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GPK to CSE 1943 (288)
Redlands CA. Rain on maneuvers.
Out of coal. John Morris.
Reading books Army reports,
The Universal, bio of G.W. Carver Kender

Gen Col. Clay unhappy w/ battalion
perf. Reorganization. Expanding
overseas orders. Hoping for
leave in Jan. Writing Xmas

letter to family. No family reunions in
England until after war. Going to have
beer and play poker - roulette limit.
Smoking pipe and 2 1/2 packs of
cigarettes



Carry my Dearest, best and
only love! I love you. It is
pouring down rain, the
tents play a pretty tune, we are out of
cool, I am just fairly comfortable,
but I do love you. Yesterday I was
completely bad and didn't write you.
The Battalion was all out and it was
a day of great peace. John Morrison
I sat all day and most of the night
reading. The Army reprint novels
for their boys, the first shipment of
which came in. We have been
censoring them - I have read
Rome Hunt, The Uninvited, and
a Biography of George Washington
Carver. The Uninvited is one of
the most thrilling thrillers I have
read. I was completely goose-pimpled

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right in the middle of the afternoon.

Yesterday's problem was apparently pretty exciting. It didn't go at all well in the initial stages and Col Clay made some drastic changes, none of them concern people you know. He relieved the S3, and made changes all the way down the line. I am in a relatively inconspicuous spot which undoubtedly accounts for my freedom from his reprimands.

Today has been a busy one. I found out about our priority. It is high and we are definitely subject to overseas orders. I hope we stay right where we are on the ladder to the post until after the first of the year. At that time my six months will be up and I will be assured a leave.



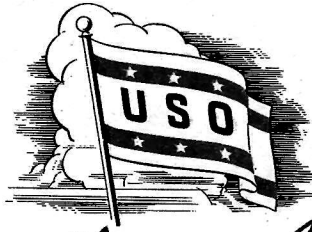
I am going to call you
all about the 23rd. The
24th we go out all day,
and Wednesday the calling
will be impossible. Tomorrow I am
going to write the family their Xmas
letter. I am going to take a lot of
time with it and try to make them
a little happier for the day. I wish
we could all be together again. It
won't happen now until after the
war. Jane & George will be too
occupied with the new Kinder
to get down in February I am sure.
I wish we were in the position to
be occupied with a coming Gordon Kinder.
That will be a fine day. The rain
is coming down in torrents now.
A heavy would be much more

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comfortable. Even a room in a house
if you were there with me. Even a
room in an old garage - even this
tent. I love you. Tonight I am going
to have a beer or two and go to bed.
I may indulge in a small poker
game. We have been playing with
limit which means losing a couple
of dollars at the poorest and winning
a like amount at the best. It's
good fun however.

WHEN ARE YOU GOING
TO OHIO???. I will undoubtedly
press that question when I call
you. It's fairly important that I
know. A number of five anniversaries
are on their way. I will never forget
your telegram to Emily. I was still too
dazed to realize what had happened.



I hope you enclosed a
pipe in my boxes package.
My old ones are about
smoked out. I have become
quite a pipe smoker. Some days now
I only smoke 1 1/2 packages of cigarettes.
I am very much in love at this point.
Am enjoying this Saturday night
much more than last. No more
partying Saturday nights without
you. I am yours for always & always
my darling. I miss you and want
you in every possible way.

Gordon.

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