keel again. I suppose this boil business sounds gruesome to you, actually, it isn't so bad. Received some wonderful mail today, Danny brought it out to me. an old letter of 6 nov + 18, 19 and 20 Dec.

It's really difficult to write nowadays. I'm more nervous than I care to admit. Have only one thing in mind, and that's getting home to my sweetheart. Being this close it just gets you jittery. am pulling all strings trying to get on a freighter, but it looks like the soonest I can hope to get the boat is early in Feb and that will probably land



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in Seattle meaning a weeks
delay getting to Knox, so unless
I get a break it'll be in March
before I get to see you.

The business of getting
souvenirs finally got me down
so I quit trying to get things
for everyone. Found a moonstone
bracelet, ring & pendant
with ruby chips, in a matched
set, so bought that, and I have
two bracelets from Bangkok
Diam made of silver, oxidized
silver background & legendary
Burmese figures carved into each
link (rather unusual). anyway
I'm going to give all the jewelry
to you Beepsie. as I said before,
I can't afford to get the kind of
things I want for everyone &
the inexpensive things are
very junky, so that'll have to be
that. Bedtime (8:30) so goodnight
sweetheart I love you David

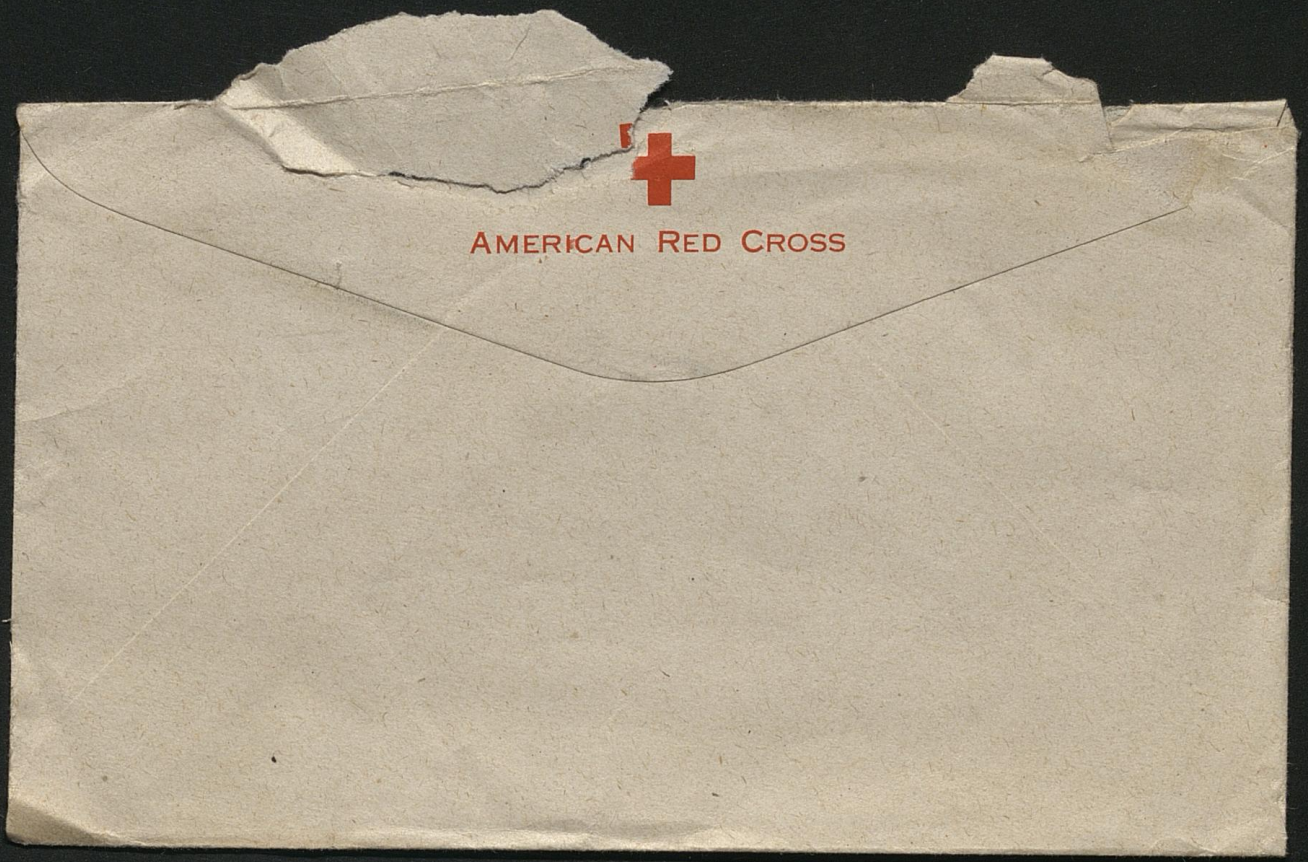
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8 Jan 46

Jayne dear,

Ho and Hum, times are really tough. Trying to pare down a little weight and am getting a great deal of help via the meals, it's just a good thing I'm on a sort of diet, cripes, the stuff is sloppy and unappetizing. Never have complained much about things, but the present setup is really n-g. But, as all the fellows say, we'll sweat out anything they can throw at us, just so long as it leads to a boat home. Thirty days isn't long to sweat if you've been waiting four years to get out of something, it will pass. ~~xxxx~~
~~xxxx~~

Must have worked out a little too much yesterday, punched the light and heavy bag, skipped rope, sparred a little, and now have a delicious chest cold. The good part of it is that chest colds don't last long here, you can bake them out as the sun is good and hot during the day. The nights are surprisingly cold out here, sleeping in tents amid the beauties of nature, it gets kind of damp and chilly and its' quite a struggle to keep warm. The only way to handle it is to sleep in wool underwear and have plenty of covers.

Played some bridge last night, it was one of those average games with nothing spectacular, did make one slam slam, but it was cut and dried, found a suit fit at the two level, and went to slam via blackwood. Broke even for the night, I think we were up about 200 points in the final totals.

Danny came out yesterday, he's such a neb nose, wants me to get him on a Victory Ship, that's like being invited to dinner and bringing a friend along as an added guest. My buddy Kemp is sitting about five yards from me, says he is making every effort to fix me up on a Victory ship or fast freighter, and may be able to save me a few days. Since all the victorys and freighters dock on the East coast, it will save quite a bit of time if I'm able to make one. I understand there has been some delay in transportation from the West to East Coast. Then too, getting away from the inconveniences of troopships will be most welcome, keeping the ole fingers crossed, just hope he can do something.

Got a most welcome dinner invitation this evening

to eat at the permanent personnel's mess. They actually eat out of real plates and have waiters. Aint that spectacular. It really is quite an advantage to eat out of plates ~~and~~ as mess gear is hard to keep sanitary, and it's so unappetizing looking.

Got a kick out of your mention of Babe Meyers statement that he'd been quiet and useless and was now home. He seems to have forgotten the 26 or 27 months he put in overseas. I wouldn't have gone home any sooner if I had the spec number of a light switch operator down, or something equally as silly, and in the meantime, sort of feel that I did do a little to help things along. If everyone sat back on their fanny and let the world go by it would be a little hard to get things done.

Met a rather interesting fellow named Charley something or other. He worked in the Army Correspondence school courses, called USAFI. Since I've enrolled for one of the courses, he says that the next time he's in town, he'll get me a few other courses, so I'll have something to do on the boat trip home. Not that I'll be able to read much, probably be too excited.

So long, boopsie dear, not another thought goes through this muddle head, except

I love you
David



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11 Jan 46

Boopie darling,

I got a copy of the
orders transferring me to
Kanchapara.

Today wasn't good,
they discontinued the
practice of sending men
home by Liberty Ship &
freighter. at the same
time they notified us
that two boats were
definitely cancelled from
the Jan. quota. so that
means I probably won't
leave until the 1st week
of Feb., it also means I'll
dock at Seattle, so it
looks like I won't be
home until the 10th



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of March. Damn it —

anyway honey, it'll be almost spring. whatever love turns to in the spring will sure be turning

Keep Bessen guessin'; he sounds interesting, tell me what he says Beopie, I'm intrigued.

guess I won't get any more letters boo hoo, received all up to 31 Dec + told you to quit writing on the 1st - unhappy day.

Goodnight Darling

I love you
David

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Jayne Dear,

Mussa, mussa, well it is the 13th & no boat in sight. Two were cancelled this month. There's only one more coming in and that's on the 23rd. I have a chance to make it but it's not certain, so that means I'm liable to stay here until the first week in Feb. however, I'm sure to go out then as 4 boats are scheduled & they can't possibly cancel all of them.

Am in a complete state of ~~disorganization~~ ^{disorganization} for the first time since I've been away. Can't settle down & write, can't get rid of this damn chest cold, can't calm down. Can't do anything but listen

trinkets I got. cant find
anything Dad will be the
least bit interested in

Hope you dont mind
not getting mail, but
honey, I just cant sit
down and write, dont
know why, but just cant.

Took some pictures of
you in to the shakels
yesterday & they like you.
Dad ^{always} bragging about you Boopsie,
'cause I love you see.

David

to remove about when
were leaving and hope
it will be soon.

went into town yesterday
had a good steak dinner,
visited the shakels, drank
some of their whiskey &
came back to camp. They
have a special military
train running at 11:30 p.m.
we pay no fare, my uncle
arrangement.

Fellow in town told me
we had some pictures
taken at the Calcutta Races
and would make prints for
me.

Finally got the gift
situation straightened out.
Got a cashmere shawl for
the maids (both) and am
giving you the rest of the

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Jayne dear,

As anyone can plainly see, I'm visiting the QM Office to drop a few pearls before the swine. Not you boopsie, I mean the guys out here at the QM Office. First thing that came up was concerning a definition which is contained in Technical Manual 38-420, and I happened to remember it because I've dealt with it often, also the new procedure in salvaging materiel, so now having earned my army salary for the day, thought it was high time that I was writing to m'sweetheart.

It's a funny thing, a person just can't get down to letter writing out here, there's plenty of time, all kinds of facilities, but the ennui, boredom, nervousness, general atmosphere are just not conducive to letter writing. Hate to have you not receive letters regularly, but all this monkey business is nearly over, and I can tell you about it and play eyes at the same time. You of course remember that famous game of eyes, a distorted version of Eva the wayward sturgeon.

Met some of the old boys from the signal corps and went over to the signal center. Teletype has replaced most of the wireless operation in this theater. Just for fun, I got out a TG-5, that's a small practice sending set. Found that I haven't forgotten how to send, but have a tough time receiving rapidly.

Allow me to describe today's delectable luncheon. Spam, salty and unpalatable, corn, uncooked practically, custard with lumps and lime juice. It's just a damn good thing that I have this chest cold and haven't much of an appetite at present, or I'd really get super hungry. The pleasant thing is that I'm sure to leave no later than the second of Feb, so it won't be more than 18 or 19 days, so I can sweat out anything for that length of time, just so the end reward is adequate and in this case, it's adequate.

Getting in a hot bridge game tonight, a fellow named Fred and I have turned into a fair team, so we're taking on a couple of other hot shots at a 25th, so nobody will be hurt. We play for about 4 hours during the evening, so the cards usually end up even. Last night we had an interesting hand. I held 6 spades to the KQ-10, Six hearts to the AKQ, and a singleton queen of clubs. My problem was to find out if my partner had any kind of a heart fit, and the ace of spades, in which case the hand was good for six spades or hearts. So, we ~~xxx~~ had previously agreed to use an ace response to a three bid, but if we had any kind of an honor trick, we would take the person to four in his original bid suit. So in this case, I couldn't get the info I wanted by opening the hand at three spades, since his reply of four spades wouldn't tell me if he had the ace of spades, so I opened at three hearts, then we got screwed up because there was an intervening bid of four diamonds, my partner passed (he didn't have a trick and a half, so that was his only course. I cased the situation, decided I couldn't bid four spades, as he would take that as a close out, we wouldn't get hurt much, I wanted the info, so I bid four no trump, going into blackwood, we got screwed up again as there was an intervening bid of five diamonds, and since (I later learned) ~~thxxx~~ my partner had one ace, he had no proper reply, so he passed with a meaningful puzzled look which indicated one ace, (my interpretation). There was only one thing left to do, I bid five spades. The man on my left doubled and my partner redoubled. That told me what I wanted to know, so I went to six spades, which was naturally doubled and redoubled. It was cold, my partner had the ace four times of spades and the jack three times of hearts, I was blank in diamonds and had a singleton club. The funny part is that the opposition could have made six diamonds, he had ten diamonds to the AKQ and the AK of Clubs and ~~xxxxxxx~~ a singleton spade in his partner's hand. Interesting hand, huh.

So long for today honey, sure do miss your daily letters, though I suppose there are some in Calcutta for me, will try to get in soon and get them.

I love you David

TENTATIVE SHIPPING SCHEDULE

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Loading Dates</u>	<u>Approximate Capacity</u>
Marine Fox	13-14 January 1946	2491
Marine Panther	23-24 January 1946	2468
Marine Devil	1-2 February 1946	2472
Marine Angel	2-3 February 1946	2476
General Hase	4-5 February 1946	3085
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General Bliss	12-13 February 1946	3350

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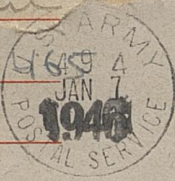
one of these is

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U.S. TELEPHONE STRIKE DELAYED: OTHER STRIKES HINDER RETURN OF NATION'S ECONOMY
Washington -- The threatened United States "hang up" of telephone operators, affecting 250,000 company employees, which was called by the Executive Board of the National Federation of Telephone Workers last night, is scheduled to be delayed for 30 days. The decision to defer the strike was taken "on the advice of counsel," the Executive Board stated. A spokesman of the United States Labor Department said last night that the government had drafted legal papers in readiness to take over telephone exchanges. Meantime, a Worker's Union official said that if the government took over the telephone system it would be a matter for individual strikers to decide whether to return to their jobs or not. The striking thousands of workers are expected to walk out sometime today. New York -- A strike of 200,000 electrical workers, who are demanding a two-dollars-a-day increase, is considered imminent. Following the failure of negotiators to reach an agreement yesterday, the

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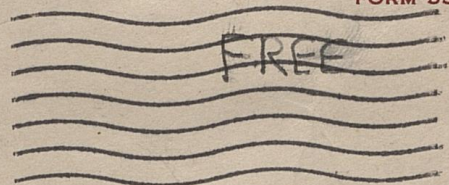
a quick note before the bridge game starts, wherein I tell Boopsie that she is precious and that I love her. Also, all the boats until the middle of Feb. are docking in Seattle despite what you've heard at home. It looks very much like I won't make the boat on the 23rd as I should be restricted by now if I were going. That means I'll leave on the 2nd or 4th of Feb. at the latest, will dock in Seattle around the 15th of March, which means home by the middle of March at the latest. I won't call before I leave, but will write or call upon arrival, if night the bridge game is here.

I love you
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Jayne dear,

Latest summary, the boat of the 23rd is out, I will be leaving on the 3rd of Feb. port of Entry will be Seattle and will dock 2nd or 3rd of March. From then on it depends on the transportation situation eastward. a good estimate would be home by the 15th of March. I told you that in a letter months ago, am quite disappointed, they cancelled two January boats and that's what messed things up, would have been home by the 1st of March.

played some tennis this morning on cement courts with an old racquet and poor tennis balls. It wasn't



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much fun and my feet are
beat, cement is mighty hard,
but feel pretty good at that.

Beginning to remind myself
of the poor guy in Voltaire's
Candide, see some good in
everything. The inadequate
meals out here are causing
me to lose weight and that's
fine. The chest cold ~~is~~ has
almost run its course, and
I'm gonna see Beepsil soon,
so is this not the best of all
possible worlds, everything else
could be wrong, but if we were
together 9/10ths of the battle
would be won.

Haven't been going up to
the Depot Supply office here
often, the army atmosphere
is irritating, besides I get
kind of angry when I see
Kemp, the stinker.



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Danny just walked in. Am
using his pen. mine is
out of ink & don't want to
leave this desk to fill it.
There are so many fellows
hanging around that if you
leave your seat, someone
else takes it & you wait
until someone else gets up.
Well, my friend Danny filled
my pen.

So far in dull nowadays
money, that's all the news
I only knew that

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23 Jan 45

Jayne dear,

They're starting again. This month 11 boats were to leave Calcutta + Koiachik, only 5 left. I sent you a schedule a few days ago, the first boat was been moved back to the 23rd, the second was moved to the 7th. It almost seems as if there is a definite motive + pattern to these cancellations. I would say that there was never any intention of filling the original schedule, that the schedule is presented to avoid all ^{disappointment} feelings among the men, then it is gradually retracted. I'll still



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be leaving the first week in Feb., unless they cancel two more boats (not an impossibility) my fountain pen is giving me trouble, dropped it & bent the point a couple of weeks ago & it seems to have an initiative all its' own, seems to take off on new tangents in the middle of a word, will have to trade it off.

Feeling top notch again. cold is gone, no tummy ache, my back is drying up a bit, and in a couple of weeks at the most I'll be on my way to boopsie, things are



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looking up. I think I'll go
into town tomorrow, get a
good meal, see if there's
any mail from my sweetheart
& maybe play some pinchile
with Ralph & Harry. Read
'Coronet' the book by
I think it's Conrad, didn't
notice, think it oversimplifies
the historical periods, but
tells a well knit first
generation story. So long
for today Harry.

I love you
David

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25 Jan 45

Jayne dear,

Nice day in town yesterday. It was meatless day, but we ate in the army mess. Dean + I went to see Basil Cook, drank his scotch, argued until around 8, then went to the cranks + argued for the rest of the evening. Brought home a stomach ache due to too much food + a burning desire to get going for home. (The latter never leaves me). Just one more week + I ought to board a ship. They keep switching the schedules around faster than a crooked pitch man changes his location. Yesterday they cancelled two



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two ships from the first
week in Feb., today they
re-instated one & added a
new one, so ought to leave
the 4th or 5th of Feb.

Suppose I just don't
mention the subject again
until I have definite word.

Nothing new, haven't
received any mail since your
letter of 3 Jan., so suppose
you've quit writing.

about the arguments
we have; Deans' philosophy
is, protect yourself exclusively
and grab a dollar where you
find it. I've taken the
admittedly more easily
defended position of protecting
yourself, but not to the



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point where it is a blind
goal (that's Deans position)
and this business of
taking a dollar where you
find it doesn't suit me.

We are also at loggerheads
about how much a man owes
society for permitting him a
^{reasonably} well ordered environment in
which to conduct his enterprises
another point at issue, we see
catholicism as an immediate
menace and a bidder for
world power (political, financial)
I don't deny that it is
ambitious, but see it as a
powerless group (comparatively
speaking) Goodnight Money
the bridge game is about
to resume.

I love you
David

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26 Jan 45

Jayne Darling,

Had a real athletic day today.

Boxed in the morning, skipped rope, punched the bag (no Jim not getting ready for you, always said I could whup ya' in a fair fight), played volleyball + badminton the rest of the afternoon.

Dont know how I'd pass the time here if it wasn't for athletics. Feel too unsettled for reading nowadays.

If we're not alerted by Monday we plan to play some golf. My game will be terrible, but it's time I get warmed up for some golf at home. Hate to think of being in the duffet class again, but somehow it doesn't seem very important, is that bad?



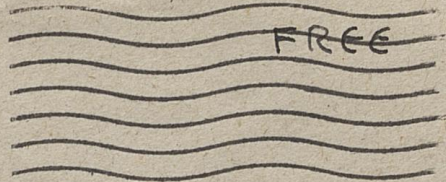
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Heard today that they plan to release all Fathers' by last of June. If David W. hasn't gotten out before then, that'll be a good break. They'll get the army on a voluntary basis before very long. But there will be trouble when the economy bloc moves in & cuts base pay etc., no mention has been made of army pay cuts for PM, but they're sure to come, & watch the unholy squawk that's raised.

The bridge game is about to begin, so will close, (last night Danny & I clipped some unwary bystanders for 10 kupples). Danny's lucky at cards. Goodnight again,

I love you
David

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29 Jan 46

Jayne dear,

not bad, not bad at all, got a legitamate 49 and a 43 on my first 18 holes of gold, and not an easy course at that. Plenty of water holes, sand traps, out of bounds businesses etc.. Over here, you have two followers on a golf course, your caddy, who specializes in carrying clubs and giving advice, and your aggie wallah, who stands out on the fairway and spots the balls. If your ball goes into water, he goes in after it, if it goes out of bounds, he's after it like a streak. You are not supposed to pay either the caddy, or the aggie-wallah if there's a ball of yours lost on the course. For this service, I gave the caddy 1 rupee, (He's the boss) and the aggie-wallah 8 annas, a total of 47 cents. The royal calcutta golf club has been in existence since 1847. Of course, they have a separate course for Officers and EM, the Officers may play the championship course, but the EM play the short 18 hole course. Things of that sort are the real irritants in the little drama that's being played out between Officers and EM, there is more actual bitterness than most people realize, and certainly far more than there was after the last war.

Had a really nice day in town yesterday, came in with a fellow named Fred Olmstead (he looks a great deal like Errol Flynn) we played 18 holes of golf, went to Camp Hooghly (his old camp), had an excellent meal, pitched some horseshoes, played bridge until midnight, found a fellow who was driving back to Kanthrapara and went on back, arrived about 2 A.M., dog tired, still am this morning for some reason,

None of the fellows have received any mail for more than a week, so am still hoping that I'll get another letter or two from you before I leave. Also, understand that the mail from here has been slow in getting started and has not been arriving home regularly.

Going to help Dean Zutes on an inventory this morning, so will close and get this mailed through message center.

I love you
David

But I say...
"Come inside" said Mr. Satan, he's the smart one
King Edward arise this moment, and give me your best chair"
Next came Juliet, strutting boldly, said to Satan very coldly,
"Let me in this moment soon, for you know I have the money"
"Who are you that seeks admission, and why should you get in?"
I'm the queen who has two children, I'm the noisy one at home,
I am up so much to Mama's, that I'm nearly skin and bone,
I make it hot for Arnold, I am the original scold,
If I was ever right in an argument, I haven't ever been told."
"Come in" said Mr. Satan, "like you to have a few"
"It's better for you to boil here, than for your family to stew!"
Next came Arnold, friends be brave,
Arnie's suit was neatly pressed and he'd lately had a shave.
"Listen Satan hear me quickly, and I'll ask you, "don't get sore,
But I can't be here so long, for no one's at the store,"
"Why" said Satan, "all this stock, you can leave the store for stocks,
But I'll say go on your way, I have heard before, that your wife is
always snappy
That your life is not so happy.
While Mama has caused no sorrow, lots of things from you she'd borrow
"I don't want you here to roan, for you sure have had Hell at home.
Bessie next tripped up, dressed like on parade
Fresh from her conquests with the 34th Brigade.
"Why should I admit you, Satan inquired,
"If you do anything but read, it always makes you tired."
"To your region I'd bring boys, I'm a hit with all the boys."

(over)

The other night I had a dream, I was scared for quite a spell,
For I had dreamed that I had gone, right straight down to Hell.
Old Satan met me at the gate, and asked what brings you round,
I am looking for some friends of mine, and I know for you they're bound
Will they get in, I asked him, "It is doubtful" Satan said,
"Wait outside and hear my questions, hear the stories they will tell,
and you'll find that some of them can't even get in Hell."
I stood aside and waited, and it wasn't very late, when Mama
came a-bustling up and knocked on the gate
She did not wait for an invite, but tried to push right in
But lo, that gate was fixed for humans who were moderately thin.
"You let me in this minute or I'll punch you in the face,
Only one person on earth bossed me, and Joe Gabel is not in this place."
"On what grounds do you seek admission?" Why ground that would make
you quail, and she showed she'd brought it with her, under her finger
nails.
I came here out of fear of two on earth you know, in fact I
was sent here by Arnold and Monroe
"You can't come in old lady, this is a joyful place,
And you'd certainly try and kill it if we gave you a little space."
Next came Joe, walking very sprightly, and for all her excess,
she knocked so very lightly.
Satan smiled and bid her enter, although he felt real faint,
But he said "You're the best competitor I ever had with paint."
"You can stay here with your electric, you can eat or diet and get thin,
But as long as I'm the master, that red hat can't come in."
Next came Edna to the gate, and as usual she was late,
But she said right off the reel, "I'll come when best I feel."
"You may try and boss me, try and cross me, ball me out with
words so grand"

"tis true I only work what will pay
but look I've landed this little Jay,
When on earth I stayed, they were all afraid of my famous fearful look
So let me in and I'll be good if you only give me a book."
There was a noise like the roar of battle
And Jay came along driving some cattle
"Mr. Satan I'll tell you the truth
I don't want to come in since I got my new tooth."
"Stay out, but what I say please remember,
YOU'll begin to catch Hell, the middle of December.
Little Dorothy next did shudder with terror,
For she ran all around and could not find a mirror
"There's no room for you here, and I'm not depressed
For we could not satisfy you with our hats and dress."
Hand and Hand came Monroe and Yin
Such perfect creatures just couldn't come in
I woke with a start, what I hear I will tell
Bahling said "Come on over to Mama's or I'll give you Hell."

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Jayne dear,

What a day, everyone else's name was called for shipment except mine this morning.

I rushed over to personnel to see what in 'ell was the matter. Finally got in to see a Sgt. in outbound statistics. He looked it up & said I was on the list.

So I ran (didn't walk) to my area, went in to the orderly room, asked them why my name wasn't on a shipping list. The 2nd yeoly said I'd be on a later list (stock answer). I asked him to check page 39 - 2nd name. ~~It~~ (It was mine) so the guy in charge of alerting the men said oops, he'd forgotten or

rather missed the name,
his little oversight could
have caused me to miss
the boat. anyway I packed
my stuff, moved to the
albert area. the boat
name (Maine Angel)
capacity 2700, date of
departure Calcutta, 9 Feb,
port of entry Seattle,
approximate date of entry
4 March and from then
on it's anybody's guess
as to how long it will
take. I'm to be discharg-
ed at camp Atterbury
Indiana. I'm not going
to cable. we're confined
to the area & can't get
away. Don't want to
take a chance on
missing out on anything

at all. you'll be able to
tell the approximate date
of arrival home (in
boopies arms) by checking
the average time of troop
movements from Seattle
to Atterbury. probably
won't make it for my
birthday, but should
make it for m' sweethearts
Hard to believe, but there
it is at last, home,
out of the army, with
my darling, responsible
things to do and learning
something new. Honey,
you can't realize what it
all means or maybe you
can at that

I love you
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Jayne sweet,

Hallelujah sister, the boat finally got here, after a two day delay and we're loading tomorrow, should leave on the 13th that would put us in Seattle on the 8th or 9th of March, which is rough, means I'll see you about the 20th. Isn't it awful, everything seems to cause more delay, my digestion is wrecked, my nerves are raw, but everything will be all right as soon as I see open ocean ahead and know that we're homeward bound.

There's a Major Cantrell and myself who are in charge of the shipment home. (I'm known as a group leader). Our group consists of 286 EM and 51 Officers, all bound for Camp Atterbury Indiana. Cantrell is a nice fellow, an older man and we get along very well. You'd be surprised how much less stress is placed on the caste system, and the closer we get to home the less you hear about distinction between Officers and EM. The other day when our group first got together, the Major gave me the roster to call out to ascertain if everyone was present. I started calling the names. Was in a hurry as it was near chow time. So instead of calling rank, I just called the last names. About half way through the Officers list, a Captain answered to his name, and then told me it was customary to read the rank of Officers when calling out the names. Glad to do it, said I, although we're in a hurry. Read through the Officers names, then when I got to the EM, I continued to read the rank before each name. It really got a laugh when I got down to Private First Class (which I drawled out as long as I could.) As a result everyone was late to chow, and the Officer felt like a jerk (appropriately so).

This is the last letter I'll write before boarding the boat. Have to take care of changing the fellows rupees to dollars, see that everyone gets packed and ready and understands how to load, on the trucks for the boat, and the other little details. There are four Master Sgts on the shipment, and we share the duties equally.

Not much more to say, farewell from India, it won't be too long now until I can say hello to my only sweetheart and hold her close, and tell her of the many things she means to me. So here's a kiss, make it do until the latter part of march, then I'll supply a substitute, the kind of a sub who breaks up the ball game with a brilliant performance

I love you
Daniel

Well, couldn't buy stamps as I have no Rupees left, exchanged in money for \$'s

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