

Monday night - Oct 9 44

My dearest:

The first day is over - and it would be very hard to describe my feelings & re-actions about it all - We were fed a very high grade of hokum at American U. all day - and assigned to quarters in the most disreputable, broken-down flea-trap in Washington - Little place on "Q" street - has the "Madame" in charge & lacks only the girls.

My room is so small there is no room for a chair between bed & wall - Also one 25 watt light bulb in a worn out lamp. Closet so dirty I don't dare put my two shirts in it. One broke down antique bathroom for 22 men.

Tonight we were sent to downtown store where we were hustled through a Jewish clothing mill for uniforms. They sell you what they have and not what you want, so it is hard to tell what I will look like when they get through.

Would you take a warm Macinaw or a trench coat - not knowing where the post will be?

Can't have both without paying extra & to hell with that!

Met a newspaper guy from San Antonio, Tex, who is going over for much the same reason that I am - but has a hot wire into United Press Assn. Also Rolloflex (sic) camera etc. - His wife & son now operate a grapefruit ranch down in the Rio Grande valley.

Meeting around here tonight - ARC will hear some howls in the morning about these quarters. Or are we being 'conditioned' for things to come?

Minor reached home last night with some 30 lbs. of beautiful fish - What a haul. He left early this a.m. for New York city to hear Pete Williams discourse on Pil cooling - How exciting!

My address here is

Personnel Training Unit,
National Headquarters American Red Cross,
Washington 13, D.C.

Let me know when you will arrive this weekend - if I cannot meet you Jeanette will be sure to be on hand - Will get shots Thurs., Friday and Sat., PM, so will be in fine shape.

Give all the chicks a big kiss for me - Possum Hollow would look awfully good tonight -

But let's not go into that! I love the book - and especially the inscription - -

your own.
Henry
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