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My dearest:

So glad to have your long letter of Jan. 7 and particularly to know that Barbie was not badly hurt. Also appreciate the fact that you did not become unduly alarmed and cable me to come dashing home, or something like that. Must have caused some excitement, however, and I hope all three of the children profit by the incident, and are very very careful crossing busy streets. From a purely practical standpoint, don't sign any insurance com any release for at least 6 months.. till you are sure what the score is.. which both we can the insurance com any sincerely hope will not happen.

Henry' Kaye's paper route sounds wonderful.. tell him he draws just half as much a week now as his daddy does overseas. It he can make the route in

an hour, that makes \$1 per hour.. and good money for a youngster. Tell him I am very proud of his efforts and that work is what men live by.. as Grandma Knowlton has always said.
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factory on Wabash Ave. and give him my very best, will you? Also letter in this week from Lyd.. written at Christmas and



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mailed on the 27th...also letter from Dint.. and darling ... his letter was something.. The way he loves that wife and kids of his is right out of this world.

Have finished an article "Fisher of Men" on one of the training units here ... but it must clear the general of the command before I can even release it to Red Cross.. that will take time and he may throw it out entirely. ...took me all of three evenings.. also went to two movies lately.. so have kept out of mischief....The movies were "Marriage is a Private Affair" and "Casanova Jones"... loved the baby in the latter... think you saw it long ago

Time out for lunch.....

Here it is four oclock and have had busy afternoon.. very busy in fact. Had lunch this noon at O. C. with Major Waterhouse and two civilians from town who are associated with the Employer's Council, which has been set up to handle union negotiations and contracts here. Had quite a time discussing employee and labor relations and plan to see one of the men again soon in town... at his apartment.

No mail for two days again.. sorta getting hardened to that however. Cannot understand for the life of me why I have never had as much as a note from Redeker or Quinn.. Hope you got the Xmas package all in a piece.. you should have had it before your last letter.. Jan. 7 as it was sent first class mail as I recall.

Did I tell you.. rec'd one of my boots and package of peanut brittle from Jeanette Dow... hope to get the other boot soon, as one is not such good by itself.. not that I need it here.

We have four new men at the house and on the station and one new gal in the office.. have been writing up "thumbnails" for the post paper today.. along with scads of case work., which we no longer discuss in letters.



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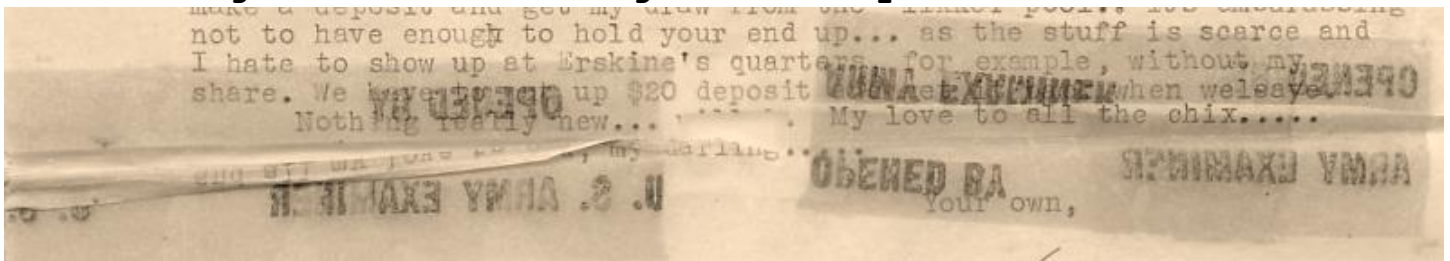
Then to spend this coming week-end.. Sat nite and Sunday with Laurie Erskine at his military post... he lives with a fine gang of officers, so that should be good fun.

Really nothing exciting going on darlin' can't let myself think how much I would like to get home and see you all as that would be rough... so I just try to stay busy and do the damn job.... The evenings are very short, as we seldom stay up after 10:30 or 11.. you just can't do it and handle the work we have to do here.

Last night we went for a ride on the windward side of the island.. its Kona weather ... wind from the wrong way.. the stars were beautiful... stopped at the little Catholic church which was dimly lighted inside... talked with one of the lay brothers... and left a little prayer behind for my wonderful wife and kintern.

Tues evening went to the movie with Lt. Zisson... who runs a special training company, and who is the subject of my article. He is a wonderful individual... 27 years old. quite a guy.

Hope I get some money from Phil in the next few weeks so I can make a deposit and get my draw from the likker pool.. its embarassing not to have enough to hold your end



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up... as the stuff is scarce and I hate to show up at Erskine's quarters for example, without my share. We have to put up \$20 deposit and get it back when we leave.

Nothing really new... My love to all the chix and all my love to you my darling..... your own,
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