

Gordon best love,

I'm writing this on message
center, so there will probably
be many interruptions - but it's
that or no letter tonight - so
here I sit with a thousand &
one people around talking at &
to me. Thinking about you I
can ignore them all. Another

wonderful letter from you today -

Like a mint julep to a shipwrecked
sailor - or a rain to Oklahoma -

is a letter from you after a week
of not hearing from you. Two letters,

of course is just twice as good, and
it continues its improvement in

proportion to the number of letters.
Isn't this a fine pen - someone
left it on message center, and
since mine was out of ink I'm
using it. Darling, darling, I love
you - I walked in the rain
and talked to you today. It's
a nice steady autumn downpour,
and a perfect walking-in-the-rain
day - warm enough + cool enough.
What would you like for Christmas?
How long does it take my
letters to reach you? Darling,
you have the oddest way of
making important announcements.

If you were me (which you aren't) and were going to have a baby (which I'm not) you would undoubtedly write a long letter about something else and then casually tell me at about the end - "incidentally we're going to have a baby" and then go on about something else with no details of when or isn't it exciting or anything. This is all to do with your calmly announcing that you'll be through maneuvers the middle of December. Then you go on about a leave in January. Now if you are through

maneuvers, my impression is that -
wherever you are - I'll be able
to come and see you, and my
impression of the middle of the
month is around the 15th and
definitely before the 25th. Those
two points make that a very
important statement to me, and
I hope you agree that if it
is humanly possible we will
spend Christmas together? That's
my idea of heaven. . . . Do you
stay at Camp Iron Mountain all
the time or leave it for the
day or a week at a time or what?

When maneuvering at D.T.C. ~~is~~
is the accent on the toughening
or do you continue the Field
Artillery-ing a lot, too? In other
words when you get through
there will you be in need
of a bushing up on gunnery,
tactics, camouflage, 105 mm. howitzers,
etc. etc. or will you be
Infamed and On-the-Ball as well
as Tough, Bronzed, and Slender?
People are coming back again
now, so I might as well
finish this while I have
the chance. I love you my darling

and wish you were here to
play with me. Can I look
forward to Christmas now? Please
say yes.

All of my love to you, my husband-

Your
Cary

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