

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.

July 2, 1943

Dear Mr. Moore -

Just finished my cleaning for tomorrow's inspection so I can now devote some time to my letter writing.

Thanks a million to you and your wife for the money belt and contents. I assure you I'll make good use of them.

It was grand to have Bev down here. It's surprising how pleased with life I feel ~~at~~ present. Guess it takes something like that to give a lift to one's spirit.

We had a swell time here. Swimming, walking, talking and eating. I suppose Bev gave all the details.

Now about Bev and ~~I~~ me getting married. Frankly we're both at sea about it. Yes we did discuss the matter but didn't make any definite decision other than to wait and see

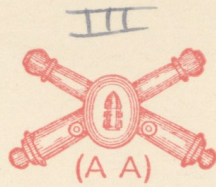
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what the future would bring.

There are many, many reasons for and against our marriage at this time and I guess the question could never really be settled. But we do want to get married and it's just ~~that~~ ⁱⁿ trying to do the best thing for both of us that we're taking our time about it.

I quite agree with you about the hardship involved when a soldier ~~marries~~ gets married. But I'm sure you will agree that they can be very happy at the same time. How much harder would it be for Bev to wait for me to come back if she's married than if she's single? Well I could ask more questions and answer most of them, if not all. I merely mention them because I want to impress ^{upon} you ~~with~~ the fact that I've tried to think of the pros and cons. I'm also thinking mainly of Bev.

To date the arguments against, outweigh those for. But that doesn't mean that the balance couldn't ^{and would} change.



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When I first came in the Army I thought it was silly for a soldier to marry. And yet here I find myself thinking of just that. Just shows you how things and ideas change.

True I'm not making anything to speak of but I hope to better myself. A married man gets privileges that a single man doesn't get in the way of passes and time off. And as Ber has probably told you I'm in an outfit that stands a very good chance of coming back intact.

I wish I could be telling you all of this in person rather than trying to struggle thru this letter. My best it gets confusing. At any rate I've reached the conclusion that for the present it's best that we let matters stand. I honestly can't feel that it would be the right thing to get married right now. As for the future? --- We'll see. Guess that "reason" triumphed over

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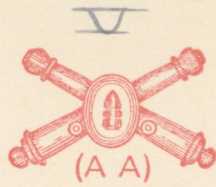
the "heart" again.

Really I'm glad that Ber asked you about our getting married. It means a lot to me to know that she's willing to have me as a husband and also that you and your wife are all for us. I repeat tho that we didn't make any decision as to any action to be taken but it is a nice thing to think about. But then you should know because you went thru this once yourself. Although it was much easier for you. You weren't in the Army and hadn't been going with the same girl for four years.

One thing you folks can be sure of. We won't do anything without letting you know about it first.

Maybe we'd all be happier if we didn't try to be so sensible. I wonder. Now then I go again.

That's a very nice idea about my folks meeting you people. I know that my parents will be willing and it's time that ~~you~~ all of you got



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acquainted. Ha, ha, I can just see my folks carry on a conversation with you. Maybe you should practice up on your Yiddish. Seriously tho I think it's a grand idea.

I just came back from ^{my} first business and I can't say that I'm sorry to be back. The weather went against us and it has been raining continuously. We're going out again next week and I hope that we don't have rain.

I hope that I've given you an idea of what I think about the marriage problem. Guess that after this is in the mail I'll find dozens of things that I should have written. It never fails.

Please write again and let me know what happens in the outskirts of the "Big City". Ber will keep me posted on N. J.

kindest regards to Mrs. Moore

and Bud. Hope to see all of you
in about a month.

Sincerely
Hal

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