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Dearest Darling

Here it is another Mon [Monday] but I am in fine spirits so I can hardly call it a blue one. It looks like the beginning of a beautiful day out. I will sure be glad when this chilly weather is past. It was pretty darn chilly this week including Sat [Saturday] and Sun [Sunday] don't see how it can stay that way to much longer, this country is crazy so you can expect any thing thou [sic]. I hear from your alls [sic] letters you must have had quite a snow storm while back I recon [sic] it has long since past. Well won't be long till school is out I bet Calvin is glad also Harrel graduates this year too. Old P.C. [Platte County] sure had a good season in Basket Ball I hear dear old Weston didn't do so hot, whats [sic] the matter huh? To bad you didn't go to a good school.

Not much cooking around here went to the shows as usual last wk [week], bowled Fri [Friday] night won 1 lost 2 they were pretty close games still we lost. Got one of the inspections over Fri [Friday] morn [morning] I took off Fri [Friday] afternoon [page 2] will sure be glad when the one tomorrow is over ought to be the last one I have to stand. We have painted the billets even caught me a couple of days when I was training first actual work I have did in quite a while, don't suppose it hurt me to much. Bought me a pretty nice camera Sat [Saturday] got to get the flash attachment yet and then learn how to opperate [sic] the darn thing before it is any good to me. The one you gave me takes good pictures but it was so unhandy to carry around. It only cost \$32.50 plus the flash I figure around \$46 all together. I had a little money saved up but now it is about gone. I will have to start all over again. I am planning a 15 day leave around the 1st of May want to get a look at Paris take a few pictures and pick up a couple soveniurs [souvenirs]. Don't look for you Bd [birthday] present till about the time I get home I haven't thought of a thing to get yet will have to shop around when it warms up. Don't you feel to bad about not answering Aunt Hats last letter I have done the same thing I must get her 1 off sometime this wk [week] she was good enough to write I ought to be good enough to answer. [page 3] Boy it takes you longer to mail you letters than it does to write them. I have one here you wrote the 26 Feb [February] and mailed it the 4th of Mar [March], what's the matter? Forget? Yep I recon [sic] broken hearts will mend but still I couldn't afford taking chances from the sound of your letter I gather you wish I had. I'll admit I am not much of a catch maybe I was a heller like Elvera's "Bill" you didn't have to put up with it as we were not married at the time. Seems like you have changed a bit since I have been gone one thing we must never do when I get home is fuss and fight you can be a wonderful person when you want to be and naturally that is when I love you most. I am not good anytime, think you can stand me? Our boy must be a whiz I tell you it seems strange me being a Dad. I don't know what to say about your'e [sic] working I guess it is allright. Just don't forget our boy comes first heck with the money although I know how much we will need it as well as you. Glad Doris and Jr had a nice reception, by the way were [where] did they have it at? I recon [sic] I should know only I don't. [page 4] About Kenny I didn't mean to say he wasn't in good hands with Mom Lentz. She knows more about kids then you may ever know (no offence our moms should). It is just that I will be, (I don't even know how to say it) anyway your folks have been so good to us, usually when a girl marries she leaves home. Doesn't stay there a year and a half. I guess we were just victims of circumstances thou [sic] on account of this no good Army. Well Hon [Honey] I am out of material to write so guess I will close for now. Even if you do get awful tired and don't even care if I have Fraulines' [sic] I still love you. (a little bit) Hope all are fine and tell all I said "howdy" (sounds like a Texan huh?)

Love as always Jr Tinder

[Notes added by transcriber]



Forgot to mention am getting a new upper partial this Fri [Friday]. My old one broke again over the wk [week]-end I swallowed the clamp to.

P.S. Another busy day ahead of me, got to write the folks and I have around 5 papers to read.

P.S.S. Don't' work to hard you may get old and gray like me. You shouldn't blame me if you cain't read this I am getting so I try to write to fast never could write very good in the first place.