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12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron
Kimpo, South Korea

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ON HIS WAY to the Far East is A/2c Everitt W. Simpson, husband of Mrs. Lorraine Simpson, 5200 block Linden Heights avenue. He has already served 26 months at Rapid City AFB in South Dakota.

Letter: A1C Everitt "Boe" Simpson
12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron
Parks Air Force Base, California

31 Jan. 1954

9:00 PM PST
Parks AFB, CA

Dearest Lorraine,

Gosh how I miss you. I'm feeling a little blue already, but everything will work out all right. Well honey, I'll tell you about the flight and also why I was late in sending you a wire. The flight to Chicago was a nice one. I had chow about 8:30 PM and it was really good. I arrived in Chicago about 11:00 PM CST and had to wait until 12:24 AM before flight 503 took off. We got to Denver about 3:45 AM MST and the pilot told us that we would be delayed in Reno about 2 hours because of fog. We left Reno at 10:15 AM PST and because the fog came back again we had to fly around in circles above the airport until we could land. We landed about 12:00 Noon and was rushed so much that I didn't have a chance to send a wire from the airport. I was hustled into a limousine and arrived at Oakland Greyhound terminal about 2:00 PM PST. We left there right away and arrived out here at Parks about 3:00 PM PST. We started to process right away and didn't finish until about 6:45 PM PST. As soon as I grabbed a bite to eat, I hustled up to the phone center and sent the wire. Honey, I have to close this now because its time for lights out. Will write more tomorrow.

All my love,
Your loving Husband

Boe

1 Feb. 1954
 5:25 PM PST
 Parks AFB

Dearest Lorraine,

Hi Darling! Here I am again. Well today went by without too much excitement. We woke up this morning at 5:00 AM PST (some change huh!) to a beautiful California Sunshine! No sun only fog. Boy was it foggy. I washed, shaved and then made up my bunk. After that we went to chow. Had SOS for breakfast, pretty good.

After breakfast, we fell out for 7:00 AM formation and started processing again. In the morning we had an orientation and information lecture on where we were going and everything like that. Customs and all that b-----t. After the lecture was over, we had lunch. This afternoon we had a clothing check to make sure we had everything. Oh yes before I forget. While we were processing yesterday everyone had to take shots except me. Boy was I lucky.



Well hon, after the clothing check we just waited around until supper. Gosh sweetie, I sure was sorry to keep you in suspense waiting for the telegram. I was thinking about it the whole time and knew how much you were worrying.

Boy is the weather warm here. You can wear either blues or kackies (sp). I'm going to stick to blues though because my kackies (sp) are down in the bottom of the bag and I can't see spending the money getting them cleaned.

How is everything at home? Okay I hope. I'll finish this later.

9:10 PM PST

Hello sweetheart,

I'm back again. I went to the show with Ed and a couple of other guys that are shipping over too. We went to see "World for Ransome" with Dan Duryea. It was about the Hydrogen bomb and was pretty good. It helps pass the time away. Boy it sure gets lonesome around here when I get to thinking about home and you and everything else.

Well about the base. It's not a bad place but it has its limitations. Quite a bit of stealing. We have to keep everything locked up in our duffel bags. I haven't yet got any mail or magazines.

Well darling, it's getting close to lights out, so I'll sign off. Please take care of yourself and don't worry about anything. Everything works out for those who have faith in the Lord.

All my Love,
 Your Loving Husband,
 Boe

P.S. I had to sign telegram "Everitt" because of a lot of red tape to send it collect.
 Love,
 Me

4 Feb. 1954

3:45 PM PST

Parks AFB

My dearest Momie,
Hello darling. I just received your wonderful, wonderful special delivery letter and I was so happy about the news that I got Ed to take a picture of me holding the letter. I'll send it to you as soon as I can get the roll developed.

Honestly honey, I'm so happy that we are going to be parents that I just can't sit still. The good Lord has answered our prayers and blessed us with a child. I'm so proud of us.

Sweetheart take care of yourself and don't worry about anything. With God's help, we'll make out all right. As far as the doctor goes, I want you to go to which ever one you feel the most at ease with. After all you are the one who is going to have the baby and I want you well taken care of. Don't worry about the fee. We'll work it out together.

Honey, I wish we could be together too when the baby is born, but as you said we have to accept God's will. The time will go by fast now I'll be home before you know it. I found out that the tour of duty ends when you hit the states. When I come off the boat at Frisco my 12 month tour will be over. That means I'll leave soon after Christmas in order to be home in Feb. 1955.

So our baby might only be 5 months old when I see him. We'll just have to wait and see how things are though. Everything will work out for the best. I'm going to sign off for a while to go to chow. I'll finish this when I return.

Here I am again. Gosh darling I feel so good about the baby. Honestly that's about the best thing that could have happened to us.

We had steak for chow tonight and it tasted pretty good. The chow isn't bad here at all. Nothing like home cooking though. I'll sure be glad when I can eat home cooked chow again. Our time will go by pretty fast. Oh honey, I love you so much, Please take care of yourself and don't worry about anything. I'm going to close for now. Please write soon.

All my Love,
Your Loving Husband ,
Boe



5 Feb. 1954
7:45 PM PST
Parks AFB

Dearest Lorraine,
Hi mommie. How's my little sweetheart? Your daddy is feeling okay. I was very sorry to hear about the furnace. Gosh if it isn't one thing, it's something else. That's an awful price to have to pay for a new furnace.

Honey this letter has to be real short because we are getting up real early Sat. morning. 3:15 AM PST to be exact. This will probably be the last letter you'll [get] for a while sweetheart, but don't worry because I'll try to send a wire or cablegram as soon as I get there.

Honey, I didn't send Miss Tillie a card. In fact the only two cards I sent were to you. It must be a mistake somehow.

I'm going to close for now because it's getting pretty late. Please give my love to everyone and take care of your self. God Bless you my love.

All my Love Always,
Your Loving Husband,
Boe

P.S. I love you and miss you very much

General E.T. Collins troopship newsletter

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KOREAN PEACE CONFERENCE SET

Berlin, Germany The Big Four agreed at the end of their otherwise fruitless Berlin meeting to hold a Korean and Indo-China Peace Conference with Red China and other belligerents at Geneva starting April 26. The agreement marked for Communist China the chance to step onto the international diplomatic stage in a leading role for the first time since Chiang Kai Shek was driven from the mainland in 1949. The U.S., Russian, British and French Foreign Ministers wound up their four week debate here with a joint announcement of the Switzerland conference, but acknowledged an East-West debacle on Germany, Austria or European security. Blaming Russia for the failures, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles left by plane for Washington shortly after the final meeting ended. The final communique also announced that the Big Four at some unspecified date would continue "an exchange of views" on the question of disarmament. The agreement on the Peace Conference in Geneva called for two separate sets of talks, one for Korea, the other for Indo-China.



Marilyn Monroe sings several songs for an estimated 13,000 men of the First Marine Division. Miss Monroe stopped at the First Marine Regiment on her tour of the military units in Korea. 02/16/1954. Photographer Corporal Kreplin, United States Marine Corps.
MARILYN MONROE ENTERTAINS 45th

With Marilyn Monroe, Korea. Marilyn Monroe purred a sweet farewell to her footslogging buddies of the 45th Division and headed south to entertain members of the U.S. Air Force. After winding up her three day act at two Air Force bases in the south she was scheduled to go back to Tokyo.

21 Feb. 1954

Sunday 0940

On Board USNS Collins

Dearest Lorraine,

Sweetheart, this is the first day that I have actually felt well enough to sit down and write. The trip hasn't been too bad, but I have had better days. I will explain the trip as soon as I get on dry, steady land where I can enjoy doing something.

Honey, today I noticed that my pen is gone. Either I lost it or someone relieved me of it when I wasn't looking. Gosh I sure feel bad about it since you gave it to me. I'll try to buy another in the PX when we get to Japan. I sure feel bad about it though. Please forgive me hon.

Well mommie, I hope you are feeling all right and that the little one isn't making you too sick. Gosh I sure will be a proud Daddy when the little stinker is born. I know you will be too.

Darling, we left San Francisco about 3:00 PM PST Sat. Feb. 6 in the afternoon and have been plugging right along. Honey I will write more later.



Boe Simpson debarks from USNS Collins
Location: Yokohama Harbor
Date: February 23, 1954
Photographer: Ed Shook

23 Feb. 1954

7:15 PM Japan Time
Fuchu Repl. Depot

Dearest Lorraine,

Gosh Sweetie I love you. You mean the world to me. Darling, we arrived at Yokohama, Japan on the the 22nd of Feb. about 4:00 in the afternoon and dropped anchor at 5:30 PM. We stayed on board ship until the next morning, ate chow and got ready to embark from the ship. The ship docked at 8:00 AM and we finally got off at 11:00.

From there we boarded a train for Fuchu Replacement Depot outside of Yokohama. We got here about 3:30 in the afternoon and started to process again. We will be here approximately 3 or 4 days before leaving for Korea. I only have to serve 12 months. Isn't that wonderful?

As soon as I get situated over there I will try to answer all and everyone of your questions in your letters. By the time you get this letter, I will be on my way to Korea. I don't know exactly where, I will soon. I'll forward my new address as soon as I get it. Meanwhile keep using my present address which you have now. We will get our letters straightened, darling and then everything will work smoothly. Please forgive the way I'm writing this letter, but everything is all shook up around here. Oh yes hon, we are living in tents here at Fuchu, 20 men to a tent. It feels like it's going to get a little cool here too. Oh well, I'll make the best of it though.

Darling I won't be able to send you a cablegram because I can't get to a place or office that sends them. Gosh darling, I sure am sorry too because I know how much want to hear from me. Honey I have to close now because we are going down to supply. Please take care of yourself and write soon. You know I love you more than anything in the world. God Bless you my darling and keep you safe.

Your Loving Husband,
Boe



Ed Shook debarks from USNS Collins
Location: Yokohama Harbor
Date: February 23, 1954
Photographer: Boe Simpson

24 Feb. 1954

2:30 PM Japanese Time

Fuchu Repl. Depot

My Dearest and Darling Wife,

Hello sweetie. Gosh I love you so very much. You mean the world to me my precious one. Honey we are leaving for our destination tomorrow morning sometime. By the time you get this letter though, I will already arrived. When I get set up I will try and answer all of your letters and questions. I will have a few questions for you too.



We woke up this morning about 5:30 AM and brother was it cold in this tent. I like to froze. I'll get used to it though. Ed and I went to chow and really had a good meal. After chow, we came back and cleaned up the tent. I was picked as tent chief (Big Wheel) until we ship which won't be long.

We had a formation this morning at 9:30 AM and had to go down to finance to change our American money into "Script". (Military Payment Certificate). "Script" takes the place of American money which is no good over here.

After that we went to supply and was issued some winter clothing, such as sweater, overshoes, scarf, artics, hood, suspenders, winter fatigue hat. After that we went to chow and had a pretty good meal. Honey I'm going to have to cut this short. Take care of yourself and God Bless you.

Your Loving Husband,

Boe

P.S. I love you darling

27 Feb.1954 (Sat.)

Kimpo - K14

6:05 PM Korean Time

4:05 AM EST

My Dearest and Darling Wife,

Sweetheart, the first thing I want to say in my first Korean Letter is how much I love you and miss you. Honey you are constantly in my mind and thoughts. It seems so long since I held you in my arms and kissed you.

Just keep your chin up and your prayers going up to God and soon I'll be holding you again. Gosh Mommie I was so glad to get all of your letters and I hardly know where to start to answer all of your questions. I will try to answer them though honey, so just keep them coming.

Sweetheart I was thinking that if might number our letters on the back somewhere, it might help us to answer each others letters. You see sweetie, our letter delivery is going to be fouled up for a while until I am here for a while. Its quite possible too that I might not get all of your letters that you wrote to Parks and the 1474 Prov. Sqdn.

I will get all of the letters that you write to my permanent address though. Right now I'm listening to the radio and Rosemary Clooney was singing "Anywhere I Wonder" and you know how the chain of thoughts works. I got to thinking about Julius La Rosa, Arthur Godfrey, the radio at the section at Ellsworth, South Dakota and all the swell times my baby and I had out there. Gosh Darling, all of that just seems like a wonderful dream. Oh well honey, if the Good Lord sees fit, us "three" will have it just as nice as we did in South Dakota.

Darling, I know you are just dying to know about my trip from Frisco to here, so I will try to tell you about it. I won't get a chance to answer all of your questions right away either, but have patience honey and I'll do the best I can. Here goes:

We left Parks about 8:00 AM PST and arrived at Fort Mason, San Francisco about 11:00 AM PST. We boarded USNS General ET Collins and sailed at 2:00 PM PST. The ship cruised around the harbor for about 1/2 hour in order to give us one last look at Frisco. We then sailed under the famed Golden Gate Bridge and set sail for Yokohama. The water was calm at first, but then the ship started a gradual pitch. I didn't feel like eating much supper, so I went below and went to bed early. Sunday morning I got up early and was feeling s little giddy. I went up on deck, got some air and felt a little better. About 11:00 AM I went down into the compartment (compartment had 165 men in it) which was pretty crowded and had my first taste of sea sickness. I retired into the sack. Along about dinner time, the compartment sergeant tapped me and assigned me to the PX detail. I was fortunate enough mot to get KP the whole voyage.

Well hon on the way up to the PX, I had another spell of seasickness and had to "head for the rail". Well after that I ate some chow and felt a little better. Monday morning I

woke up, ate a little chow and "headed for the rail". I went to bed early because the wind got strong and the ship started to roll and pitch both. Tuesday morning, I woke up, went on the PX detail and felt all right. After hauling up the boxes for the PX, the sailor I was working for asked me if I could type and I told him yes. We got a typewriter and I had to type up a stock card for every item sold in the PX. We were sitting on the stern end of the ship and that end was really bouncing around. I got sick and had to head for the latrine. I ate some crackers afterwards and felt a little better. I got halfway through the stock cards before evening and finally called it a day.

Wed. morning I got up ate chow and "headed for the rail". Then I went back to the sailor's quarters (I was working in his quarters) and finished typing. Well sweetie the weather got real rough and the "old tub" really got to bouncing up and down and back and forth. Between the both of them I headed for the latrine. Afterwards I ate a little and felt better. I finished the typing and went out on deck. Well baby the water got so rough because we hit the edge of a gale, and I mean to tell you that there tub was a really rocking and rolling.

I had to go below because I was really tired. I woke up Thursday morning and felt all right. I ate breakfast and didn't get sick for a change. The weather was calmer and nothing exciting happened so far. Come Friday morning, the ocean got fairly calm and the ship was really riding smooth. I got my appetite back and really started to enjoy eating again. I didn't get sea sick for the rest of the voyage, having finally acquired my "sea legs" and "sea stomach".

Saturday morning (13th) we hit another rough wind and the ship was really rolling. When we went to chow, the trays were sliding in the mess hall and it was funny to see your chow sliding back and forth in front of you. In the chow hall we stood up and ate for all meals because of the small size of the troop mess hall. It was funny when you started to eat the other guy's chow. Funny no?

Well honey, on Sunday 14th the day was pretty nice and the ship was riding smooth. I was enjoying life until I caught a cold. It made me feel miserable. Today the 14th we crossed the (International Date Line (180thMeridian) and skipped a whole day. Monday the 15th to be exact. We jumped from Sunday to Tuesday. On Tuesday I got up and went to sick call and got some medicine for my cold. I was feeling pretty punk and the weather got rough and it started to rain. The trays were again sliding in the mess hall. Wednesday (17th) the day proved to be nice and the weather and sea were calm.

I felt pretty bad though because of my cold was giving me some trouble. Thursday (18th) was same as Wednesday only my cold started to get better. It seemed as though the weather was going to remain nice, but Friday it got pretty rough. The wind was howling and the "tub" was a rocking and a pitching. I was used to it and it didn't bother me any. My cold was getting better and I was feeling good.

Honey on the whole voyage, I kept thinking of you and our baby and the wonderful times we were going to have when I got home. It made me feel good to think about it. On Saturday (20th) the weather was nice and we practiced debarkation from the ship.

Meanwhile, my cold was getting better, and we were close to Yokohama and everything was rosy considering the circumstances.

Sunday (21st) Ed and I went to church because it was the last Sunday on board ship. It was a cloudy day but the weather wasn't too bad. Later on during the day, as we got closer to Japan, the sea got choppy and the wind blew hard. It got kind of cold too. Right now I'm listening to Eddie Fisher and he is singing The Lord's Prayer over the Armed Forces Radio Network. It sure is pretty honey.

On the 22nd, Monday, we arrived in Yokohama at 3:30 PM Japan time and anchored overnight in the harbor. I wrote to you from Fuchu what I did on the 24th and 25th so I'll just skip on up to the 25th, the day we left Fuchu Replacement Depot. I know you won't mind too much Darling. I have so much more to tell you about.

We left Fuchu on the 25th at 11:30 AM and took busses to nearby Tachikawa AFB which was about 7 miles from Fuchu. We arrived at Tachikawa at 12:00 noon and waited to board the plane that was to take us to Korea. While we were there Ed and I had a bite to lunch in the snack bar. While I'm on the subject of snack bars, here are some of the prices on food:

Hamburgers (good size) 10 cents
Hot Dogs 10 cents
Milk Shakes 15 and 20 cents
Sandwiches (assort.) 10 cents to 30 cents
Coffee 5 cents (not 15 cents as in states)

Everything else is pretty reasonable too. The same holds forth in Korea as I will explain later.



We took off from Tachi at 2:30 PM for Seoul City, a normal flight of 4 hrs and 15 min. Our plane was one of those C-124 Globemasters and honey, was that baby huge. Man she was really big. You remember seeing them out at Rapid City don't you?

Well when we got to Seoul City, the weather was foggy and we couldn't land. So we had to turn around and come back to Taegu which is 275 miles from Seoul. We landed at Taegu at 8:00 PM Korea Time and sat around until 11:30 PM before the Air Force decided what they were going to do with us. They finally decided to let us stay the night, but they didn't have room for all of us. So have of us had to sleep in Service Club on the furniture. It wasn't too bad though, because it was raining and we were fortunate enough to have a roof over our heads.

We left Taegu at 1:00 PM Korea Time Friday morning and arrived at Seoul at 2:45 PM. We waited there in Seoul until 3:45 PM for transportation to Kimpo AFB which is about 15 miles north of Seoul. We arrived at Kimpo at 4:30 PM and bedded down in the transient tents. Saturday morning we left for Group Headquarters for assignments to our squadron. There is only one bad thing so far and that is Ed and I were split up. We both should have gone to the 67th Recon Tech. Sqdn, but he went there and I went to the 12th Tac. Recon. Sqdn (NP). He is right down the road from me and we are going to try to get together as much as possible. I'm going to work in a different section than back as Rapid City, but it's in the same line of work.

After I was assigned to the sqdn., I went to supply and checked out some equipment and bedding and was assigned to Tent #1919. The tents are pretty nice though and warm. Honey after I got set up in the tent, I started getting acquainted with things around here. The base is pretty nice considering the circumstances and I'll try to make the best of everything. You know sweetheart, we Americans have a wonderful quality of being able to adapt ourselves to practically every kind of situation that exists. I think that we are very fortunate that the Good Lord endowed this quality upon us. Yes sweetheart, we sure are lucky. Take yourself for instance. You are about to give birth to our child, Lord willing, without me, your husband, to be there to give you moral support. And darling you are acting so wonderful about it. It sure makes me feel proud that I have you for a wife.

Just keep up your faith in God and he will give you strength, faith and courage to see our problems through. I honestly feel the same way darling. Everything works out for the best if we have faith.

Well darling, I'm going to close this letter and start another one. Please take care of yourself sweetheart and God bless you and keep you in His care.

All my love Always,
Your Loving Husband
Boe

P.S. Honey. Hold off on sending me a pack. For a few days. I will let you know what I can't get and what I would like to have you send me. Thank you sweetheart. I love you very much – me



Houseboy Ro dressed for school

Letters of A1C Everitt "Boe" Simpson
 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron
 Kimpo Air Base, Korea

1 March 1954 Mon.

6:10 PM (Kor. Time)

4:10 AM (EST Mon.)

My Dearest Sweetheart,
 Hello baby! Gosh I love you. Here it is March already and I've been away for a month.
 Gosh, it seems like a lifetime though. I hope the rest of the time goes by just as fast.

Well honey, this morning I woke up early and went to chow. Then I had to go to the orderly room to start processing and clearing the Sqdn. There were 5 of us new men, so

the 1st Sergeant had us chauffeured around in a truck. It only took about 2 hours though. Tomorrow, Tuesday that is, I have to go see the Chaplain at 10:00 AM.

After chow this afternoon I went to my section to meet my new buddies. The CO is Lt. Smith who I knew at Rapid City. He was assist. CO of the PI section 8th Recon. Tech. He also remembered me too from coming over to Photomapping to help us on problems with railroad overlays. He shook hands with me and we had a regular BS session about Rapid City and things in general. The assist. CO is Lt. Taylor who also was at Rapid in the 28th Recon. Tech. Sqdn . I don't remember him though, but we talked quite a bit. He also shook hands with me and welcomed me to the section. There are about 10 of us altogether, 8 enlisted men and 2 officers.

You know darling, things are a lot different over here. There is not a lot of chickens--t like there was at Rapid. Also we wear fatigues all the time everywhere except for retreat. Then we have to wear blues. We can even wear fatigues to town.

It hasn't been cold over here, but awfully muddy since we've had a lot of rain before I got here. It was also raining Friday and didn't stop until Sunday. I didn't get my feet wet or my clothes wet either. I wore my raincoat and boots everywhere.

My MOT date (Month of Travel) is Jan 6, 1955. My date of forecast for shipment is July. I'll probably be able to get an R&R sometime after June, so I'll go to Tokyo and do some shopping. They don't have very much to offer in the way of gifts and souvenirs. I'll keep my eyes peeled for something nice though.

Honey, I got three of your letters Sat. afternoon, so I'll try to answer them all now. That way I'll be pretty well caught up. If there is anything that I forgot to say, please let know. Also let me know about numbering our letters too.

Honey, you wanted to know if I wanted the Air Force Times. I can get it over here and read it and it doesn't cost me anything because someone usually buys it. Thanks anyhow though sweetheart. Oh yes, please send me my flash attachment and a new set of leak proof batteries. I'll put a list in this letter what I would like to have.

Oh yes baby, I know what you mean about dropped. I guess by the time that you have gotten this letter, I'll be an uncle again.

Today was payday, but I won't get paid for a few days because my records weren't here in time for pay call

Honey, it won't be much sense for me to buy a radio now because we are allowed only 1 radio in a tent, and you can only pick up one station any how. That is the Armed Forces Radio Network I get to hear all of the popular programs though because we leave the radio on all day.

You know, the Korean people are similar to Japanese. Sometimes it's a little hard to distinguish between them.

Here are some GI slang names:

Momma-San = Mother

Poppa-San = Father

Jo-San = Young lady or girl

Boy-San = Young man or boy

Bay-San = Baby

Honey, I'm going to the show. Will finish this later.

9:55PM

Well darling, here I am again. Ed and I went to the show at 8:00 and saw "Forbidden" with Tony Curtis and Joanne Dru. It was a pretty good show. We have the small 16MM film here instead of the reg. Size, 35 mm, that the theatres use. That's why we get in free. Pretty soon though, the base is going to have 3 new theatres with 35 mm movies and it will cost 25 cents just like the states. If we get real good pictures, I won't mind the quarter for admission.

Right now we are listening to the Whistler on AFRN. It's about a jungle seaport.

Honey, as I sit here writing to you I keep thinking of a lot of things. You know how the chain of thoughts works. When I hear a certain song on the radio; or eat gravy on potatoes in the mess hall (not as good as your gravy, but passable) or look at your picture and wonder what you are doing: honestly honey, I feel like going AWOL. But of course you know I wouldn't do anything as rash as that. You know what I mean about feeling that way though.

We a cute little house boy-san and that little devil sure works. He makes up our bunks, shines our shoes, cleans our boots, sweeps and mops floors and carries water for washing. It costs \$1.00 a month per person. There's 8 of us in the tent and he makes \$8 a month. Almost as much as Sygman Rhee(sp). Just joking.

We give him candy and fresh fruit from the mess hall every now and then. He gives a big grin and says "Thank you". I guess he is about 15 yrs old (Korean age) but 14 yrs old (American age). Honey the Orientals count their age, not from birth as we do, but from time of conception. That makes them one year old already when they are born. They have some other customs strange to us but natural to them that I will explain later on.

Well sweetheart I'm going to say goodnite to you for now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Take care of yourself and write soon. God Bless you my darling and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your Loving Husband,
Boe

7 March 1954

6:40 PM (Kor.) Sun.

4:40 AM (EST)

My Darling Wife,

Hello baby! Gosh I love you so very much. It sure is lonesome over here without you by my side. I only hope these next few months will be going by fast for both of us darling.

Last nite we had a little trouble with one of the stoves in the tent. We had to turn it off because it was full of soot. Well it got down below 20 degrees and the old tent was a little chilly with only one stove working. We all moved our bunks around the one stove and I slept with my parka spread across the foot of my bunk.

It helped a lot but I had to sleep with my head almost covered all the way up. I slept like a "bug in a rug". I woke up at 4:00 AM to go to the latrine and someone had left the radio on. So at 4:00 AM I heard part of "Gunsmoke". After it was over, "Our Miss Brooks" came on but we turned the radio off and went back to sleep.

I woke up again at 7:00 AM, got up, washed and went to chow. Ed and I went to church at 10:00 AM and after that went to chow again. We had fried chicken and boy was it good. The chow is pretty good here. After chow, we went over to the service club to await the "busses" for our tour. When I say "busses" I mean trucks. I'll send you a picture of one these trucks and they are known as 6 bys.

We thought we were going to Seoul but instead we went on thru town and several miles south. We were going to a place called the Kings' tomb where all of the old kings of Korea are buried. I took some pictures and will send them to you as soon as possible. Boy was it dusty. This place reminds me of the dust bowl of South Dakota. When it rains, its muddy as hól and when its dry, the dust really blows. On the way back we stopped at the main PX at Seoul, but didn't have much chance to do much shopping. We stayed there about 20 min. Honey I guess I'll have to wait until I go to Japan on an R&R before I can buy anything that's worth something. Most of the Korean stuff around here is a lot of junk. If I see anything nice and inexpensive too, I'll buy it and send it to you.

We got back to the base about 6:00 PM and I and I went to chow. After chow, I read a little and wrote this letter. I received a letter from you today postmarked 27 Feb.

Honey I heard the same report about the plane and the announcer said it was a Western Airlines plane. He said it got lost in a snow storm and that's why it crashed.

I haven't heard that new song yet, but I'll sure listen for it. Oh yes I forgot to mention it in yesterday's letter. That second little cartoon you sent me sure was cute. I'm taping them to the wall by my bunk.

Darling, I'll think it over about our God parents for our baby and let you know. I'd like a couple too. I'll let you know in time.

Well sweetheart, I'm going to close now. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless you.

All my Love,
Your Loving Husband,
Boe

P.S. I love ya'! Here are the negatives of the first roll of film. I will send prints in other letter.

8 March 1954

6:30 PM (Kor.)

4:30 AM (EST)

Dearest Mamma-san,

Hi sweetie! I hope everything is well with you. Everything is going okay with me. You know honey, I don't think I'll complain much anymore about anything. Don't get me wrong now. Everything is going along okay with me. I just realize how lucky an American is living in the United States. If you could see the countryside around here you would understand. I can't explain now. I think you already know what I mean.

Honey, I forgot to tell you in Sunday's letter about the choir. It is made up of Korean War orphans ranging in age from about 4 years on up to about 14 years. The base maintains an orphanage and shelter, food & clothing is furnished for them. They were dressed in white choir gowns and honey you should have seen and heard them. I guess it was a group of 25 or 30 of them and they sang 2 hymns. They sang "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still" in Korean and "I Need Thee Every Hour" in English. Sweetheart, I never heard a group of children sing with so much enthusiasm in a long time. It was so touching. I almost starting crying right in the chapel. Even the Chaplain seemed to have a lump in his throat when he started to speak. I felt a peculiar feeling around my heart. I think you know what I mean.

Well this morning, it was the same old routine. Got up, washed ate chow, and went to work. So far we haven't been too busy at the section. I have a little time now and then to read.

As soon as it warms up a little I guess we'll start playing softball. I'm going to try out for the sqdn. Team this year. Please send my shoes and glove as son as you can sweetheart. We can check out gloves from Special Services, but not shoes.

Today while walking across the flight line, I almost walked in front of a moving jet. He was only taxiing, so I had time to get out of the way.

Well sweetheart, I'm going to close now because I have to wash and shave. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless You.

All my Love,
Your Loving Pappa-san

P.S. I'm sending 6 of the pictures in this letter tomorrow.



13 March 1954 (Sat)

6:35 PM (Kor.)

4:35 AM (EST)

My Darling Wife,

Hello Baby! Gosh I miss you terribly. I love you so darn much. Well darling I have to go to work tonight as standby again at 10:00 PM. It will probably be only Lt. Smith and myself down there tonight because that lucky Berry went to Japan for a few days. The Air Force is having a basketball tournament over there and one man from each sqdn. here on the base was picked to go. Berry was the lucky one from our sqdn. and he is leaving tonight. I'm not going to leave until about 9:30 to go down to the section, so I'll be here for a little while.

Well Mel and I had the "duty" last night and we were unfortunate to get the second shift. We had to walk the 9:00 PM to 12:00 AM tour and then after a three hour break, the 3:00 AM to 6:00 AM tour. It was kind of chilly too with the wind blowing a little, but I was dressed pretty warm. The moon was out real bright during the first tour and I was able to see everything pretty good. The Officer of the Guard came around once during this tour and I reported that my post was secure. On the second tour though, the moon went down and it was so dark, a person could hardly see his hand in front of his face. Well it wasn't quite that bad, but it did get pretty dark. The wind did die down and it wasn't quite as cold as the first tour. The OG didn't come around this time and I was relieved about 15 min. early. Mel had the post right next to mine and the Sergeant-of-the-Guard kept checking his, but no one else other than the OG bothered me.

We came back and went to bed and didn't wake up until 11:00 AM. Boy were we beat. I feel a lot better now though. We got about 1-1/2 hours sleep from 12:00 AM to 3:00 AM and that wasn't very much. We went to midnight chow and had scrambled eggs, SOS and biscuits for breakfast. Breakfast at 12:00 AM. Ha! Funny isn't it hon? Well anyhow after we ate noon chow today, we came back and took a little nap until 4:00 PM this afternoon. We had steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and hot tea or coffee for chow tonight and it was really good. The steak was real tender for a change and it almost melted in our mouths. Yes the chow over here isn't bad at all.

Tomorrow afternoon, Mel and I are going to take some pictures and I'll send them to you as soon as I can. I have some in this letter for you taken on the camera tour of the 7th of March.

Honey I've learned a new saying since I've been over here. It goes to the tune of "Have I Told You Lately" and it is "Have I Told You Lately How I Hate this #\$\$@\$*% Place". It really is funny to hear the guys say it. Also this morning while walking my post I got the heavenly aroma of "honey" coming from the paddies. Wonderful, wonderful smell I'll tell you.

Well I'm going to take off for work and will write more when I get there. Here I am at work standing by. I don't know how long I'm going to be here but nevertheless, I'm here.

It's a pretty warm night compared to last night and the wind has died down. The moon is shining brightly and the stars are shining.

Honey I'm going to close now because I've got some work to do. I'll write more tomorrow and answer lots of questions. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless You.

All my Love Always,
Your Ever Loving Daddy
Boe

16 March 1954 (Tues)

6:15 PM (Kor.)

4:15 AM (EST)

[Excerpt]: Well here is something funny I want to tell you about. We rode over to midnight chow on a "tug". A tug is a little tractor like vehicle that is used to tow aircraft around. On the way over to the mess hall this kid named Ham from my section drove it over. One guy was sitting on the hood, another on the right rear fender and I was sitting on the left rear fender. We parked it in front of the mess hall and went to chow. When we came back we all took the same positions and Ham still took the drivers seat. Well the kid that was sitting on the hood decided that he was going to drive. In plain words he had his back to the front of the tug and he would have to work the pedals backwards from the normal way you drive. You know how you move your right foot from the gas to the left to the brake pedal. Well he had to move his right foot to the right to the break pedal as he was sitting backwards. Ham was operating the clutch and shifting gears. We got to going pretty good across the apron and when we got to our side, this kid started to maneuver the tug around and in and out of the aircraft sitting there. Well he swerved to miss an oxygen bottle cart and was heading straight for a ditch. Instead of remembering that (this part is really funny) he had to work everything opposite from normal driving, he pushed the panic switch. Instead of moving his right foot to the right to engage the brake pedal, he thought he had his foot on the brake pedal and kept pressing harder. That old tug really took off and we hit that there a flying. Yes we did. Wal that there old tug stopped dead and we all flew through the air. I landed in the middle of the road in a running stance and really had to keep moving to retain my balance. The driver did a tumble-somersault over the hood and I don't know what all. Poor old Ham ended up in that there ditch on top of the other passenger. Luckily none of us were hurt, but it was so funny the way it happened that we all busted out laughing. Honey if you had seen it you would have gone into stitches. That old tug really gouged a hole in the bank of the ditch. We pushed all of the dirt back into the hole and covered it up.



28 March 1954 (Sun.)

2020 P (Kor.)

0650 A (EST)

My Dearest and Darling Gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope this finds my baby okay. Your #1 boy is okay but a little tired from guard mount last night. I think I told you I had Post #42 up by the dog pound. The APs have a canine corps that is used for patrolling certain areas. Boy these dogs are really trained. It takes about 1 year to train them for combat duty and they use German Police dogs. These dogs are really tough.

Well I woke up today at 12:30 and washed and got ready for chow. When I woke up I found two wonderful letters from you postmarked 20 Mar. and 21 Mar. Also I received a real nice letter from Mom & Pop Lieske. Honey, I think Pop writes a real nice letter. It seems to come from the heart just like yours do. I'm going to answer it tomorrow and also send them a snapshot.

I went to noon chow and guess what we had. A #1 roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings and it was delicious. We had peaches for dessert. I had three nice pieces of white meat.

After chow, I got my pass and went into Seoul where I met Ed and his buddy from Recce Tech. We looked around in the PX (no money to buy anything) for awhile and then looked around on the outside. You know Seoul is a fairly modern city and had a lot of new buildings. But the "police action" really tore it up and left a lot of scars. Every time I see the town, I think how lucky the people in the good old United States are. If anyone at home has a lot of gripes, (of course it's only human to complain a little: what I mean is habitually complaining like I "USED" to do) just let them come to a country like this, that physically shows the scars, and they will learn their lesson. I've learned mine about complaining when I had things real good. I just hope the Good Lord will help me live the lesson I have learned.

We got back from Seoul about 1900, just a little too late for chow at the mess hall. After I had a nice hot shower which I sorely needed, I ate a can of warmed-over Van Camp's Beanie-weenies with some crackers. I found your real nice "surprise" waiting for me on my sack. I was so glad to get the fruitcake and will let you know how it tastes tomorrow. It's kind of late to sample it now and it might keep me awake. I know it will be good though because your little hands baked it. Many, many thanks again, dearest for the very pleasant surprise.

You really have some schedule don't you? Really keeps you busy too I bet. I figure up my schedule and send it to you in my next letter.

Honey, I'm so very glad that you were able to get down to Ft. Meade and shop. If you can make any savings for you and the folks, it might be worth your while to go down there about twice a month and do a lot of shopping. Anything you can save on for Mom and Pop I want you to do it. It sure is swell of them to come to bat for us when the chips are down. I won't ever forget it.

Honey, I'm going to sign off now and I'll finish answering your two wonderful letters tomorrow. I'm so tired, I can hardly hold my eyes open. Please take care of yourself and may

God Bless you.
All my Love,
Your Ever Loving Guy,
Boe



Boe, Ed Shook, Floyd Podell

29 March 1954 (Mon)

1830 (Kor.)

0500 (EST)

Excerpts: Sweetheart, Ed got a letter from his mother today telling about the 8 guys going overseas from the section. She said Floyd Podell, Ed's buddy is coming over here to Korea. She said something about Charley Randall and Bob Shields being two of the "lucky 8". In the letter she said that Steve was the only one of the group that was going to Japan...

We had a yellow alert today, but nothing came of it and it didn't last long. It probably was one of our own aircraft that strayed off the beaten path. Actually there's no sweat...

...No Honey, guard mount is not too much fun, but is a lot easier than KP. The only trouble is you have a lot more responsibility on guard mount and it does get kind of dark at night. There's no sweat though because that loaded carbine is a nice little equalizer...

30 March 1954 (Tues.)

1945 (Kor.)

0616 (EST)

Excerpts: I'm here in the tent by myself as everyone is visiting, gone to the movies or just malingering in general. It sure is quiet around here without the usual bulls- -t that fills the place up to the roof. It's a lot easier to concentrate on writing a letter when everything is nice and quiet.

Well old Ed got stuck on a nice detail yesterday and today. Recce Tech "chiefs" decided that they were going to paint the inside of their building with some surplus white paint that was lying around. They asked for "volunteers" the usual way and Ed was one of the lucky "indians". He has to go paint from 1800 to 220, but gets about 4 hours off the next morning. They tried to volunteer me, but being an old soldier has taught me how to keep from being "volunteered". I just said that I'm from the 12th TAC up here on a TDY basis and I don't need any OJT time in the field of painting. Well I got out of it. Simple eh governor?...

31 March 1954 (Wed.)

1815 (Kor)

1445 (EST)

Excerpts: Well today we had a "practice red alert" in the morning and a "practice ground alert" in the afternoon about 1530. On a ground alert we have to don all of our combat equipment; field pack, helmet, gas mask, carbine etc. and then report to our defense assignment. The troops are divided into squads of 12 or more and are given positions to defend. It was only practice and I sure am glad. I hope those "commies" behave themselves...

...Boy this kid Tony is really a character. He is so funny. We tease the houseboy all the time about nothing in particular and Tony is always betting that the kid can't knock him on his a- -. They are just playing around of course. Well hon, Tony weighs about 200 lbs. and the kid weighs about 110. They get to sparring around and the kid sets Tony on his fat a - - every time. Mel and I get to laughing and we start teasing Tony and he has to laugh too. Meanwhile the kid runs because he thinks Tony is mad. We have to convince the kid that Tony isn't mad before he will come back into the tent. Then Tony gives him a cigarette and everything is all right again...

...Just think sweetheart, only 20 more paydays until our discharge. It means I will only have to stand in 20 more pay lines. It doesn't seem like we have been in the service just about 28 months. I hope the rest of our service time goes by as fast as the as the past time has. Dec. 4, 1955 will be around before we know it...

1 April 54 (Thurs.)

2000 (Kor)

0600 (EST)

Excerpt: Tony is Italian and he is really a scream. Yesterday during the ground alert he was having trouble with his field pack. It kept slipping off. He had 3- 2nd Johns trying to fix it for him and they of course didn't know what they were doing. To top it off he had to go down into the rice paddies on a defense assignment and it sure was a funny sight to see that W È trying to march and hold up his field pack and all the other junk that we have to carry. Mel and I really got a big charge out of it.

Well I hate to say it hon, but we are back on Japan Standard Time. The Air Force said "to heck with Syngman Rhee's time; we are going back to the old time". So we are 14 hours ahead of you instead 13-1/2 hours. It sure is confusing.

2 April 1954 (Fri)

1830 (Kor-Jap)

0430 (EST)

Excerpt: Well sweetheart, I only have one more day up at Recce Tech. I sure am glad too because the place is driving me nuts. The old 12th TAC isn't a bad place at all compared to that place up there. They sure are chicken s - -t up there. I feel sorry for Ed

3 April 1954 (Sat)

1920 (Kor. Jap)

0520 (EST)

My dearest and darling wife,

Gosh I miss you tonight I feel a little blue because you're not with me. Oh honey, I love you so darn much and dearly miss you. I have been thinking about you all day long. If only the time will go by fast. It will be a lot easier for both of us if it does.

Today was my last day up at Recce Tech and boy was I glad. I sure like our sqdn. a lot better. It was also a big day for the base. We had a visit from the Under Secretary of and several generals from the Pentagon. The place was shook up for awhile and several people were blinded by the Sun reflecting off the brass of these wheels. The Secretary and the b'hoys were giving the base the once over and also seeing how the "indians" live. I wonder how the "chiefs" would like it living in our sprawling ranch-type homes that we have over here. To top it off the wheels here at the base had to put up a big front. That's why I sometimes hate this %\$#&*@#%\$&&# place. No hon, I guess I really don't hate it. I just dislike it a little.

I really had me a ball today. Tony works on the line and he took me through one of our RB-26 aircraft. That really is a sharp little plane. It was real interesting and I sat in the pilot's seat and made believe I was a hot rod pilot. Old Tony started laughing at me and he almost wet his pants. I was having a good time acting like a little boy. Just like a kid with a new toy. It was a lot of fun.

We had some fun with Mel last night. He has been reading at night and his light was bothering us. We kept asking him to turn it off, but he wouldn't do it. All of this was just in fun. So yesterday while he was at chow, we doctored up his light. Tony had some extra wire and a switch and we hooked up the switch to Mel's light. Tony's switch had to be turned on before Mel could turn his on.

Well hon we left Tony's switch on so that when Mel turned his on he wouldn't know anything was wrong. We waited until everyone else turned out their lights and Mel was the only one who had his on. After we let him read awhile, we turned out his light. Boy it was really funny. He didn't know what happened. Tony was laughing so hard he got the cramps. We had a ball.

Tonight I short sheeted Tony's bed, but he doesn't know it yet. I'll let you know what the results are in my next installment. When he finds out who did it, he will probably short sheet me when I least expect it. Old Mel will probably get blamed for it.

Sweetheart, I guess toll house is my favorite cookie, but I like sugar and oatmeal cookies too. Any kind you send will be alright. I will be so glad to get them that I won't complain.

Today turned out to be another nice day. It felt like Summer. We have to check in all of our Winter clothing that was issued. That doesn't mean blues though. Also hon, I put up

my mosquito net today and it is a sight. As soon as I can I'll take a picture of it and send it to you.

Yes honey, I'm sure \$30.00 per month will be enough for me. If for any reason I need more, I'll adjust my budget. No sweat, because I'll get by with what I have. You are a wonderful wife darling and I love you for that. It's okay to send me a list every month of what you spend. You sure have saved money by making your own maternity clothes. I'm so proud of you.

I should know where we will be stationed around Christmas time. I will let you know as soon as I find out.

Honey, as far as our Summer goes, we have it in July and August. It rains most of the time. Mostly every other day and sometimes sooner.

If tomorrow is a nice day, I might go to town and take some pictures. Ed and I will probably go together if we can get a pass. Sometimes we can't always get a pass. Also we are going to church tomorrow no matter what happens. I have missed church 3 Sundays in a row for one reason or another. Well baby it's getting late and I want to take a shower before I hit the sack. So goodnight sweetheart and pleasant dreams. Remember I love you so darn much and please take care of yourself.

May God Bless you,
All my Love Always,
Your Loving guy,
Boe



4 April 1954 (Sun)

1730 (Jap)

0330 (EST)

Excerpts: Well honey, today I went to church for the first time in three weeks and felt real good about it. The Chaplain preached a good sermon on the topic "What ye sow, so shall ye reap". At the beginning he mentioned the signs that Spring is around the corner. You know, the farmers tilling their paddies and by the aroma in the air. He meant of course the schidt on the paddies.

1920

Here I am again honey. Just took a shower and feel "in the pink". The boys are at it again. The W - p just finished putting up his mosquito net and he made a lot of racket. Now Chris, one of the other inmates of the tent is doing some carpentry work and he is making a lot of racket. Dear old Dad is all shook up and he's been yelling "I hate this \$%#@&%#\$*\$& place". Dear old Dad, by the way is Mel. The inmates of the tent are: Spence, Dad, Tony (the W É p), Chris, John, and Pal (that's me)

Oh yes, I told you I short sheeted Tony last night and it was really a picnic to see him to try to get in bed. He thinks Dad did it and now he is going to short sheet Dad. I better watch myself. They will be giving me the works soon so I'll have to be on my toes.

Yes sweetheart, nothing here is permanent. Everything is in tents except the latrines, mess halls and theaters. Those are galvanized tin buildings. We do have a few quonsets

Honey, Mel and Tony came over on the same banana boat that I did. The Collins of course, but I didn't meet them on the boat. So that means they have as much time over here as I do



"The Rice Bowl"

5 April 1954 (Mon.)
 1930 (Jap)
 0530 (EST)

Excerpt: Well sweetie at 1500 today there was a USO show down at the Service Club and I went down to take it in. It was pretty good and I rather enjoyed it. We have a shop stop here at Kimpo every 2 months or so. Usually we don't have any name stars, but who the shows do have are pretty good. It must have been hon because the Service Club was packed. The show was about 1-1/2 hours long. After it was over, I came back and wrote the letter to my family

The radio programs come on the same time every day and follow a regular schedule. I think I told you that we get all the good programs, only they are a little stale. Better stale than none at all

6 April 1954 (Tues.)

1700 (Jap)

0300 (EST)

Excerpt: Our squadron has decided that we need a CQ or security guard down at the PI section so that's an extra detail we have to pull. We come on duty at 1700 and work until 0800 the next morning. It should be easy though because we get a chance to sleep during the night. We have to standby for any scramble missions the squadron might have to fly, answer the telephone, and guard the safe armed of course with an old dependable '45. I've never fired a '45 but know how to handle one if necessary. I just hope it's never necessary don't you? Well tonight is my turn to pull it. It will come around pretty often because there are only 4 of us who are qualified to pull itl hear a Blackbird warming up out here and he is making a lot of racket. Our section is down "on the line" right with aircraft...

7 April 1954 (Wed)

1800 (Jap)

0400 (EST)

Excerpt: Sweetheart, are you sure the baby was kicking you? I thought the 4th month was a little early for that and it didn't start until about the 7th or 8th month. It is possible I guess. Maybe it was shifting around. Hon maybe the doc can tell you what it was the next time you go to see him.

8 April 1954 (Thurs.)

1900 (Jap)

0500 (EST)

Excerpt: Today our houseboy left us, so we had a "GI" party in order to get ready for inspection Friday morning. Like I said before, we can't do too much that would improve the place. We dusted, scrubbed the floor, and straightened things up in general. It was a fairly easy job.



9 April 1954 (Fri.)

1720 (Jap)

0320 (EST)

My dearest and darling Lorraine,
Hello gal! How's my # 1 sweetie tonight? Okay I hope. Your daddy is in pretty good shape. Sweetheart, I sure love you and miss you something terribly. Oh I hope the time continues to go by fast. Next Feb. just can't come around too fast to suit me.

Well darling, here I am down at the section as CQ again. It's not to bad. I have the whole place to myself until about 2000 when some of the guys come in. We will probably have some work tonight. "Actually there's no sweat you better Ha Ha believe". (New saying).

Honey I received the can of pretzels today and was so surprised to get them. I didn't know that you would send them airmail. Did it cost very much? Thanks a million for sending them to me. I really appreciate it and they are so good. Pretty fresh too to have traveled almost 10,000 miles. There wasn't any other mail hon, but I know it's not your fault. I should get some tomorrow.

Well honey today we had an inspection of our living quarters by the squadron CO. He came around about 8:30 to check. He told Mel, who is tent chief, that our tent was really cleaned up nice and was one of the best in the squadron. It should have been after the

"GI" party we had. We will be getting a new houseboy in a few days to replace "Im" who left us. He wasn't too good a worker anyhow. He was inclined to be a little lazy, hon.

Well today turned out to be a pretty nice day. The Sun was shining and the temperature was quite pleasant.

Honey, I don't remember whether I told you this or not but we have to start paying for the movies now. The admission will be 25 cents. What tees me off is that they will probably still run 16 MM film and the pictures will be old stuff. Oh well that's the breaks of the Far East. Complaining won't do any good I guess. We are pretty lucky to get movies over here.

Hon, I guess Steve and the rest of the gang have probably sailed by now and should be arriving at Yokohama before too long. That is unless they came over on "the slower than the slow boat to China", the Collins of course.

I wonder if Tootsie has recovered from the "bad dream". I think you and I have gotten over it by now and have just accepted it as God's will

Well nothing real exciting happened today. It was the same old grind. We got up at 0630, washed , dressed and went to chow. After chow was over, we came back and straightened up the tent some more for the big inspection.

At 1500, Lt. Smith called up and wanted everyone in the section to come right down. The squadron is making up a year book or some thing like that and we all had our pictures taken. Hon if I can get a copy of the book or picture, I will send it off to you.

Well sweetie, I'm going to take a break now to get a cup of coffee. Will write more later. Well hon it's 7:00 and I'm back, but no coffee.

Sugar, something happened yesterday that was pretty funny. A whole bunch of us were playing soccer with the houseboys and the W Ē p was tending goal for us. Well the ball came to the W Ē p and he kicked it back. It hit me in the head and knocked off my glasses. It broke the part that hooks onto your ear. I will have to have them fixed. The Koreans sure got a big charge out of it.

Honey, I'm awful sorry but I have to close this now. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and keep writing. May God Bless you my Love.

All my Love,
Your daddy, Boe

14 April 1954 (Wed.)

2115 (Jap)

0715 (EST)

Excerpts: I have "the duty" tonight but was fortunate enough to get the first shift for a change. I was just relieved hon, but have to go back on again at 2330. At 2245 I have to go down to the mess hall and eat chow and drink some nice hot GI coffee to keep me awake. My post was an easy one, but a little muddy from the Sunday nite's rain. I guess I'll have to wear my artics when I go to relieve the guard at 2330...Well darling, when I went out for the 2nd part of my shift, the wind came up and it got a little cool. Nothing happened on the 2nd tour while I was walking and I sure was glad. I wasn't feeling too well. I was glad when my relief came at 0300...

...You know darling, when I was walking my post on the 2400 to 0300 shift, I kept thinking of what you might be doing at that time. At 0100, it was 1100 and I kept thinking what you were eating on your lunch period. Gosh honey during the whole tour I was wondering how things were with you at your job...

16 April 1954 (Fri.)

1800 (Jap)

0400 (EST)

Excerpts: Well honey today is Good Friday and as usual the mess hall fouled up. Yesterday they had fish for chow, but what did they have today? Meat. For the noon meal they prepared hamburger. Well my will power kept me in check and I didn't eat any. I only ate asparagus, macaroni and bread. Tonight was the climax. The mess hall served steak. At first I wasn't going to go to chow, but my weakness got the better of me. I ate some, but didn't enjoy it too much...

...Sweetheart, I bet you can't guess who just walked into my tent. Ed and Floyd Podell. Floyd just got here to Korea today. He left the states on the first and arrived in Japan in 13 days. Boy he really made a fast trip. Floyd is assigned to the 45th Tac. Recon. Sqdn. in their PI section...

...Well honey we will play our first league game with the AP's. I sure hope the weather is nice. With my shoes and glove I'll sure burn up the base paths...

...We had the inspection today by Col. Egan, the CO of 67th Tac. Recon. Group. He didn't come into our tent to look at it. Mel (Dad) was very disappointed because we had really straightened the place up again. It looked nice...

17 April 1954 (Sat)

1825 (Jap)

0425 (EST)

Excerpts: Well the inevitable happened today. We were scheduled to play ball, but what do you think happened? It started to rain and has been raining hard and steady all day long. Gosh hon, if it keeps up, we'll be needing row boats to get around here on the base. Man it's sure raining. I feel sorry for those poor guys on guard tonight. They'll get drowned if it keeps up...

...Sweetheart, I have bad news. The pkg. was in terrible shape when it got here. Somewhere along the line it must have come in contact with heat, because the jelly beans and candy were melted and the egg was spoiled. The pkg. smelled something terrible hon and I had to throw the whole works away. Gosh darling, I'm so sorry about it because I know how much trouble you and Mom must have have gone through to send it to me. Thanks a million any how for thinking of me on Easter...

...We were going to have an outdoor service tomorrow in the Rice Bowl Amphitheater, but won't be able to now. The Chaplain was real disappointed. I was in the PX today and I happened to overhear a conversation between him and the PX Manager. He was really looking forward to it...

2355

...Here I am again. We just got finished playing hearts. I won but the game was a lulu. Every time I'd try to give Tony the queen he wriggle out of it and poor old Dad or Spence would end up with it. They both were high too...

18 April 54 (Sun.)

1900 (Jap.)

0500 (EST)

My Dearest & Darling Wife,

Hi sweetheart! I hope my #1 is okay tonight. In 5 more hours Korean time, it will be 0100 here and 1100 in Balto. I will just be coming from midnight chow and you will be going to church on Easter Sunday. We had a nice Easter service today, but I had to stand in the back of the church because I was late. I was waiting for Shook and Podell to stop by for me and they forgot. They went on for church without stopping for me.

Darling, I didn't get any mail from you today, but I did get the Easter pkg. you sent me. This one came in good shape. The one mom sent was all mashed up and everything was ruined. I was so sorry that I had to throw it away, but what else could I do? I know you understand darling. I will explain to the folks.

Well darling, I'm on CQ again down at the section. There was no work today, so I will have an easy night. I'm glad too because I don't fell much like working. It didn't rain anymore today, but the wind has started to blow up a bit. We just had a wind warning about 1630. It stated that we would have winds up to 20 miles per hour. Hon these tents really flap around when the wind blows. It makes an ungodly racket too. Sort of gets on a person's nerves after a while. I think you know what I mean.

Honey, I just ate one of the hard-boiled eggs that was in my Easter "basket" (box) and it tasted pretty darn good. My baby thinks of everything. She even sent salt too. Bless you darling.

Well darling I didn't do too much today. I got up about 0830, washed, dressed, and went to chow. We had fried eggs, S-O-S, bacon and coffee. When I came back from chow, I shaved, put on a summer uniform and waited for Ed and Floyd to come by for church.

Well hon, I waited until 1005 and when they didn't show, I took off for church. It was a very nice sermon based on Christ's resurrection. Also we our orphanage choir there again and they sang two hymns in Korean. They sang "Christ the Lord has Risen Today" and "Low in the Grave He Lay". Honey it was really touching to see those little kids singing with such spirit. When I heard them, I got that funny squeezing feeling around my heart again. The chaplain did something very unprecedented in a church service by telling the congregation they could clap. The clapping was terrific. We almost rocked the chapel.

After the service I came back and went to chow. We had some #1 chow for dinner. Roasta-beef, potatoes, gravy, dressing, string beans and peaches for dessert. It was delicious and I don't know what all. Oh yes I heard Andy Griffith's record about football last night. It sure brought back memories of Rapid City.

Well darling after chow, I came back and wrote an answer to Aunt Minnie's letter. She is going to start sending me the Stars and Stripes and I'll get a chance to read them now. I won't throw them away like I did in Rapid City.

Honey, I haven't received any of my magazines yet. I want you to mark down the time on them. The last issues of Argosy and Redbook that I received were January. I should get Feb., March, and April and I haven't yet. If I don't hear something soon, I want you to call those people up and chew them out. If they give you any trouble, let me know and I'll write them a letter that will really pin their ears back.

Sweetheart, I'm going to close now because I want to read a little. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless You. I love you dearly. All My Love Forever,

Boe

19 April 1954 (Mon)

2015 (Jap)

0615 (EST)

Excerpts: We played 67th Recce Tech today and beat them 13-11. Boy it was some game. Our infield almost threw it away. They made takesan errors. We finally pulled it out of the fire in the last inning...

2340

...Guess what! I hear "Ebb Tide" playing on the radio in the tent next store. You know the one with the seagulls. It sure is beautiful...

...Honey we have a radio program called Mail from Home and they play requests for GIs over here who have their wives, mothers or friends send the radio station a letter for the request. All you have to do is send them a letter requesting a song to be played for so-and-so who is stationed at such & such with a certain outfit. If you would like them to play a request for me, here is the address:

Mail from Home

C/o Radio Station Vagabon

APO 72 c/o Postmater

San Francisco, California

Why don't you surprise me with a request. I listen to the program every night...

...The boys played a little trick on me last night. They short-sheeted me. But I let on like nothing happened. Just by luck I decided to check my rack before getting into it. Sure enough they had done it. I just crawled under the top sheet and nobody was the wiser. I'll have to find out who did it so I can get even. We have more fun around here...

...Honey, I don't think there is any sweat about us going to Indo-China. Don't go worrying about that now...

21 April 1954 (Wed.)

1700 (Jap)

0300 (EST)

Excerpts: We can't eat any food anywhere except authorized and "on limits" places and can not drink any kind of Korean whiskey, beer or any Korean beverage for that matter. There have been GIs who have died, been paralyzed or blinded some of this Korean brew...

...I think I told you this before that our house boy comes from Inchon and he doesn't get anything to eat at noon. We have been bringing him chow everyday from the mess hall, and today Tony brought him a roasta-beef sandwich and some ice cream. You should have seen that kid's eyes light up when he saw that ice cream. Honestly honey, it made my heart ache...

...No honey, we didn't have to dress in "blues" or stand in review for the big wheels. We only have to wear class "A's" (blues or khakis) for retreat, promotion boards and R&R's. Fatigues are the uniform of the day over here in Korea. I usually wear my Class A's to church on Sunday because I get a little tired of fatigues everyday...

22 April 1954 (Thurs.)

1900 (Jap)

0500 (EST)

Excerpts: Well darling, I had CQ last night and was up until 0400 this morning delivering missions with Berry. We didn't have any thing to do last night except to deliver them up to Recce Tech. Pretty easy night for a change...

...Tomorrow the base starts a new guard duty schedule. The first shift starts at 1930 and works straight through until 0030 (1230 AM). The second shift starts at 0030 until 0530. We will walk only 5 hours instead of six, but it will be a straight 5 hours. It will be a better deal except when it rains...

...So the time is going by pretty fast. Only 8 more days until pay day and the end of another month. Next Feb. will be here before we know it...

...Yes hon we do get the same mess gear all the time by having our own. We was it in the back of the mess hall as we pass through. They have 3 GI cans filled with real hot soapy water where we dunk them and scrub them with a brush. I think it's a pretty good system myself although it does get boring once in a while having to carry the gear...

...I just got called down to the section and I have to go down about 2100. Darling, I hope this military method of telling time doesn't confuse you. Actually it's pretty simple...

24 April 1954 (Sat.)

1915 (Jap.)

0515 (EST)

Excerpt: Darling I think I told you that there are three of us pulling CQ down at the section. The 3 lucky boys are Atkinson, Kopel and me. But this week a problem has arose. Atkinson is going on R&R and Kopel and I will probably have to pull it every other night while he is away. Our R&R's are 9 days long...

25 April 1954 (Sun.)

1600 (Jap.)

0200 (EST)

Excerpts: Today was such a nice day; the kind you and I would go for a drive. If I were home, we would take a little ride down to Mt. Rushmore, or Sylvan Lake, or even up to Deadwood. Gosh darling it seems like our real home is back in Rapid City. We had such a nice stay. Now here we are almost a million miles apart connected only by the spirit and of course the mail. Oh honey, I get so lonely sometimes around here with nothing to do...

...Honey I've been reading the two Service Suns you sent and boy our home town politics are really mixed up. I mean all the crap those politicians are stirring up. The mayor's wife, old man Piracci, and Sodaro, the states attorney. Sure makes me proud to claim Baltimore as my hometown especially after my buddies read about it. Almost as proud as I am to claim Korea as my home country. Three cheers for Sygman Rhee...

26 April 1954 (Mon.)

1815 (Jap.)

0415 (EST)

Excerpts: Well hon May Day is right around the corner, the 1st to be exact. Word just came from the orderly room that all R&R's have cancelled until after May 2. Also everyone is restricted to the base until after May 2. You see honey, May Day is a very big day for the Commies and they really go wild. They riot and go crazy in general. Especially in Japan and over here in Korea. So the Wing CO is taking precautions and not letting anyone go to town because some of these GIs might start trouble with the Reds and the results would be disastrous. Also we will probably double the perimeter guards too and this way prevent any of them from coming through the fence and causing trouble. Don't worry about me hon. By the time you get this letter, the rioting and the celebration will be over and everything will be peaceful again.

Guess what honey, The Squadron is going to throw a free party for everyone on the 7th of May. We are going to have beer, steaks and french fries and all the trimmings and some local entertainment. It ought to be quite an affair and best of all it isn't going to cost us a cent. Mel is on the refreshment committee and he is flying to Komaki, Japan tomorrow to order the steaks. He sure is lucky because they are going to stay overnight. He is going to bring back some fresh milk, a quart for everyone in the tent. Oh boy I can't wait. Just the thought of fresh milk makes my mouth water...

30 April 1954 (Fri.)

2030 (Jap.)

0630 (EST)

Excerpts: I'm on CQ again tonight and it's raining cats and dogs. I sure pity the poor guards tonight. I think Floyd has it for the first time tonight hon and I guess he is getting a good wetting. This darn tent down here leaks in a few places especially where the stove pipes go through the top. I'm sitting where I can't get wet...

...I had to pay a dollar for the Squadron Party. I found out that it is going to cost the airmen a dollar and the officers 2 dollars. It's still not bad for a steak dinner and all the beer you can drink...

...Today darling we had our old end-of-the-month standby. A ground alert. We had one on payday last month. I was lucky again and didn't have to go out into the paddies. I was on standby squad again under Lt. Taylor...

...Lt. Taylor is leaving here on the 12th of May and is going back for discharge. He's a lucky stiff. I wish I was getting discharged when I get back...

...Chris and I went to the movie this afternoon and saw the Glenn Miller Story. Boy was it good. We didn't get to see the end though because of the ground alert. We had to leave the movie right away...

1 May 1954 (Sat.)

1730 (Jap.)

0430 (EST)

Excerpts: The mess hall recently was supplied with cups, bowls and silverware, so we don't have to carry our mess gear with us.....

..... no honey we haven't had any mosquitoes yet. I guess the little monsters will be coming mosh schosh as soon as it starts to get warm. If you can maybe you could send some insect repellent for guard mount.....

2 May 1954 (Sun.)

2000 (Jap)

0700 (EDT)

Excerpts: It's been cloudy all day. I hope it doesn't rain because we have another ball game tomorrow. We play the 4th Military Intelligence Co. which is an army detachment that works up in the same bldg. as Recce Tech. They are similar organizations as they both work with aerial photos.....

..... I went over to the dayroom about 7:00 this evening to get a cup of coffee and I'll tell you that place was really booming. "Little Reno" was in full swing again and the script was flying around like flies on schidt. I sure am glad that I'm not a gambling man....

6 May 1954 (Thurs.)

2130 (Jap.)

0830 (EST)

My Darling Mama-san,

Hi Sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my #1 gal today. Your daddy is feeling fine and dandy so far. Gosh I miss you sweetheart. An awful lot and especially tonight. I'll tell you why and here goes. Guess who came in my tent today just before I went to evening chow at 1600. John Nickel. Was I surprised!! I know from Ruth's letter that he was coming to Korea, but I didn't know how long it would be before he got here. He just arrived here today and he was assigned to Ed's squadron. Ed brought him over to the tent this afternoon. Also tonight both of them came down to the section to visit me while I'm on CQ. They just left a few minutes ago. Well sweetheart, we got to talking about Rapid City and everything like that and now I feel so darn blue. Gee we sure had a lot of fun with John and Ruth didn't we? I guess he and I will get together now and then and we should really have a ball.

Last night we didn't have any work at the section, so I went to bed late. I was going to get up early this morning, but was so darn tired, I slept until 1100.

I went down to the post office and purchased a \$2.00 money order for Rocky's birthday. I'll get it off to Tootsie tomorrow. I couldn't get a birthday card so I'll just have to put a little note in with it.

Well Hon, we had practice today for tomorrow's game, but my arm got sore from throwing and I had to quit early. It feels all right now. I sure hope it will be all right.

Honey I have to quit now for awhile because some work just came in from the photo lab. Be back in a schosh.

2200

Here I am again sweetie. The photo lab isn't quite ready for me yet, so I'll continue to write until they are.

As you probably guessed it, I'm down here on CQ again. We didn't have any missions, but the photo lab is printing the Squadron History booklet and they have lettering that has to be done over. As soon as they mount the prints, I have to Leroy the names under it. They have to finish the job by 8:00 tomorrow morning because the Photo Lab OIC wants to present the booklet to the Sqdn. CO at the party tomorrow afternoon. I will be able to get a copy of it later on and will send it to you as soon as I can. They will be bringing the work over here shortly. When they do, I'll have to stop for awhile.

Well sweetie, today was a real warm day and I was even sweating a little while practicing. Tonight it looks like it is going to rain. I hope not because we are supposed to have the party tomorrow. Everything has been set up for it anyhow. It is going to cost us

a dollar, which was collected at the end of the pay line last payday. That's not too bad though hon because we are going to have steak dinner. I'll let you know what we had.

Today at mail call darling I received another wonderful letter #51 postmarked 30 April and also April 4 th's edition of the Sun. My mail has been coming pretty good lately. Maybe I shouldn't brag. Gosh I sure hope my letters to you start coming regular again. I know how you feel about not getting any. I'm going to answer no. 51 now.

Gee honey, I'm glad you had a nice time at Eileen's. It sure is nice that you have friends who you can visit. When you see them again, tell Len I can't wait until we all can go hunting and fishing together. It will be real nice if you can go on picnics with them this summer.

Sweetheart, don't pay any attention to any rumors you hear about enlistments being extended a year. It takes an act of Congress to do it. If they were, the Air Force wouldn't be letting it's men returning from overseas with less than 6 mo. service left get an early out. No sweat on that deal. As for the Indo-China situation, don't worry about it either. I don't think the 12th TRS will be going there. Besides, if it did hon, we couldn't do anything about it anyhow. Don't pay any attention to any rumors until you actually see the orders on it. The only thing I've heard about Indo-China rumors is what has been reported in the newspapers. No one over here knows anything about that crap either. We are all in the dark about the whole mess. I'll let you know about anything definite. No sweat. We have enough worries. I'm not trying to be harsh to you sweetheart, but I'm just trying to reassure you. Don't pay any attention to anything that even smells like rumor. Yes hon I remember the Ellsworth rumors too. Just a lot of BS to shake up the troops.

I know how you feel about the mail situation. I think the reason is because of the shortage of aircraft. Here's the story. A lot of the cargo planes that the Air Force has over here are being used to help the French in Indo-China by carrying supplies, equipment, etc. Therefore the planes carrying cargo back to the states are being overworked. There was a notice that there would be a delay in prompt mail delivery to the states. Mel's wife hasn't received any for a while either although he has been writing every night like I have. Just a little more patience darling and you should be getting a lot of mail.

Well hon I hope those dopes at the Keystone Readers Service finally get my address straightened out. Yes I agree that it seems that we can't win.

Well my darling I think I better sign off now and go to chow. When I get back, the Photo Lab should have the work ready for me. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. Remember you are my whole life and true love darling. May God bless you my wife and keep you in His care.

All my love forever,
Your # 1 B'hoy
Boe

7 May 1954 (Fri)

2245 (Jap)

0945 (EDT)

Excerpt: We just came back from the squadron party. Gosh honey we all had such a good time. I feel just a little inebriated so don't pay any attention to anything I say that may seem silly. We had steak (about 1 lb each and 1" thick), potato salad, lettuce salad and rolls and of course a little beer. I had about 6 cans altogether. We even had a Korean band and a bunch of Jo-Sans singing and dancing. More fun than a barrel of monkeys...

8 May 1954 (Sat.)

1500 (Jap.)

0200 (EDT)

Excerpt: Every time John N. and I get together I keep thinking about the good times we had together at Rapid City. Come next February darling, we'll be having good times again together, you and our little stinker and I.....

.....Our houseboy is playing "Yes Jesus Loves Me" on his Harmonica. He sure is a cute little tyke and a hard worker too.....

.....Well Hon, Johnny N. and I were sitting here practically all evening shooting the schidt about this and that and everything else. He said that he wished that we had seen a lot more of each other than we did. I told him yes I wish so too. We were talking that maybe we could get stationed together again somewhere. I told him it would be nice.....

.....You know sweetie, Johnny N. and I always did hit it off pretty well together. Between him, Ed, Floyd and I, we ought to have a pretty good time over here.....

..... That little rascal of ours must be strong to have kicked so hard that the whole tablet jumped. I hope it doesn't hurt too much honey. Also I sure hope it arrives on time. I'll really be sweating it out darling especially hoping that everything is okay with you. We'll just have to put our faith in the Good Lord sweetheart.....

9 May 1954 (Sun.)

1730 (Jap.)

0430 (EDT)

Excerpts: Well my darling today I went to church and heard a real nice Mother's Day sermon about mothers. Our Chaplain can really preach 'em....

....After chow hon, Johnny N. and I got our passes and went into Seoul for awhile. We looked around in the PX and I was able to buy 2 rolls of 620 film and also a birthday card for Rocky. The card wasn't much to look at, but over here we can't be too choosy if you know what I mean.....

1930(Jap)

.....Here I am again darling. I just had an unannounced interruption. Johnny N. and one of the boys came down and we played a little 3 handed hearts. More fun than a barrel of monkeys. I sure do get a kick out of old "chub" honey. He really keeps me in stitches. He told me today that he didn't think he was going to make it (the tour I mean).....

..... It's pretty quiet again down here on CQ my darling. We didn't have any missions again today. Other than CQ I haven't worked a night since 29 April. The weather has been kind of funny. Not much rain, but lots of clouds. When it's cloudy, it's a little hard to take aerial photography.....

.....The confounded lights just went out and I am writing by candlelight. We have them down in the section for emergencies. Oops! They just went on again.....

....Okay honey, here is a rough schedule on normal days:

1000-1100 – Rise and shine

1130 - Mail Call

1200 - Chow

1200-1630 – Practice SoftBall - Play game and goof off in general

1630 - Mail Call

1700 - Chow

1730-2000 – Write letters Etc.

2000 - Call section for work if any

2000-2330 – Write letters, play cards etc.

2400 - Midnight Chow if I worked

A CQ day is like this:

1000-1100 – Rise and shine

1130 - Mail Call

1200 - Chow

1200-1600 – Practice ball etc.

1600 - Early Chow

1700 - Report for Work

2400 - Early chow

1700-0800 – Next morning, work etc.

0800 - Relieved, go back to tent and sleep

Can you understand this? I found out who short sheeted me. It was dad and Tony. I'm thinking up some sweet revenge and will let you know what I do.....

10 May 1954 (Mon)

1700 (Jap.)

0400 (EDT)

Excerpts: I have the duty again tonight and the way the posts have been running, I'll probably get the bomb dump. No sweat down there though. It's just little muddy at times....

.....As usual honey, I couldn't sleep again down at the section. It seems as though I hear every darn noise that is possible to hear. Then when I come to our tent, I sleep real sound.....

....Sure hope I get the first shift tonight because I don't think I can last the second one. Oh well, I'll just have to make the best of it if I get the second shift.

Honey I'm going to have to close for awhile. We are going to have a shakedown inspection because some Air Force equipment is missing. I will write more later.

1200 (Jap.) (Tues.)

Hello darling. Here I am again. I had the first last night down in the bomb dump post #48. It was very quiet night and the only ones I had to challenge were the OG and the corporal of the guard. The rice paddies are thick with frogs and crickets and they really set up a racket when they start. Gets on your nerves after a while. The only bad thing about the first shift is that we can't eat midnight chow. A person sure gets hungry after coming off of guard mount.....

..... Oh yes honey, before I forget. I had a dream last night about our baby. I dreamed it was a little boy and so cute, but everything was jumbled up. I can't for the life of me remember where we were.....

12 May 1954 (Wed.)

1800 (Jap.)

0500 (EDT)

Excerpts: Well sweetie here I am again on CQ. It sure is a nice warm evening. Today was pretty hot, but it cooled off when the Sun went down. I think Summer is almost officially here and before we know it will be over.....

.....Last night we played a pinochle game. John N. and I played against Tony and one of his buddies. We played a total of 24 hands and the total score was a tie 557-557. They won it because they were the last bidders and bidder goes out. I have to quit for a while because we have some work to do.....

..... I just heard your request for me on the radio darling. They are playing the Ames Bros. "My Love My Life". It sure is pretty. Thanks a million for sending it to me. I listen to it every night hoping to hear something for me. I was so excited to hear it sweetheart.....

.....Well darling we played another ball game today and won 19-0. We played Hdqs. TAC Group. It sure was a sloppy mess. I didn't play the whole game because the manager let everyone play.....

.....Gosh sweetie, I wish you could have a dog. I know how you feel about them. Don't worry when we have our own home you'll have one.....

13 May 1954 (Thurs.)

1830 (Jap.)

0530 (EDT)

My darling lover gal,
Hi Sweetheart! Here I am again. How's my # 1 baby doll tonight? Okay I hope. Your daddy is okay tonight and very glad that he doesn't have guard mount. It is raining cats and dogs right now and has been raining off and on all day long. Sure is miserable weather darling. Makes me feel a little blue too.

We have a few leaks in the tent and the darn rain has almost ruined my New Testament and Service Prayer Book. It just so happened that there is a leak right over my shelf where I had them setting. I just noticed it a few minutes ago and now I have the bible hanging over the stove in an effort to dry it out. It was wetter than the prayer book. I just checked them and they seemed to be drying out pretty well. Gosh darling I feel so bad about it. It's still raining. Those poor guards tonight. Honey I was thinking that you better send my poncho in the next box. It seems to shed water better than these so called raincoats that we have. The rain just leaks right through them. You see hon when they are issued, they are not waterproofed. You have to have that done yourself. I will have it done when I get back to the states. Right now maybe you had better wrap up the poncho and send it as soon as possible. I think it would be too heavy to send it Air Mail, so just send it reg. mail Maybe I'll get it in time for the rainy season. Thanks a lot darling.....

....I was relieved this morning at 0800. As usual I didn't get any sleep again last night. I came back to the tent and slept for a few hours until "Debby-John"(that's Korean slang for fat boy) Nick came by and woke me up. He visits me all the time.....

.....This afternoon sweetheart we had a squadron meeting and we hashed out a few things that weren't too important. One of the items was liquor and beer in the lower 4 graders tents. We aren't allowed to have any in our quarters, only the NCOs. Also about the loud parties in the wee hours of the morning. Just the usual run of bull.....

.....Here I am again darling. I had my shower and feel lots better now. It's still raining pretty hard. I sure feel sorry for those poor guys on guard. I imagine the guys up front are having it pretty rough too. Dad told me that the weather report called for a monsoon sometime this week. I think it is already here with all this rain.....

.... It's getting kind of late sweetie, so I think I'll sign off now. Remember darling you meant the world to me. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. God Bless you my darling.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

14 May 1954 (Fri.)

1900 (Jap)

0600 (EDT)

My Darling Little Wife,

Hi Sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my No.1 gal tonight. Everything is okay with me with me except I'm a little blue. No particular reason, just feel lonely. Gee I wish I were home instead of over here. Oh well, that can't be for awhile so I guess I'll just have to make the best of it. Actually there's no sweat.

Well hon there isn't much news today. It finally stopped raining early this morning and so far today, it hasn't started up again. I certainly hope it doesn't.

Today at mail call hon, I didn't get any mail from you, but I guess I'll get some tomorrow. Due to the bad weather, I don't think the mail plane made it.

Today we dismantled our stoves and took them out. Ro cleaned one of them and was going to clean the other tomorrow. Tonight we decided that we would put one back and use it until the last possible day. Tony and Spence cleaned the stove while I filled the sandbox. We sure had a lot of fun with it. While we were carrying the other sandbox out this afternoon, I hit my watch and cracked the crystal. I took it over to the watch repair shop on the base to get a new one put on. Sure do miss it honey. I'll be able to pick it up tomorrow.

This afternoon John N. and I went down to the ball diamond to watch Recce Tech play 4th MIC. It was pretty good game and Recce Tech won by a score of 5-3. I really enjoyed it.

I think our next game is Sat. or Sun. with the 45th TRS. It will be a practice game for a couple of cases of beer. I don't know when our next league game is. The first round of the season is just about over and we are in 3rd place. Not so bad for a team that doesn't get much chance to practice. Most of our guys are in essential jobs or on flying status and they can't get off to practice. That's the only trouble with a flying squadron.

Honey, we ate one can of the cookies tonight and honestly, they were delicious. They were nice and fresh. I think packing them in popcorn really did the trick. Everyone remarked how good they were. Thanks a million for sending them. I really appreciate everything darling. I'm looking forward to the next box you send.

I'm sending you some more pictures. So keep on the lookout for them. Some of them are pretty cute.

Well darling, I'm going down to the service club for awhile so I'm going to sign off. Please take care of yourself and keep the letters coming. Don't work too hard and may God bless you sweetheart.

All My Love,

Your Guy Forever,

Boe

PS I love you madly.

15 May 1954 (Sat)

2200 (Jap)

0900 (EDT)

My Darling Wife

Hi Honey! Gosh I love ya! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 gal tonight. Everything is okay with your Hubby. This might be a short letter tonight because I just got done working on a mission. I think we have another to work on mosh schosh. Also it's getting close to chow time and I'm awfully hungry. I just finished eating a piece of chicken that I swiped from the mess hall this evening.

Everything was "samo samo" today. "Mother" Harris and Furry arrived today and were assigned to Recce Tech. John N. brought them up to my tent and we talked over old times and they gave us the latest poop at Rapid. Capt. Kamajian is gone. He has transferred to the 544th RTS at Omaha, Nebraska. That leaves Shirk in charge of the section temporarily. Harris says that they are trying to get rid of him. He also said that he outfit might be disbanded because they haven't been getting any replacements. Oertli was moved from drafting to editing and Roberts is in charge of drafting now. Butrick is on the s—t list for being drunk to often and he was almost busted. Kelly is in operations now and Frenchie is in charge of compilation. Some mix-up I'll say. I wouldn't mind going back to Rapid City, but I sure would hate to be assigned to that outfit. Sure must be painful to work there now. Well hon, enough of the dirt from Rapid City.

Last night instead of going to the service club, I went to the Peon Club and had a couple of beers. Then I came back and read a little. I finally went to bed about 11:00 PM. As usual, I couldn't sleep until about 2:00 AM. I woke up this morning at 10:30, washed, dressed and went to chow. We had a delicious chicken dinner with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Sure was good.

Another darn interruption. I have to deliver a mission. Be back in a schosh. Here I am again honey. Boy the old 12th TAC flew the asses off of their aircraft today. I have another mission to deliver before too long. The Photo Lab is working on it now.

As you probably guessed it hon, I'm on CQ again and have been busy all night long. It seems funny to be working hard again. Honey at any minute, I'm liable to have to stop writing, but never fear "I shall Return" (said Gen. MacArthur) And like the General, I shall too. I'm going to have to take off for midnight chow mosh schosh, but I'll be back.

I'm finally going to get a GI driver's license so that I can drive our section's jeep. I'll take a picture of me driving it as soon as I can. I'm going to sign off now and go to chow.

2400 (JAP)

Here I am again sweetheart. I'm going to lie down for a while before the other mission comes over. I'll write more tomorrow night.

Goodnight my darling. God Bless you and keep you safe.

All My Love

Your Guy Forever

Boe

17 May 1954 (Mon.)

0750 (Jap)

1850 (EDT)

My darling Mama-san,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 gal. Everything is okay with your papa-san today. This letter is supposed to be M16, but due to some unforeseen circumstances, I didn't write any yesterday. I will explain later on in the letter.....

..... Well honey along about 1:00 P, I moseyed over to the Day Room and a bunch of us guys started to make preparations for the ball game with the 45th. We went up to the ball diamond behind the Black Bird Club and fixed up the bases and everything else. You see this game was for 4 cases of beer which the loser would pay for. Everyone would drink it but the losers of the game had to chip in and pay for it. Well hon, we lost that darn game by one run. When the game was over we all went over to the Polka Dot Club to drink the beer. This was about 5:15 PM. We stayed over there until 7:45 PM and drank most of the beer that we had paid for plus 3 cases that were in the Officer's cooler. What a ball. It ended up that the only guys that were left were the 12th's ball team and 1 or 2 guys from the 45th. It all broke up when some 2nd John from the 45th came in and told us the party was over. No one cared though because we had drank most of the beer. I guess I had about 12 cans myself and was feeling slightly inebriated. We all came back to the squadron area and took a nice hot shower. Honey, for the life of me, I don't remember taking that shower. This was about 8:30 PM. I sat down and ate some cheese and crackers before hitting the sack.....

.....No sweetie there is no type of banking system over here. That's why most of the guys send as much money home as possible. Also there is no way hat we can buy Traveler's Checks here in Korea. They can be bought in Japan, but not here.....

..... Yes hon, the Korean brew sure is something; Thinking about the 20% urine kind of makes me sick too. We drink water that is pumped from a well and purified here, so there is no sweat about the drinking water.....

..... Well my darling, I'm going to close now and take this letter over to the post office. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. May God Bless you sweetheart and keep you safe.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

18 May 1954 (Tues.)

1800 (Jap)

0500(EDT)

My darling wonderful wife,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 lover gal this fine Spring evening. Your daddy is feeling pretty chipper tonight. Gosh I love you dearest so very much. These nice spring evenings sure do make me feel blue when I think of being away from you. Before you know it though, next Feb. will really come around fast.....

..... As you can guess I'm on CQ again tonight. We will have few missions to deliver, but that's not very hard work. The first one should be ready about 9:00 this evening. You know I don't mind this CQ business at all. By working nights and having every CQ every third night, I have been excused from the sand bag detail. Every spring all of the sandbags that have been busted or ripped or in bad shape in general have to be replaced. These are used in the trenches and also for the revetments. There is a crew from each squadron that goes out on these sandbag details every day except Sunday. I wouldn't mind it too much to work on the detail, but am not going to volunteer for it. I'm through volunteering if you know what I mean.

Well darling, I was awakened this morning by brother John at 8:30 and we sat in the tent and shot the bull practically all morning. Then before chow, we went down to the ball diamond and passed the ball for awhile. The officers of Recce Tech and the officers of the 4th MIC were playing a game and we watched it for awhile. About 10:45 we had a red alert and the darn thing lasted about 45 minutes. Almost thought it was the real thing, but it turned out to be one of our own aircraft that strayed off the zone.....

..... No hon, I'm not in a med. bomber wing. I'm in the only Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in the Far East. Both SAC and TAC have bomber wings, but TAC's primary mission is close up ground support. In plain words we give air support to the Army. A TAC Wing is a little more mobile than a SAC outfit. You'll find that SAC has the heavy bomber wings with B-36's while TAC uses smaller planes. An example is the RB 26. If I'm not mistaken, I think Glenn L. Martin Co. made some of these and called them Martin Marauders. We use the Douglas Invader, stripped from all armament and used strictly for reconnaissance. Floyd's squadron uses stripped down RF 80 jets but the fly day missions. Lately though, we have been flying day missions too.....

..... Oh boy! More fruitcake and homemade too. What I like about it is if you don't feel like eating it all, it will keep indefinitely.....

..... Sweetheart, I'll explain this CQ deal to you. We pull it down in our section and the Carto Draftsmen are the one's that have to pull it. We are authorized 4 Carto Draftsmen but only have three, Atkinson, Kopel and me. The way the cycle runs is Atkinson first, me second and Kopel third. With three of us pulling it we do it every third night.....

..... Darling try not to worry about the flying. Maybe I won't have to fly anymore after I get home. It doesn't bother me, but I wouldn't do it will make you feel better.....

..... The party was swell hon and I did get my milk. Mel could only afford a pint for everyone. It was delicious.....

.....Honey, I'll let you know when I go up for A 1/C. You have to be on the base for 60 days so maybe I'll be eligible June 1st. Don't let it worry you though if I don't make it right away. There might be a chance that I make it before I leave.....

..... Well darling, I guess I'm going to sign off now. We will have some more work mosh schosh. Please take care of your self and don't work too hard. May God Bless you and remember I love you with all my heart and soul.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

20 May 1954 (Thurs.)

2000(Jap)

0700 (EDT)

My dearest wife,

Hi sweetheart! I hope my # 1 gal is okay tonight. Your papa-san is okay and feeling real good. Tonight is another one of those nice nights and I 'm feeling a little blue. The mosquitoes are starting to visit dear old Kimpo and we checked out our supply of aerosol bombs from the sqdn. supply room. We have a little trouble with those great big flying ants too. They bite once in a while, but are not poisonous or dangerous. There is a chance of malaria from those darn mosquitoes, but we combat that as much as possible.

Every Sunday we take a pill to act against the malaria and we have the bombs and nets too. So if we are careful, there isn't too much danger.....

....We had ball practice again tonight at 5:00 PM for the game tomorrow. Tomorrow's game is a big one we play Recce Tech. If we can beat them, we can almost be assured of winning the second round of the league.

I have CQ again tomorrow night and am also scheduled for alternate guard. I'll be assured of having one or the other.....

.....Well honey, as usual there isn't any work again. It seems that we haven't been flying too many photo missions lately. I don't know what the reason is.....

..... Gosh darling I sure am sorry about your eating problem. I know exactly how you feel about it. If those "Melozets" will help you any, by all means get them. After the baby is born you should be able to get back to normal eating a gain. I too can't wait until you can start fixing me those good meals again. Don't worry about complaining. I know exactly what you are going through. Just don't let it get you down.

Before I forget, I heard your second request last night and they played "I get so lonely". At last I have the tune and I really like it. Thanks a million sweetheart for sending it to me.....

.....My darling, I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and don't let anyone get you down. God Bless you darling.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

21 may 1954 (Fri.)

1800 (JAP)

0500 (EST)

My darling gal,

Hello sweetheart! I hope my # 1 wife is okay tonight. Your papa-san is in pretty good shape. I can't write too much right now because I have guard tonight. I was scheduled for alternate, but one of the other guys is on R &R or something and I am elected. I will probably get the second shift tonight too. That means I'll have to try to take a little nap before going on duty. At any rate darling, I'll finish this letter tomorrow if I can't tonight. I know you understand what the circumstances are.

Today was a big day for our team. We beat Recce Tech by a score of 4-2. It was a real close game and was very exciting. Everyone sure was glad to win it too. We really played a heads up ball game. Johnny N. didn't have too much to say after it was over.

Tonight looks like it's going to be a pip. It's clouding up and the air smells like rain. Darn the luck. Just when I have guard too. Oh well I guess that's the breaks. I borrowed a poncho so that should help some.

Honey, I'm going to sign off now. Will write more later.

2140(Jap)

0840 (EDT)

Here I am again. I've been trying to catch a few winks before going out on the second shift, but didn't have much luck. It's just an impossibility to get much sleep around here sometimes. Too much noise. Not so much in our tent, but in the area in general. Oh well, I'll be able to sleep in the morning. We are having an inspection in the morning at 0800, but that won't make any difference. We can still sack out if we worked at night. So actually there's no sweat.....

.....I was supposed to pull CQ tonight but due to guard duty I'll have to pull it tomorrow. Kopel is pulling CQ for me tonight so I will have to pull it for him tomorrow. Pretty soon Atkinson is leaving so I don't know what we are going to do. Sure hope the section works someone else in on the deal because if we have to pull it every other night. That will be a pain in the neck. Oh well darling, I guess we'll just have to wait and see what's going to happen.....

.....I will probably be walking my post and at the same time you will be working. When I get relieved at 5:30 tomorrow morning, it will be 1630 Friday afternoon and you will probably be getting ready to go home too. It sure seems funny how the time works out between here and home.....

.....Honey I'm afraid I have to sign off this time to go to chow. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. Remember I love you very much and may God Bless you.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

22 May 1954 (Sat)

1990 (Jap)

0600 (EDT)

My darling wonderful gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my #1 lover tonight. Things are okay with me. I'm on CQ again tonight down here at the good old section. It's a little quiet right now. We had one mission, but I have already delivered it. It was ready at 1800 to go up to Recce Tech.....

.....Gosh sweetie, it sure is lonely down here tonight. Even the Blackbirds have ceased making noise. I'm listening to the radio and right now over radio station Vagabond is a program called the 8th Army band in review. Also there is a program called the ROK army band in review. Three cheers for Syngman. I have Tony's radio down here with me and it helps some. About 11:00 AM I'll take off for the chow hall and spend some time up there. I'm on the midnight chow roster permanently now along with Atkinson and Kopel. That means we can eat the midnight meal every night even if we don't work. It's good too hon because if we feel like it, we can sleep fairly late in the morning. I still get 3 squares a day.

I had sentry duty last night and was stuck with the second shift. I had post 22 up near the north end of the runway and there was an awful racket up there. The engineers were rebuilding the perimeter road and they had all sorts of heavy equipment up there. They worked all night long and the whole area was covered with light from their floodlights. I could stand at one end of my post and see clearly all the way up to the other end. This particular post had 369 steps in length. The ROK army furnishes guards and they patrol outside the fence. The one that had the post opposite mine pestered the s - -t out of me all night long. I gave him a stick of gum and that was my mistake. He asked me for cigarettes, candy, chewing gum, my flashlight, my rings, my watch and everything imaginable. These guys can be a pain in the a - - after a while. We are not supposed to give them anything or even talk to them. I feel sorry for them because they don't make much money and can't afford to buy any luxuries. After a while, I just ignored him and he left me alone. They sure can get on one's nerves.

We were relieved at 0530 and I came back to the tent and waited for the mess hall to open up at 0600. Then Tony and I went to chow. We had S-O-L (s - - t on a lump (biscuit), scrambled eggs and fruit juice. It tasted pretty good because I was hungry after walking all night long. I hit the sack and woke up about 1200, washed dressed and went to chow. They were supposed to have steak but ran out of it. I had steak all right, TUBE STEAK. The rest of the afternoon, I just loafed around in general.....

..... Right now "I get so lonely" is playing on the Hit Parade with Gisele McKenzie singing it. I like it.....

.....Well darling, I'm going to sign off now. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. May God Bless you sweetheart.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

25 May 1954 (Tues.)

2015 (Jap)

0715 (EDT)

Dearest Lover Gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope this finds everything okay with you tonight. Things are okay with your old papa-san. Well sweetie a surprise move took place today. Effective at 1300 all of the MPC's (script) that were in our possession were invalid. That means for all the GIs over here. It was done to curb black marketing. We had to turn all of the old money in, sign a form and get the new currency sometime tomorrow. You see darling, there was an awful lot of MPC circulating around here in Korea illegally. Practically every Korean you'd run into had a bunch. By declaring the old MPC invalid, the Koreans were caught with their pants down. They had no way of getting rid of their MPC. After 8:00 PM this evening, no GI can turn any in either. The FEAF and FEAMCOM pull a currency switch about once every 12 months to curb the great amount of black marketing that goes on. We were all laughing when we thought of all those shysters with all the MPC and it not being worth a tinker's damn. All of the PX's, theatres, clubs etc run by the UN closed down too and no one could do any business after 1:00 PM this afternoon. No one has any money and better not have any either. If they do they are stuck.....

..... Gosh I miss you sweetheart. Tonight is another one of those real nice evenings and here I am on CQ. I was supposed to have it last night, but switched with Kopel because of the game with the 45th. I am scheduled again for Thursday night. We had one mission tonight and that's already out.....

.... Well darling today wasn't too exciting. I woke up at 10:00, washed, dressed and got ready for chow. When I came back from chow, I lay on the bench outside of the tent and tried to get a little sun tan. It was then that the announcement came over about the MPC. I went over to the orderly and turned mine in.....

.....Tomorrow sweetheart, Kopel and I have to go down to the base motor pool and get our driver's licenses. When we get them, I'll take some pictures of me driving the section's jeep.....

..... Honey I'll work something out for yours and the baby's Christmas presents. If worse comes to worse I could have you send me some paper and I'll wrap them over here. They might not be wrapped very nice.....

.....Honey, I think I'm only going to take an R&R in September after the baby is born. If I go in August, I'll miss the promotion board and also maybe the baby might arrive a few days early like Tootsies. I wouldn't want to be in Japan and miss your cablegram.....

..... Well my darling, I'm going to sign this off because I want to enclose some more pictures in with this letter. Please take care of yourself and have nice time at Tootsies. May God Bless you and keep you safe.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

26 May 1954 (Wed.)

1900 (Jap)

0600 (EDT)

Dearest Lover Gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 gal. Everything is okay with your old papa-san. Next February just can't come around too fast for me. It's only 255 days until the sixth of Feb. Oh it'll be so wonderful to get home again.

Well darlin' today Kopel and I went down to the motor pool and got our driver's licenses. We had to take a written test in the morning, then went back at 1:00 to get an eye test and take a road test. We both passed with hands down and now have a GI license. Oh joy! joy! Also today we got our new MPC. It is very pretty and each denomination is a different color. The other was all the same color but different sizes. I'll save some small denomination bills and bring them home. We can put them in our scrapbook as souvenirs.

We were playing our game today and it was in the 4th inning at 3:00 when the darn siren went off and we had a ground alert. It lasted from 3:30 until 4:45. This time I was in a squad that had to report to AP operations. We were assigned as assistant BAR men but were in a reserve defense unit. Lucky enough though we sat down there and stayed during the whole alert. Didn't even have to move. I wasn't a bit sorry though because today sure was a hot one. It wasn't much over 85 degrees but oh so humid. Typical Baltimore Maryland weather. Made me think I was home for a minute.....

.....Oh hon the more I look at your picture the more I miss you. The picture you sent me sure is a wonderful likeness of you. It's almost as though you were right here.....

.....Boy this place is really noisy tonight. Takusan jets flyin' around and a few Blackbirds too. Also the radio is on and the latrine pump is making a lot of racket too. All we need is a barbershop quartet to make things complete.

No work again tonight. I don't know what's getting into the old 12th Tac. All of this month has been the same way. Just a few missions. Oh well I shouldn't worry about it. I get more time off this way. Some of these jealous guys around here say that Kopel and I have a racket, but like I said, they are just jealous.

The lights are out now and I'm writing by what little daylight is left. The darn lights get to be a pain sometimes. Always going off at the wrong time. Oh well I guess I shouldn't complain. We are lucky to have lights most of the time.....

..... I sure hope Roger has a good time at his Prom. I remember the good times we had at ours.....

.....Mel brought us back some milk. He could only afford a pint apiece. It sure tasted good.....

.....My darling, I'm going to close now. I want to read a little. I'll write more tomorrow.
Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. May

God Bless you.
All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

30 May 1954 (Sun)

1045 (JAP)

2145(EDT)

My Wonderful Wife,

Hi Darling! I hope everything is okay with you this fine Sunday morning. This is supposed to be Saturday's letter, John N. and his buddy came up and we spent the whole evening together. They didn't leave until 11:00 last night. By that time it was time to go to chow and I didn't get a chance to write..... Well darling yesterday was a real nice day, a little warm though. I had CQ Friday night, but didn't have any work. That darn cold was bothering me Friday night. It's just about cleared up now..... Yesterday afternoon Chris and I fixed the screening on my corner of the tent. We tore the old stuff down and got some new screening from supply. It took us about 1/2 hour altogether.... We had practice yesterday at 5:00 PM. I guess we stayed up there for about 1-1/2 hours batting and throwing the ball. My arm hasn't been bothering me at all lately and I have been throwing exceptionally hard..... So Cece hates El Paso huh! Maybe Tom ought to come to Korea, then I bet she wouldn't mind it at all down there. This little Far East visit has sure cured me..... Gosh sweetheart, I'm so sorry that you are having pregnancy problems. I guess that's the discomforts of carrying a child.....

.....Darling, I'm going to sign off to make the 1245 mail collection. Please take good care of yourself and don't work too hard. It won't be long now. May God Bless you my darling. All my love, Boe

30 May 1954 (SUN)

1815 (JAP)

0515(EDT)

Dearest lover Gal,

I hope everything is okay with my #1 wife tonight. Things are pretty good with your old daddy. Gosh I love you and miss you so terribly much. Today is another one of those days sweetheart when I feel so lonely..

There is going to be a USO show at the Rice Bowl tonight at 9:00 PM and I just might go up to see it. Everyone is broke this time of the month so this free show will probably be crowded. Tomorrow the Eagle poops and everyone will be loaded again..... I have a couple of chits for the PEON Club and am going to slip over to have a few before going to the show. Johnny N. is going to the show with us tonight. These shows aren't too bad, but I've seen better. For free I guess we can't complain. They do cost the taxpayers. So you know where some of your tax money is going. Got to keep the troops happy in the land of the rice and s - - t fertilizer.

Pretty soon the farmers will be flooding their paddies. Some of them are already flooded and the smell is overwhelming....

....This afternoon I went down to the ball diamond at 1:00 to watch RecceTech play 67th Air Base Group. It was a very good game and Recce Tech won it 6-5. Johnny is on their team, but he didn't play today. He was keeping box score.....

.....Gee honey I guess you are really starting to expand if you have to wear maternity clothes. I sure wish I could see you in them.

Johnny brought me a steak sandwich from the mess hall. He has a buddy who has a buddy who is a cook and he gave Johnny's buddy the steaks. The boys in Johnny's tent had a little barbecue and he brought me a sandwich. Sure was good. Yes honey it is nice that we are together.....

.....Well darling it's getting close to the time for Midnight chow so I guess I better sign off now. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. Remember you mean the whole world to me. May God Bless you dearest one.

All my love, Boe

31 May 1954 (MON)

2125 (JAP)

0815(EDT)

My dearest wife,

Hi sweetheart! How's things with my # 1 gal tonight? Okay I sure hope...

...I just heard your request for me and they are playing "Maybe You'll Be There". Gosh honey that sure is a pretty song. Thanks so much for sending it in for me...

...We played another ball game today with the 67th AB Group and won it 4-1. It was a very good game. I sat on the bench again and was a little teed off. I haven't been playing in these past few games because of poor hitting. That's understandable, but the manager has a couple of guys in there that aren't exactly smashing the ball all over the diamond either. I hope it's not politics. I was so mad today. I've been hitting pretty good in batting practice lately. If it keeps up I'll just quit the team. That's one thing I can't stand is politics as far as a ball team goes.

This evening one of the boys from camera repair and I slipped over to the 4th side and brought back some chocolate ice cream sundaes. Gosh sweetheart, that sure tasted good. It's been so long since I've had a good ice cream sundae...

...Honey one of my buddies over here is leaving next month and his assignment is Langley Field, Virginia. He lives in Philadelphia. He said that if he bought a car when he got home, he would stop in to see you on his way to Langley from his home and tell you personally how things are with me over here. I think that is swell for him to go a little out of the way. He would have to pass right thru Baltimore. His name is David Anderson and we call him Andy. What do you think of the idea? It was his suggestion...

...Darling I was over to the Orderly Room checking on what I have to do for the extra allotment when the baby comes. All you have to do is send me a certified copy of the birth certificate as soon as possible. Then I have to fill out some forms and maybe you will too. The main thing is the birth certificate. Don't forget sweetheart, as soon as possible...

...It's getting awfully late so I'm going to sign off now. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. It won't be long before you will be quitting. God Bless you sweetheart.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe



1 June 1954 (TUES)

2100 (JAP)

0800 (EDT)

Hi Darling! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 sweetheart tonight. Everything is okay with your boy. Oh my dearest, I'm listening to the rain and looking at your picture while I'm writing tonight. It's raining pretty hard and it sure is dismal. I feel sorry for the poor guards tonight especially Tony. He has it tonight on the second shift. If it keeps up he's in for a good wetting. I have it tomorrow night again and I sure hope the rain has stopped by then. The rain sounds lonesome hitting on the tents. Makes me feel sort of blue for my lover gal. Of course I miss you all the time sweetheart, but I guess tonight is one of those nights again. Every day that goes by over here's one day closer to you darling so I guess that's one consolation. Another month is down the drain already as the saying goes. A little over 7 to go before my MOT. Just think next month I sign the forecast roster and pick my areas again. This time when I pick, it will really count. Of course there is no guarantee that I'll get either one of them.....

..... Today sweetheart, I was relieved at 0800 by no less than Lt. Smith. He came in kind of early today. I don't know why though unless it was to check up on the boys to see if they were coming in on time. I sure was surprised to see him. He asked me had I gone apes - - t and stayed up all night because he didn't see the cot. I had already folded it up and put it away. I told him I might as well have stayed up because I didn't get any sleep again. He asked me why and I said because of all this damn racket that goes on down here. He didn't comment on that.....

.....After chow tonight, Johnny and I went to the first show and saw "His Majesty O'Keefe" with Burp Lancaster . It was a pretty good picture and we liked it quite a bit. After the show, I went over to the dayroom for awhile and "Little Reno" was in full

progress. Those boys over there were really throwing their money around. Don't see how they can do it.....

.....Yes sweetheart you did say something about wearing your maternity clothes when you go to see Toots. I sure hope they are comfortable darling and by all means send me some pictures as soon as you can.....

.....Honey I might miss the June 2 request because of guard duty, but sure will be listening for the one on the ninth. Thanks so much for sending them.
Well lover gal, it's getting close to the time for chow so I will close for now. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. Remember that you mean the world to me.
God Bless you darling. All my love, Your guy forever, Boe

2 June 1954 (WED)

1515 (JAP)

0215 (EDT)

Dearest Lover Gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my #1 wife tonight. Things are pretty good with your hubby over here in Syngman Rhee's land. The reason I'm writing to you now is because I have guard tonight and might not get a chance to write as usual.

.....Would you send me another stick of that Skato-Go insect repellent? I sure can use it. The other insects besides mosquitoes worry the time out of us.....

.....Looks like I'll be in for a rough time tonight. I borrowed Andy's OD raincoat and I have arctics so that should help a little.....

.....At chow tonight we had meat loaf and it was real good for a change. Also we had fresh potatoes, lima beans, gravy, sliced tomatoes and fruit cocktail for dessert. It's starting to rain a little harder now. Sure hope it doesn't keep up all night.....

3 June (1500)

Hello sweetie, I'll finish this before I go to early chow. I have CQ again tonight.....

.....I had first shift guard last night on Post 29 near our day room. Papa-san who takes care of our day room gave me hot coffee to drink last night while I was walking the post. I sure was lucky. It cleared off and we didn't have a bit of rain the whole time I had guard.....

.....Johnny's tent is about 4 or 5 rows down from mine. I can't drink beer in his tent anymore. One of the wheels raised hell about a peon drinking beer in a honcho's tent so I'll have to stop. It's a lot of bulls - -t I think.....

..... Darling, I'm going to sign this off now and get ready for chow. Please take care of yourself and don't let the job get you down. It won't be long now. May God Bless you and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

3 June 1954 (THURS)

2145 (JAP)

0745 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hello sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 honey bunch tonight. Everything is okay with me. It's another one of those lonely nights again and here I am again on CQ. As usual we don't have any work again. The day has been a little too cloudy for photography and right now it looks as if it's going to rain.....

.....Atkinson got his orders today so I don't think he will be pulling CQ anymore. I think Lt. Smith is going to have Miozza work nights and pull CQ in his place.....

.....After guard I just feel useless for a day or so. It's not as bad as KP and I would much rather pull guard. Remember how tired I used to be after pulling KP at Rapid? Man that place was almost as bad as Basic Training as far as KP is concerned.....

.....Honey I missed your request for me last night because of guard. I'll be listening for the one on the 9th. Sure makes me feel good to hear someone on the radio mention your name.....

.....Gosh honey I sure am glad your maternity clothes are comfortable. I'm glad you are starting to wear them.....

.....I'm going to close now and get ready for chow. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard. May God Bless you and keep you in His care. All my love, Your guy forever, Boe

5 June 1954 (SAT.)

1430 (JAP)

0130 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my #1 gal this afternoon. Everything is going along fine with your dad. We are having another day of the lovely Korean Sunshine today. It's raining!! In fact it's been trying all day and finally got around to it Oh this wonderful? weather we are having. It looks like it's good for all day honey.

.....Well hon, yesterday at mail call I didn't get any mail and also I didn't get any today at 1130.....

..... I have a piece of good news for you. I'm going to the promotion board for buck sergeant this month. They use the board system here and that gives me a good of a chance as anyone. I'm sure going to try hon but don't but don't get your hopes up.....
1730

Here I am again. It's still raining and the weather report calls for more rain. It sure is dreary. We just came back from chow and we had meat loaf for supper. It was pretty good.....

.....I just went out and fastened the tent flaps down. On top of the rain, the wind is blowing a schosh bit. The sides of the tent really flap if they aren't fastened down. Sure do make a racket when they blow around like that.....

.....Here I am again sweetheart. We are trying to get a little pinochle game going and am waiting for Johnny to come back from the latrine.....
2230

...We played pinochle and Sonny and I played against Johnny and Tony. We split 2 games. Sure was a lot of fun. It's still raining pretty hard. I'll be glad when my poncho gets here. It sure will help. Mosh schosh, I'm going to take off for midnight chow.....

.....Yes hon, I know Steve is trying to come to Korea. Harris told me all about it. I hope he can because of the short tour over here. I don't know whether he'll have much luck. We all thought Randel was coming to Korea and was surprised to hear that he stayed in Japan. Shields has the same AFSC and he came over here. He is down at K-55. Think that is 5th AF Hdqs, Osan.....

.....Well sweetheart, I'm going to sign off now and get ready to go to chow. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and may god Bless you darling.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

6 June 1954 (SUN)

1730 (JAP)

0430 (EDT)

My dearest lover gal,

Hello sweetie! I hope everything is okay with you tonight. Things are okay with me. Right now I'm on CQ again and the whole base just had a power failure. The reason? It's raining something fierce. The rain sure is beating on the tent down here. Right now I'm trying to write this letter to you by candlelight. I sure hope the power failure doesn't last too long because I don't have much candle left. I can't open the door because of the rain so I guess I'm snafued until the lights go on again. I'll write as much as I possible can before my candle gets too low. I'm sure glad I don't have guard duty tonight. Those poor guys are really in for a wetting. Poor old Tony has the duty. This storm is a combination thunder and lightning storm with heavy rain and wind. This is a preview to what we can look forward to this coming rainy season. Looks like this is due to last all evening. We had a dilly last night and yesterday afternoon that really drenched this place. When I went to chow last night with Andy, we really got soaked. When it rains over here, it really rains.

I woke up this morning at 9:30 and was greeted by the smiling faces of Podell and Shook. They came up to get me to go to church with them. I had fully intended to go anyhow but it was nice that they thought of me. It was a very good sermon on the topic of saving souls and being fishers of men. The Protestant Chaplain is really a good one and he can deliver a sermon like no one I've ever heard...

...Johnny came up about 1:30 and talked me into going over to 4 side. He, Tony and I went down to the section and picked up the jeep. We rode over and we each had a chocolate sundae. It sure hit the spot...

...Honey, I can't understand why Steve isn't getting good chow at Fuchu. When Ed and I were there, we thought the the chow was darn good and especially all of the fresh milk you wanted to drink. We are glad to get S-O-S here because we do have powdered eggs once in a while. Also the Mess hall came up with a new concoction today, chocolate powdered milk. Ugh! What a mess. Oh well I guess everyone can't be happy with GI chow. I know this though, the guys at the majority of the bases in Japan are eating a lot better than the boys here in Korea. On the whole and considering the circumstances our chow is pretty good, but still not as good as Japan. I'm satisfied especially with this shorter tour of duty...

...Well lover gal, I guess I'll speak sayonara now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and don't work too hard now that you are back to work. Remember you mean the whole world to me. May God Bless You and good night. I Love you.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

8 June 1954 (TUES)

2130 (JAP)

0830 (EDT)

My darling wife,

I hope everything is okay with my No. 1 gal this fine Korean evening. Your old daddy is okay. Gosh I love you and miss you terribly tonight. I just feel so blue. Well darling, tomorrow is the day that I meet the promotion board. There are 17 men eligible and only three openings. I'm sure going to try to make it but I don't know. So don't count on it too much...

...Well honey somebody has finally made a damn silly record of Ebb Tide. How anyone can possibly do anything like that to ruin such a beautiful song is beyond me. Big mouth Jerry Colona made the recording and it sure is a sacrilege. I just heard it on "Mail From Home". I'd sure like to give them a piece of my mind for even playing such a silly thing. He more I think of it, the madder I get. Those simple *%\$#@&*^@!3 fools...

...We went up to the practice field yesterday at 5:00 but the 11th TAC already had the field. So we couldn't practice...

...I understand what you mean when you write about how you feel about me being over here. Johnny will be glad to see me go because that means how much closer for him to go...

...Yes it does seem funny that I'll be 25 this November. It means we can get auto insurance cheaper...

...I'm going to sign off now and go to chow. I'll write more tonight while I'm on CQ. Please take good care of yourself and may God bless you my darling.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

PS: I hope our little rascal is behaving. Is he/ she?

9 June 1954 (Wed)

1830 Hrs (Jap)

0530 Hrs (EDT)

My Darling Wife,

Well honey, today was the day. I met the board at 3:30 instead of 3:00 like I was supposed to. They got a little behind time on their schedule so I had to wait. I think I did pretty good but that doesn't mean anything. So don't count on it too much...

...Here I am again on CQ and as usual, I don't have anything to do. Today was pretty cloudy and right now it looks like rain. The clouds sure do look black and menacing. I guess the rainy season is upon us. I'll be glad when my poncho arrives. You know honey, to me the time seems to be flying by. Here it is June 9 already. Before we know it our wedding anniversary will be here and the baby will arrive...

...Speaking of cable grams, I found out from another guy over here that the Red Cross usually gets theirs through within 24 hours and Western Union might take a little while longer.

...I didn't do much of anything today except lay around and think of promotion, and my honey and our coming blessed event. It sure will be a welcome little bundle of joy won't it darling? I bet the grandparents just can't wait to spoil the little rascal...

...I'm listening to "Mail From Home" right now and am hoping to hear the one you requested for me. Oh darn it, those guys didn't play my request tonight. It sure makes me mad. I listened very closely all night for it and sure was looking forward to it...

...Tonight Andy and I went over to 4 side to get a sundae and those jerks over there didn't have any ice cream. We had to settle for hamburgers instead and they weren't too good. I sure miss your hamburgers, They sure are good...

...Tonight I started to read the booklet on Prenatal Care and am up to the third part called "thoughts and feelings". It sure is an interesting experience to read it and is very enlightening. Thanks a lot for sending it to me...

...Honey you can send me a pattern of some china you would like and I will price it. Don't send the money though until I ask for it. I think we can swing a set of it. I'll let you know in plenty of time...

...Well lover gal, it's getting kind of late now so I'm going to sign off. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean all the world to me.

May God Bless You Darling.

All my love.

your guy forever,

Boe

12 June 1954 (Sat)

1800 (Jap)

0500 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! How is my #1 lover gal this evening? Okay I hope. Your old daddy is okay. Here I am again on CQ. We have two missions tonight and one of them should be ready for me about 8:00. Today was another one of those days with not too much to do

A Blackbird is getting ready to take off honey and he sure is kicking up a lot of racket. I have a 12th TAC Blackbird in flight and I'll send it to you along with this Letter. It is a pretty nice shot. Oh, I just remembered I better not send it in the mail. For security reasons I'd better not send it. I'll bring it home with me.

Today Mel Tony and I had retreat. We had to march up to Wing Hdqs. and salute the flag to the Star Spangled Banner. We have retreat here every night at 5:00 PM. It takes only a few minutes and about 18 of us have to go up

Atkinson left today and Wright leaves around the 23rd of this month. Next to leave will be Berry and Lt. Smith. We have gotten 2 new 2nd Johns in so far, Lt. Cummings and Lt. Harrington. Lt. Harrington is colored and will probably be OIC because I think he has a little more time in grade. Both seem like pretty joes but we really won't know until they are here for a while. Both are fresh out of PI school in Denver. When Berry and Lt. Smith leave, we will have 4 airmen and 2 officers. We are authorized 2 more airmen and I hope they come in mosh schosh. When Wright leaves, Kopel and I might have to pull CQ every other night. Oh well I guess that won't be too bad.

Here it is after 8:00 and the boys don't have the mission out yet. Can't imagine what's holding them up over there. Guess I'll have to go over and shake them up a little. I love to shake people up sometimes don't you? They won't have it ready until 9:15 or 9:30. The first one I have to deliver, but the second one I have to plot. At the rate those guys are going over there, it won't be ready until midnight. Oh well I guess there won't be too much sleep for me tonight

Well darling here I am again. Just came back from midnight chow and we had scrambled eggs and s - - t on a shingle. It was pretty good. I didn't get to go until 11:45 because of this darn mission. I'll have to finish it now.

Well darling I'd better close now. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God Bless You darling.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

13 June 1954 (SUN)

1700 (JAP)

0400 (EST)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetie! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 gal. Your old papa-san is okay tonight except I have the duty tonight and I'm not too happy about it. I fell like a man who has just had the s - - t kicked out of him. You know that real tired, let down feeling. Can't imagine what caused it.

As far as I know I've been getting enough sleep... Must be the weather or something. Today was another one of those days when I just didn't feel like doing anything. I stayed down at the section until 8:45 this morning with darn mission. It was spread out all over the place. Then I came back and took a shower and hit the sack for a while. I finally got up around noon. Just didn't have any ambition today. This place don't show me much sometimes. It's been hot all day and a schosh humid too. The sky has been cloudy, but we aren't supposed to have any rain. I hope.

It's getting close to guard time so I'll sign off for a while. I'll write more later honey.

14 June 1954 (MON)

1300 JAP)

2400 (EDT) (13 June)

Darling Gal,

Hi sweetie! Here I am again. I sure was lucky again last night. I caught the first shift on Post 35 down by the nurse's quarters. It's a pretty good post and not too long. After I got down there, it looked like rain, but luckily enough it didn't. I wasn't a bit sorry. While I was walking last night, I was thinking about you and us and our baby. I got to thinking about all the little things we used to do for each other at Rapid City. Sure were pleasant memories weren't they?

It sure was hot last night and the bugs were out by the millions. I put some of that mosquito repellent on again and they didn't bother me anymore. My relief came at 0030 (12:30) and I came back to the Orderly Room and turned in my weapon. Then I went to chow with one of the other guards. We had scrambled (powdered) eggs, bacon, toast, prunes, and juice. Tasted pretty good

We have another game today and I have to be down at the ball diamond at 2:00. I'll sign this off short now and will write more this evening. Please take care of yourself my darling and may God Bless you and keep in His care.

All My Love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

14 June 1954 (MON)

1720 (JAP)

0420 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi Sweetheart! I just came back from chow. I don't know what it was we ate, but it didn't taste too bad. Also we just had a thunder shower that lasted for 20 minutes. It sure did come down for those few minutes. Now the Sun is out again and everything is rosy. Things are a schosh bit wet, but should dry out before too long...

...Today at mail call, I really hit the jackpot. I received 4 wonderful letters from you my darling. I was so tickled to get them. My morale went up 100%...

...Right now, I'm listening to "Mail from Home" and they are playing "Little Things Mean a Lot" by Kitty Kallen (sp). Sweetheart that one is one of my favorites and I really enjoy it. I feel exactly the same way as the words say. Have you heard it yet? Let me know what you think about it.

Tonight at 7:00, Kopel, Johnny and I took the jeep and went over to 4 side and we each had a sundae. It sure hit the spot. I'd rather have milk or ice cream than beer any old day. I've lost my taste for beer foe a while.

Honey next time you send any requests to Vagabond for me, please include some of them for "all the boys in tent 1920" too. These other guys don't get any. I really would appreciate it if you would. Thanks a million...

...Before we know another holiday will be here. Fourth of July is right around the corner and will be here before we know it. Then my next holiday will be our wedding anniversary and the boys and I are going to have a little party to celebrate it. You won't mind too much will you?...

...Well here I am again darling. Just got back from chow. We had fried eggs, pancakes, bacon and fruit. I sure do like that midnight chow. It hits the spot just before retiring...

... Yes, I remember "Nocturn" when we were going "steady". I sort of miss a program of that sort over here...

...That sure is something about the non-segregation act for schools. I knew it was going to happen sooner or later. Yes I agree and hope that we can bring our children up without any prejudice. Don't get in any arguments with the family about it. No sense in causing any hard feelings...

...Well honey bunch, itis getting kind of late so I will speak Sayanora. I'll write more tomorrow night while I'm CQ. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless you and keep you safe in His loving care.

All my love,
Your guy forever ,
Boe

16 June 1954 (WED)

1815 (JAP)

0515 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! How are things with my # 1 gal tonight? Okay I hope. Your old daddy is in pretty good shape...

...I had CQ again last night and was kept pretty busy for a change. We had two missions to plot but I only got around to plotting one of them. The other I left for the day crew. They were both training missions. Honey I forgot to mention this yesterday. Yesterday afternoon we all (everyone in sqdn. had to go for a group picture that would appear in the 67th Tac Recon Wing yearbook. The book is supposed to cost \$3.00 a copy and if they turn out pretty nice, I'll get one and send it home to you...

...I'm still getting a little OJT on photography and have a great deal to learn yet. John B. is a darn good photographer and he is giving me the pointers on it. At least I'm doing as good as our local "Korean drug store" don't you think?...

...Here I am again hon. John B. and I just came back from the Peon Club where we had one beer. We are going over later when the show starts. The beer was a little warm and there is nothing I hate worse than warm beer. Sometimes that place does have a schosh trouble keeping enough beer cold for the mob that hangs out over there. The place has a bunch of "regulars" that go over there every night. I like to go over there once in a while but not too often. Lately I haven't had too much taste for beer...

...Today was another pretty hot day again and those darn tents get to be like a oven. We forgot to roll up the sides and that made it all the worse. With the sides rolled up, they are pretty cool, especially when a little breeze starts to circulate around the area...

...2200 (JAP)

Hi darling, here I am again. I just came back from the show at the club. It was one of the best shows I've seen in a long time. It was called Kim's Popular Koreans and they had a girl trio that was tops. They sang, danced and was good in general...

...Honey I'm going to get started on the letter to Dr. McCosh mosh schosh. I have a friend in the Orderly Room who is going to help me with it...

...I'm going to close for now and go to chow. I'll write more tomorrow night. Take care of yourself and may God Bless You.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

17 June 1954 (THURS)

1910 (JAP)

0610 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! I hope this finds you okay tonight. Everything is okay with your papa-san too. Here I am on CQ again tonight because Kopel has to pull guard. He was due to pull CQ tonight, but I have to take his place. He'll pull CQ for me tomorrow night which would be my regular turn.

Well honey, Wright got his orders today and will probably leave tomorrow or the next day. Lt. Smith has assigned Miozza to work nights now to replace Wright. So the way it stands, there are still three of us to pull CQ which isn't bad at all. You know darling this CQ isn't too bad a deal. It gets a little lonely at times, but I don't mind it too much. I have plenty of time to myself and I do get an awful lot of sleep. By sleeping as much as possible, it helps to make the time go by faster...

...Oh sweet lover gal I sure do miss those summer nights when we used to eat Zesto up on Skyline Drive and when we used to go out to the Rapid or Starlight Drive-in. When I sit here and think how bad I used to treat you sometimes, it sure makes me feel awful. Like when I used to torment you when you didn't feel too good and how I'd provoke into crying or getting mad at me. Darling, I didn't realize how wrong I was to treat you that way until I have been sent away from you...

...Here I am again. I just came back from printing Debby John's pictures. It didn't take me too long to do them. Right now I'm spraying h -- I out of the bugs and mosquitoes and everything down here with my little aerosol bomb. They sure don't like that stuff. I just killed a huge mosquito with it. He sure was a big one...

...This afternoon I came down to the section and put up a mosquito net for us to use while we are sleeping down here. It sure will make sleeping a lot more restful when the mosquitoes start to get thicker. Lt. Smith helped me to put it up. You know hon, I sure will be sorry to see him leave this place. He was one fine officer to work for. He is going to Barksdale AFB, LA and is real happy about it...

...Ha! That statement in the letter from Lee and Joy really tickled the s- -t out of me. Those poor unlucky people losing all their friends. You ought to write and tell her "that's the breaks of the Far East". I wouldn't mind trading places with any homesteader right now...

...Well sweetheart it's getting a schosh bit late so I'll speak sayonara. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless you.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

18 June 1954 (FRI)

2200 (JAP)

0900 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with you tonight. Your old daddy is okay. I just came back from the Peon Club where we had little Figma party for Andy and Dodge.

They are leaving tomorrow sometime and are homeward bound. Andy is going to stop by to see you on his way down to Langely so be on the lookout for him...

1100(JAP) 19 June 1954 (SAT)

Hi darling here I am again. I just saw Andy off down at the service club. I carried his bag part of the way down for him. It sure was heavy, but that lucky stiff is going home so I know he won't mind carrying it. He is going to try to stop in to see you when he passes through Baltimore. I took a picture of him and will send it to you as soon as I develop it. He is going to tell you a little about this place and how things are going over here. I sure hope he can get to see you darling. We had a pretty good time at the club. Didn't get real drunk either, just a little mellow glow...

...The farmers have flooded their rice paddies and they look so green with the rice growing. Also the #10 rice (barley, they call barley #10 rice) is just about ready for harvesting. In fact some of the farmers are harvesting theirs already...

...Those darn Sabres keep buzzing the base and they sure do make a lot of racket when they do. I'm glad that they are here though...

...Well honey I'm going to sign this off now and get it in the mail. I'll write more this evening. Please take care of yourself and remember I love very very much. You mean the whole world to me. May God Bless you my love.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

19 June 1954 (SAT)

1715 (JAP)

0415 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi darling! I hope everything is okay with my #1 gal tonight. Your papa-san is okay except it's a little damp out. Right now it's raining buckets and I mean buckets. This place is really flooded. It's been raining a schosh off and on, but all of a sudden around 4:45 it started. It's been coming down steady now for about 45 minutes. Spence and I went to chow and we almost got drenched. I sure feel sorry for those poor guys on guard tonight. They will be in for a good ass wetting.

Well lover at mail call today, I really hit the jackpot. I got 4 truly wonderful letters from my darling, the two mosquito repellents and the duplicate slides...

...It is still coming down out there but not quite as hard as it was before. If this keeps up this darn place is liable to float away. I guess they will be issuing water wings in sully mosh schosh. Andy told me that the uniform for the rainy season is shower clogs, pee pots, raincoats and a pair of shorts. I'm almost ready to believe him. Right now one of the local disk

jockeys is playing "Secret Love" by Doris Day. It sure brings back memories of South Dakota. Remember those screwy ads those announcers at KOTA used to give for Wilkins and Brekhus? And of course my boy Al. You know "Hello, hello, hello, it's a wonderful world hello". The Black hills Packing Co., processors of those delicious Rushmore Brand meats and all that happy horses - - t. And of course Duhamel's Sitting Bull Crystal caves. Ah yes, South Dakota. Sure wish we were back there even if I had to put up with Al Clark again...

...The 11th Tac Recon Sqdn. is the weather sqdn here on the base. They fly practically all over Korea to get weather information. Their nickname is the "White Owls"...

...I signed up for the camera tour tomorrow, but I don't know whether I'll go now. This bad weather isn't too good for taking pictures. No use ruing a roll of film while it's so hard to get...

...How were the crab cakes? My mouth sure is watering for some. I bet you really enjoyed them. Oh well, I hope to have some this time next year. Also I sure do miss those good old Maryland Oysters. In fact I miss all of my honey's wonderful cooking...

... I'm looking forward to the pictures of you in the maternity clothes...

...Yes I do find myself thinking of our baby as one sex or another and most of the time as a boy too. I would love a little girl just as much...

...Well lover gal, I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God Bless you precious one and keep you in His ever-loving care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

20 June 1954 (SUN)

1800 (JAP)

0500 (EDT)

My dearest wife,

Hello sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 lover gal tonight. Your old daddy is okay but a schosh bit tired from the camera tour. Shook woke me up at 8:15 this morning to ask me if I still was going. I asked him what the weather looked like because it had rained all night long. He said it looked like it was going to clear up so I said okay let's go. We went over and got Floyd to see if he could go too. Then we all went down to the service club to board the 'buses' for the the trip.

Honey we went to a place about 30 odd miles southeast of Seoul called Nam Han Castle. It consists of several buildings with a big wall around them. Some of the buildings sit up on Mt. Nam Han which we had to climb in order to see them. Whew that was some climb and today was a schosh hot anyhow. It was well worth it and I will send you some pictures as soon as I get them developed. It was a pretty long trip down there and as the roads dried out, they became pretty dusty. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

We got back here at K-14 around 5:30 just in time for chow. After chow, I took a nice hot shower to wash off the road dust and right now I feel like a tiger. Growl!

As I said before, sweetheart, it rained steadily from about 3:30 yesterday afternoon to the wee hours of the morning. Chris, Hadley and I went to chow in the rain and got pretty wet because of our folly. I was hungry though and didn't mind getting wet for such good (?) GI chow. In case you are wondering who Hadley is, he is one of my new found friends who hails from Washington, DC. We get together once in a while to shoot the bull about Washington, Baltimore and the neighborhood in general...

...Gosh sweetheart, I have been looking over your budget and it does seem that we will be a little in the hole. I sure hope we can work it out. I can't help worrying about it a little bit but I won't let it get me down.

I'll be looking forward to my anniversary present. I sure appreciate you sending it and I won't open it until August 5. I sure hope you like the one I sent to you. Also I'll try to fix up a card for you too...

...Darling I have the letter ready for Dr. McCosh and will send it to you as I can get it typed. One of the boys in the orderly room is going to take care of it for me. Be on the lookout for it. This darn headache is stillsticking to me so I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night while I'm on CQ. Please take care of yourself and may God bless you my love and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

21 June 1954 (MON)
2015 (JAP)
0715 (EDT)

My dearest lover gal,

Hi Darling! I hope this finds everything okay with my #1 sweetheart tonight. Your old papa-san is okay this fine Korean evening. I hit the jackpot again today at mail call. I received 2 wonderful letters. Also myponcho got here in real good shape along with another edition of the Saturday Evening Post. I just love your letters so darn much. They are the best thing for my morale that could ever happen. I love you so darn much and miss you something terrible honey...

...As you can probably see by this letter, I'm on CQ again tonight. We aren't busy at all. After a while, I will have 2 missions to deliver up to Recce Tech ops...

...Gosh sweetie, I sure was glad to get the poncho so quick. It will come in handy mosh schosh when the rainy season hits. I've been real lucky so far on guard in not catching any bad weather...

...Darling we won another ball game today. We played the AP's again starting the second half of the season. We beat them by a score of 11-5. It sure was hot and I worked up a sweat. The darn thing dragged along foralmost 2 hours and I missed chow before coming down to the section...

...It's almost chow time again. It seems that all I do around here is eat and sleep with a little work and softball once in a while. I have 4 of your letters to answer so I guess I better get on with them...

...Yes darling I've been driving the jeep quite a bit. It's good too because I can keep in practice. I'll sure need it when I get back home and we go away...

...Oh sweetheart I love you so much when you say such nice things about me. I feel the same way about you and feel like the luckiest guy in the world to have such a wonderful gal like you...

...That's okay about the chocolate drink. Just send along what you are able to get. Thanks a lot for trying...

...Darling, I'm going to sign off for tonight and hit the sack. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and remember I love you dearly. May God bless you always sweetheart.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

23 June 1954 (WED)

1925 (JAP)

0625 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! How is everything with my #1 mama-san tonight? Okay I hope. Your old daddy is okay, but a schosh tired. We had a rousing practice game today with the 11th TAC scrubs and it sure was hot as blazes. Also I hurt another finger, the same one I hurt at Rapid City in 1952. It's bruised a little, but it doesn't hurt too bad. This darn softball seems to harm me more than help me. It's still darn good exercise though so I guess I can hang on for the rest of the season. John B. came up today at 5:00 and took a picture of the team. I sure hope it turns out and if it does I'll send it home to you...

...I got up this morning at 7:30 to go to those darn collateral training lectures. After those were over, I had to go down to the line for drill. We sure are going military around here all of a sudden...

...Well darling here I am again. I just came back from the Peon Club where they had 5 cent beer night. I only had about 3 or 4 so there's no sweat. Because of that darn ball game, I missed chow and am so hungry I could eat the tail end of a skunk. Just a little exaggeration, but I am a schosh bit hungry...

...This place is dreary when it rains and it won't be too long before it really starts. I'll send you the article that appeared in the Stars & Stripes about the darn rainy season...

...Yes darling, the Rice Bowl is an outdoor theatre. They used to hold movies there but not anymore...

...Yes darling my overall average at Poly was 80. I thought it was pretty good beings I had to work after school the whole time I was attending there.

I'll explain to you about the 4th side. Please forgive me if I didn't before. The base is divided into 2 separate wings by the runway. One side is the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing to which we are attached and the other side is the 4th Fighter-Interceptor Wing. During the fighting a lot of the Sabre jet aces were assigned to the 4th. When we speak of 4th side we mean the other side of the base. You can look across the runway and see the jets...

...Andy picked area 2+2. He was real lucky to get Langley Field. That's TAC Hdqs. I'll send you a picture of him so you know what he looks like if he makes it...

...No hon, we don't get fresh potatoes too often. Most of the time they are canned. In fact practically all the fruits and vegetables are in cans except the stuff we occasionally get from Japan. Remember that article I sent you in the Stars and Stripes about fresh vegetables? The chow isn't too bad, but I do get a little tired of canned vegetables. Even our meat is canned sometimes. The cooks are doing the best they can, so there isn't much use in complaining. Things could be a lot worse...

...Lover gal I'm going to close this now and get it in the next mail pickup. I'll write more tonight while I'm on CQ. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless you darling.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

24 June 1954 (THURS)

1700 (JAP)

0400 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! How is everything with my # 1 gal tonight? Okay I hope. Your old papasan is okay and feeling pretty good. Well lover, I have the duty tonight. Guard that is. I was scheduled for alternate but Dad was excused so I have to take his place. I was supposed to pull CQ tonight, but due to guard, I'll have to pull it tomorrow night...

11:30 (25 June)

...Well honey, I had the duty last night, first shift on post #42 and it sure seemed like a long night. Post #42 is by the dog pound and I was relieved with my hiney intact. It's a good post, but I just don't like those darn dogs. They give me the jitters when they start barking.

It looked like rain last night but we were very lucky again. It held up until after John B. & I were relieved. Then I think it rained just a schosh. I fell asleep right away and didn't hear it if it did rain anymore.

Well yesterday was another one of those lazy days again. I did change the monotony of it by playing ping pong over in the Day Room for a little while in the afternoon. At 4:00 we had a squadron meeting over the usual bulls - - t. I had every intention of finishing this last night before going on guard, but Johnny N. came up and he, John B. and I got to bulls - - ting about cameras...

...You see hon, cameras over here are a pretty hard item to come by in our PX. They are on the critical list and we only get a few at a time. There is always a mob over there when they come in...

...I have made up a list showing the area preferences. Let me know where you would like to be stationed and pick the area. I have two area picks, so pick 2 areas. If we are lucky we might get one of them.

I'm going to sign this off short now honey and will write more tonight on CQ. Please take care of yourself darling and may god Bless you.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

25 June 1954 (FRI)

My dearest lover gal,

Hi darling! How are things with you tonight? Fine I hope. Your old papa-san is okay this fine Korean evening in the land of rice and honey...

...Next Feb. is slowly getting closer and closer and before we know it, you will be picking me up at Friendship International Airport. I want to see your face and our baby's so bad that I can hardly wait until the little stinker arrives...

...One of my new found friends over here is about to become a papa and he is starting to have a little anxiety. His wife is due in about 25 days. His MOT is in Feb. O55 but he'll be going home for discharge. His baby will be about 7-1/2 months old when he gets home...

...Right now I have the pleasant duty of CQ in the section and am sitting outside basking in the pleasant Korean breeze. It looks like a rain storm is brewing up because the sky is starting to get a schosh bit black. The dear rainy season is just about upon us as you can see by the article I sent you. July and August will be the worst months...

...I just came back from 4 side to get a sundae, but the darn snack bar was closed so we couldn't get anything. Sure tees a man off to drive all the way over there and find it closed. The new one on our side is due to open up Monday so it won't be necessary for us to go over there anymore. The new place will probably be mobbed. I did get a hamburger and a coke. One of the boys in the photo lab went up to the Honcho Club and bought them.

Right now on "Mail From Home", Kitty Kalen is singing "Little Things Mean a Lot". It sure is a pretty song. I haven't heard any requests from you lately. I keep listening whenever possible. I love to hear requests from you...

...We have just about finished pkg. #4 and everything was good. The cookies were delicious and I liked the chocolate sticks too...

...We played another ball game today with Recce Tech and lost it by a score of 4-2. It was a pretty good game though and close all the way...

...Honey 500 Hwan is equal to about \$ 3.00. The current rate of exchange is 180 Hwan to \$1.00. But downtown on the black market, you can get 300 Hwan to a dollar from the Koreans. Of course this illegal, so I don't indulge in it...

...I'm glad that you feel the way you do about me not making Buck Sergeant and not worrying about it. I will have 3 more chances to make it, Aug, Oct, and Dec. I have a fairly good chance of making it before I leave if the section keeps putting me in...

...Yes hon I knew about Steve, but don't think he'll have much luck. It takes quite a few strings to work on a deal like that. Once he is assigned to an out fit in Japan, it's pretty hard to get transferred to Korea.

Well lover gal, I'm going to sign this off now. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and May God Bless You. Remember you mean the whole world to me.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

27 June 1954 (SUN.)

2110 (JAP)

0810 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope my #1 baby is okay tonight. I feel pretty good myself this fine Korean evening. Johnny and I went to the movies again tonight at the 6:00 show and we saw "The Phantom of the Rue Morgue". It was a darn good show and we enjoyed it very much...

...They had a USO show tonight at the Rice Bowl, but we missed it because of the movie. I think we saw a better movie than the show though. Sometimes the shows are pretty good, but other times they stink. Tony went tonight and he said it was a pretty good one. Oh well hit a few...

...After chow Johnny, Lohston and I took a little walk along the perimeter fence and we took a few pictures. It sure was a nice day but a little hot. As soon as I can develop the negatives, I'll send you some of the pictures...

...The squadron didn't have too much mail today so I didn't get any. Sure look forward to mail from my baby...

...Honey, I'm going to sign this off for now. I'll write more tomorrow morning.

1100(28 June 54)(MON)

Hello my darling. Here I am again. Just got up a little while ago and went over to the snack bar and had a cup of coffee. It opened up for the first time this morning and really is a nice one. By the way the coffee was free since this was the first day of business. They serve hamburgers, sandwiches, milk shakes, sundaes, donuts, cokes and coffee. Later on they will serve more. Sure is nice...

...Ed and Floyd don't get to see each other too much because of being in different squadrons. Yes they have been together since enlisting. I think they are from towns close to each other...

...Yes sweetheart, some people do have trouble adapting themselves. Steve used to complain a lot at Rapid. Even if he is lucky (?) enough to come over here, I think he will go nuts. There's just about absolutely nothing to do over here and I don't think Steve would like it either...

...Lt. Smith's home is in New Mexico. I don't know how far it is from Barksdale. He picked the area with Cal. and La in it. You can check the list I sent you. I think they were 5 & 6. He's very happy with his assignment...

...Yes darling, I keep thinking all the time how it will be when I get home. I'll probably be so shook up, I'll cry my eyes out too...

...I'll keep listening for the requests and thanks a million for sending them. They just say "here is a request for A/2C Everitt W. Simpson from his wife Lorraine who sends him her love". They sure sound nice...

...Well sweetheart, I'm going to sign this off for now and go to chow. I'll write more tonight while I'm on CQ. Please take care of yourself and May God Bless You always.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

28 June 1954 (MON)

2010 (JAP)

0710 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi Sweetheart! How is my #1 gal tonight? Okay I hope. I feel pretty good myself. Here I am again on CQ with nothing to do. Sure gets boring to come down here and there isn't any work. Pretty soon the rainy season will be upon us and then the planes won't be able to fly...

...Today was a little more exciting. We had 2 yellow alerts, first we've had in a long time, and a practice ground alert. The ground alert lasted a little over an hour...

...We have a new squadron CO now. Lt. Colonel Root was rotated and Major Neer was sent over to take his place. He has a later MOT than I do. In fact our squadron has been having a pretty large turn over in personnel these past few months. We probably will continue to do so up until the time I leave...

...I didn't get down here until 5:30 tonight because of the darn ground alert. When I did I went over to the Photo Lab and there were all of the officers playing monopoly like a bunch of kids. They were really going at it strong. Sometimes they are just like a bunch of kids the way they act...

...Well honey the wind is still blowing and it looks like it's going to pour any minute. I just went up to the area to pick up my raincoat. One of the boys in the tent borrowed the poncho because he has guard tonight. I think he must have gotten first shift because I didn't see him around the tent anymore...

...Gosh honey, I can't wait until I get a cablegram saying you and the baby are doing nicely. The time is getting closer. I guess after I get back home we can look back on this year and think how fast it went by...

...Oh darn, I'm running out of ink and there is none down here. I'll have to finish this in pencil. What a time to run out of ink! I thought I had enough before I came down to work. I'll know better next time...

...Darling our boat didn't stop in Honolulu because it wasn't scheduled to do so. That's the only explanation that I can give.

The Rice Paddy Ranger is a GI who sings Western songs over Vagabond. He's pretty good. We usually hear the game of the day over the radio at 2:30 on Sat. Also during the week at 4:30. They are rebroadcasts on tape...

...Well lover gal, I'm going to sign off now. I will write more tomorrow. Please, please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. God Bless you and keep you in his loving care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

29 June 1954 (TUES)

1710 (JAP)

0410 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi Sweetie! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 wife this wet Korean evening. I feel pretty good except a little gloomy. It has been raining steadily since last night along with the wind blowing off and on. I guess this is our first taste of a small monsoon...

...Well sweetheart, there wasn't any mail today and I guess the reason was because of all the rain. It was raining hard enough to keep all of our aircraft grounded. Right now it's coming down like a mist, but I imagine it will start pouring before too long. Sure feel sorry again for the poor guards. They will be in for a wetting tonight. Can't be helped though because the guards are responsible for the security of the base and it is a necessary detail. I'm just glad that the shifts aren't any longer than 5 hours. We are lucky in that respect I guess. The bases further south use ROK guards but up here we have to resort to GI guards because of the close proximity of the demilitarized zone (DMZ). No use complaining because it is the only detail we have around here...

...This month I set a record. I didn't go to town once other than the camera tour down to Mt. Nam Han Castle. Just couldn't relish the idea of going. Seoul and Yong Dong Po don't show me much. I like the camera tours when they go to places other than Seoul. Where we went that Sunday, the countryside was really pretty. The terraced rice paddies were a masterpiece of agriculture and the scenery looks a little like the Black Hills. Also the people act a lot different too. They don't pester you like the people in town do...

...Darling I'm going to slip over to the club for awhile and get a beer. Tonight is nickel night and I have a dime that's burning a hole in my pocket. Thank goodness tomorrow is payday. Oh to be in the chips again...

...Fourth of July is the next holiday and before we know it. Labor Day will be here not to forget our anniversary on the fifth of August. It's only 37 days to our anniversary. Doesn't seem like 4 years and yet it seems like a lifetime. I guess this year of being separated from you makes it seem longer...

...I'm coming along pretty good with my Carpentry course and have sent one lesson in already. Also my Trig course came in the mail and I will be starting on that shortly...

... I think I've gained a little weight although the pictures might not show it. If I get a chance I'll weigh myself and let you know...

...Right now some of the boys are playing a little poker in our tent and they are going pretty strong. Sure hope they don't plat too long.

Well lover gal it's getting pretty close to midnight chow time so I will sign this off now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and remember that you are my whole life and love. May God Bless you always sweetheart.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

1 July 1954 (THURS.)

2130 (JAP)

0830 (EDT)

My dearest lover gal,

Hi darling! How is my # 1 wife this evening? Okay I hope. Your old papa-san is okay tonight honey but lonesome for his sweetheart. Oh sweetie, I miss you more and more everyday. Yet each day that goes by brings me one day closer to you dearest. The time is really moving along pretty fast and this is the month I get forecast...

...Well darling here I am again on CQ down a the section and with nothing to do but lay around. I was late writing this to you because I have been working on my trig. and it sure kept me business. I was surprised at how much I had forgotten since I left school. Still didn't get the first lesson finished, but will tomorrow. Trig was my favorite math subject at Poly and it is also necessary in surveying. When I get it finished I will be able to take surveying.

Right now I'm killing takusan mosquitoes with my little aerosol bomb while I'm writing to you. Boy these babies sure are big ones. They don't cotton to DDT very much.

This evening a gooney bird (C-47 cargo plane) was flying back and forth at a very low altitude spraying the whole base with DDT in an effort to kill some of those darn pests. It sure looked funny to see it flying so low. I don't know whether or not it helped any. They sure are thick around here tonight...

...I hope I can get this darn radio tuned in right tonight. There is a Korean station on ether side of Vagabond and they sure are strong. They are just about drowning out poor old Vagabond...

...Well hon we played ball with the 67th Communications Sqdn. and beat them 8-3. That makes our record 6-4 for the second half. Its not too bad and not too good...

...Gosh darling I'm sure sorry that you are having trouble with the Meade PX especially since its so far to travel to get to. A stateside PX should never be fouled up, but I guess some of them are. Holy cow, ours isn't too bad considering the circumstances...

...Atkisson is from Missouri and he will be stationed at Barksdale. He has quite a bit of time to go yet. Wright left a week or so ago and he will be stationed in Washington state. He's from Iowa. We already have another man on CQ with us. His name is Miozza...

...Well lover, I'm going to sign this off now. I'll write more tonight. Please take care of yourself and don't let anything get you down. Remember you mean the world to me. May God Bless you and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

2 July 1954 (FRI)

1650 (JAP)

0350 (EDT)

My dearest lover gal,

Hi darling! I hope this finds everything okay with you this fine Korean evening. Your old papa-san is okay...

...Well, I was relieved this morning at 0830 and came back to the tent and sacked out. Didn't get too much sleep because of the darn weather. Also there was a lot of racket out on the line. The guards were halting everybody and his brother out there last night and they sure were yelling loud...

...This afternoon I was listening to the radio and Vagabond had a 15 minute program with music by Mantovoni. It sure brought back memories of Monday evenings at rapid. Remember the Black hills Power & Light Co brings you music styled by Mantovoni. I think it used to come on at 6:30. Just hearing certain radio programs over here makes me feel blue...

... As I was saying about Little reno, one of the boys in our squadron won a couple of hundred dollars shooting craps. He sure was hot on the dice. Made me shutter to think of all that money passing around. I'm sure glad I'm not a foolish man. I'm afraid I would have a heart attack if I won or lost all or part of the money that has passed around the Day Room these past 2 or 3 nights. I don't want any part of it...

...Sweetheart, I have a little favor to ask of you. Four of these kids around here are just crazy about cowboys and Indians; Ro, Oh, Lee, and Chong. One of them asked me how much a toy gun would cost. Honey would you buy 4 inexpensive cap pistols or something similar and send them to me? I sure would appreciate it...

...As far as who leaves first, I think Spence leaves in December. Then Chris leaves in early January. John B. has extended for Japan and Mel, Tony and I leave in January. I think Tony has extended for Japan...

...I'm sure glad Rog and Spence had a good time at the prom. Gosh have your folks been married 29 years? It just seems like yesterday that we went down to Natural Bridge, Va. on their 25th anniversary. That was when the Korean War started. Remember?...

...Right now I'm going to speak sayonara and will write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and remember you are my life. May God Bless you and keep you in his care.

All my love,

Your guy forever, Boe

3 July 1954 (SAT)
1915 (JAP)
0615 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi Darling! How is my # 1 wife tonight? Okay I hope. Your old daddy is feeling pretty good right now. I'm sitting here looking at your picture and thinking how much I love you and how much I miss you...

...I just went over to the day room to get a coke and while I was standing outside drinking it who should come by but Lt. Smith. He is leaving here tomorrow, 19 days ahead of his MOT. I don't know whether it means anything, but it sure looks like a good sign. I sure hate to see him go, but I know he isn't sorry. He shook hands with me and wished me luck and I did the same to him. I think he was one swell guy and one fine officer...

...A funny thing happened to me in the shower. I just started to get all soaped up when the hot water went off. Sure was hilarious. There I am with no hot water and with takusan soap on me. Know what I had to do? You guessed it! I had to take a %\$*&@3)+& shower. Oh it was so cold...

...I'm so glad you liked the clock. It isn't all you are getting for your anniversary. Something a little more personal is in the mail for you and you should be getting it shortly...

...The Rice Paddy Ranger is on the radio now and he is singing some darn hill billy song. Can't make heads or tails of it...

...Well darling, I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow while on CQ. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless you always.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

4 July 1954 (SUN)

2030 (JAP)

0730 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi gal! How's my #1 sweetheart tonight? Okay I hope. Your old daddy is okay. Gosh I love you and miss you something terrible...

...Right now it's raining cats and dogs and has been since about 5:30. Sure is miserable. Chub and I took the jeep up to the snack bar and almost got wet doing it. That darn jeep doesn't have any sides and the rain justpours in. I had my raincoat on but it didn't help too much. I guess I should have worn my poncho but I think Tony has it on tonight for guard duty. He sure is in for a wetting because the rain is really coming down...

...Well darling I got up this morning and went to church. Ed came up and woke me up and he, Floyd, John B. and I went. I will mail you the bulletin in my next letter...

...This afternoon honey, the Service Club had a free carnival. Chub and I went down there and I lost \$20.00 playing blackjack. Don't get excited now. The money was play money given out by the club. Each man was given \$20.00 worth and used it to play cards, throw darts, etc. I'm sure glad I'm not a gambling man. Just losing that play money made me feel funny. The thought of it scares the living s - - t out of me. Wow! ...

...Lt. Smith left today and Berry is leaving mosh schosh. We will be settled for a while now until Miozza leaves. He is the next one to go and he leaves in Nov...

...I don't know if Andy was in TAC before or not. I'll probably have to go back to SAC, but I'm going to try not too. I'll probably get stuck in a Recce Tech again too. Sure hope not. The SAC Recce Techs are at Fairchild in Washington, March in California, Ellsworth, Offut in Omaha, Barksdale in Louisiana, and Louckbourne. There are a few TAC bases that I may be lucky enough to hit...

...Well sweetheart I'm going to sign this off and go to chow. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God bless you my darling.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

5 July 1954 (MON)

1900 (JAP)

0600 (EDT)

Dearest Mama-san,

Hi darling! I hope this finds everything okay with you this fine wet and rainy Korean evening. Your old papa-san is okay and snug? and dry? in his hacienda. So far anyhow. The way it looks, I'm not going out for love nor money. And to think this is only a sample of what we'll be getting the rest of this month and next. Oh well things is rough in the Far East so I'm told. That's the hazards of occupational duty and all that happy horses - - t...

...This afternoon I finished up my first lesson in the trig. course and mailed it in. Next time I'm on CQ, I'm going to mail the second one in on the carpentry. These darn course aren't as easy as one might think...

...You are right about Lee. I guess he doesn't have too many friends out at the base. Oh well that is neither here nor there. We probably won't ever see them again and if we get stationed back at Rapid, we'll probably get there in March and they will be leaving in April...

...Boy our little rascal sure does move around a lot. It won't be long now before I'll be the proudest, big head papa-san in the world, especially Korea. I know you will be the best mama-san...

...Well lover gal, I'm going to sign off for now. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God Bless you and keep you in his care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

6 July 1954 (TUES)

2000 (JAP)

0700 (EDT)

Dearest mama-san Lorraine,

Hi sweetheart! I hope this finds everything okay with you this fine Korean evening. I feel pretty good. Just took a shower a few minutes ago and then had a choc. sundae. It sure hit the spot and tasted delicious. That snack bar sure is a wonderful thing for this base. Brings a little part of home here with hamburgers, malts, etc.

Well sweetheart, I figured up my time today and found I have 184 days until my MOT and only 215 days until I am home again. That sure will be a wonderful day won't it? I don't know whether this means anything or not but a lot of the guys are leaving quite a few days before their MOT and in some cases are home in the states before their MOT date. I'm not getting my hopes up about anything and I don't want you to either. It's just a little food for thought...

...The darn weather forecast is for more rain tonight. Sure hope it doesn't because I'm scheduled for alternate guard tomorrow night. That makes the 5th time so far that I have been scheduled for alternate and I have pulled it 3 times in place of someone...

...The AP's have been having a lot of trouble around here lately with guys goofing off on guard. There are a few wise-ass young punks around here who think this guard business is silly and just a game. They don't realize how serious it is and how important the guards are to the security of this base after dark. If anyone gets caught goofing off on guard they really get the works. Also if they foul up too much, there is a good chance of spending a little time down at Taegu. Taegu is the Korean branch of the University of Leavenworth. Do you understand all of this? If I never do anything right again, I'll sure be on the ball when I pull guard...

...Honey, I bought the house boys ice cream today and you should have seen their eyes light up. I guess kids are the same all over when it comes ice cream...

...Well sweetheart, I'm going to close for now. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the whole world to me. I love you madly. May God bless you.

All my love,
Your guy forever
Boe

7 July 1954 (WED)

2000 (JAP)

0700 (EDT)

Dearest Mama-san Lorraine,

Hi Darling! I hope everything is okay tonight with my gal. Your old papa-san is okay. Here I am down on CQ with no work again. The reason? It's raining cats and dogs and has been all day long. I was nosing through some old correspondence down here that was dated during the fighting and whose name do I come up with but Wayne Dodge's. Remember him from basic and Ft. Belvoir? He was over here the same time as Fred Mills and was assigned to the 12th. It sure was a funny sensation to see his name again. I was always thought that he was assigned to Recce Tech when he came over here. He worked in the PI section over here too.

Well darling, lucky enough, I didn't have to pull guard tonight and I'm not one bit sorry either. Fortunately for me everyone was present for roll call and I wasn't needed. It sure is a wet one tonight with the wind blowing and everything. Almost hate to go out to chow, but I'm a schosh bit hungry and I guess a little? rain won't hurt me. John B. had guard tonight and I loaned him my poncho. That thing really is the best thing for rainy weather darling. Sheds water like a duck...

...I got up this morning at 7:30 because of our weekly Wed. lectures and after they were over, went down to the line to drill. Because of the rain we didn't have to do it. I hung around the section for a while and the new OIC, Lt. Harrington, has devised a new work schedule for us CQs, Kopel, Miozza and I. We still have to pull it every third night, but have to pull it on Sunday afternoon too. From 8-5 to be more specific. The way it's set up now Hon, I'll only get 1 out of every 3 Sundays off because of the new setup. Also we'll still have to come in on the nights in between our CQ tours if we should happen to have more work than the CQ can handle. Oh well, I guess there's no use complaining...

...I'm listening to "Mail From Home" and right now they are playing "Little Things mean a Lot". It was another request for me that you sent in. That song sure is pretty and so full of emotion that I'm afraid I just sat down and cried. I couldn't help it, it's just that the song does things to me...

...Sweetheart, I wouldn't mind having a little girl either. After minding Jeannie, I sure have thought about them. We'll know in Sept. won't we?...

...I'm sure glad you liked the letter I sent for Dr. McCosh. Let me know what he says about it. I kept a copy for myself.

Well sweetheart, I'm going to close now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God Bless you sweetheart and keep you in his ever-loving care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

9 July 1954 (FRI)
1830 (JAP)
0530 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! How is my little mama-san tonight? Okay I hope. Your old papa-san is okay and feeling pretty good. I just came back from taking a nice? cold shower and it really made me feel fresh. There is an acute water shortage here on the base and the showers are limited. Only one latrine had hot water tonight and it was mobbed. So hon I took a cold one. While the shortage is on the showers will be on for 2 hours a day in one latrine only. I don't mind a cold one too much. It's better than none at all...

...We practiced ball for about an hour this this afternoon at 5:00 and I sure did get sweated up. It's still cloudy and we might have some more rain tonight. Sure hope not. I'm scheduled for guard tomorrow night. I guess my luck can't hold out forever. Been awfully lucky so far by not having rain on my night. Well I have my poncho and my boots so I should keep pretty dry if it does rain...

1300 (10 July 54) (SAT)

...I have the duty tonight and will have to go over to the briefing at 3:00. Right now the Sun is out but I don't know for how long. It's a trifle bit warm too.

Well lover gal, I'm going to close now. I'll write more tonight before guard. Please take care of yourself and remember you are my whole life and love. May God Bless you darling and keep you in His everlasting care.

All my love forever,
Your papa-san
Boe-san

11 July 1954 (SUN)

1445 (JAP)

0145 (EDT)

My darling gal,

Hi lover! I hope everything is okay with you this fine Sunday afternoon. Your papa-san is okay. This was supposed to be last night's letter. In fact I had already written a page and 1/2 but it got lost somewhere...

...Well darling yesterday was another one of those lazy days, hot and sticky and I didn't feel much like doing anything. Just laid back in the tent and read. Dad and I went over to the AP shack about 6:45 for roll call and post assignment. I was very lucky again. Was assigned to post 22 on the first shift. I had the post once before and knew what I was up against. It's a pretty easy post. We were sure lucky last night; didn't have much rain. Just had a few scattered showers, but they didn't amount to much. That place sure was muddy. I had my boots on and was very glad of it...

...Well sweetheart today you start into your 8th month and it won't be long now. Our little stinker will be here before we realize it...

2100 (JAP)

...Hi sweetheart, here I am again. We have been pretty busy tonight and still are. We had a mission come in and it was a little unfamiliar to us. We finally got it straightened out, but still have to deliver it. I'll write as much as I can before I have to leave.

We played a game today at 1:00 and just barely had 9 men show up. The game was a long drawn out affair. It took an hour to play two innings and in the 4th inning one of the boys got hurt and we didn't have a sub for him. The manager got a guy from another squadron and then someone on the other team noticed it. The result was we forfeited the game to the other team because of a ringer. After we had played 4 innings. Sure was a funny situation to have happen to us.

Honey do you remember me telling you that Bob Shields is over here? He is stationed down south of here and he came up to see all of the boys. His wife is pregnant too and is due in October. He used to be the NCOIC of the Compilation Section back at Rapid City. I think he left with the group that came over with Randel, Harris, Furry etal. We shot the bull for awhile...

...Gosh sweetie, I sure am glad that you like the coo-coo clock. I thought you would like it when I bought it...

...It's getting awfully late and I'm getting so sleepy. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me darling. May God bless you and keep you in

His care. I love you.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

12 July 1954 (MON)

1500 (JAP)

0200 (EDT)

My darling wonderful wife,

Hi honey how are things with my # 1 gal today? Okay I hope. Your old papa-san is feeling pretty good. I'm writing this afternoon because I might have to work tonight. Today is such a beautiful day as far as the weather goes. Our squadron will probably fly the wings off of all of its aircraft today and I might have takusan work down at the section. I don't want to take any chances and not be able to write again tonight because of too much work...

...One of the boys in our tent, Spencer, finally got a letter from his wife today. It had been almost a month since he last heard. Everyone thought he was going to get a "Dear John". In the letter he got today from her she acted as though nothing had been wrong. She didn't give him an explanation or nothing why she hadn't written for so long. Spence said that the way the letter was written, she acted as though she had been writing all the time. Boy was he p - - - ed off and I don't blame him a bit. I sure am a lucky guy to have you for a wife because I know you wouldn't do anything like that to me...

...Well the inevitable has finally happened. We have to carry our our chow gear to the mess hall again. The silverware that we did have in the mess hall has been slowly disappearing and there is hardly any left. I'd rather carry my own gear anyhow because that way I'm assured a complete set every time I go.

Today at 12:30 we had a red alert and everyone pushed the panic button. I grabbed my helmet and hustled the house boys off to the main gate. It only lasted about 25 minutes though. The alert was for the entire area because Vagabond announced it over the radio and then signed off until the all clear sounded...

...Boy these Sabre Jets sure have been active today. They have been buzzing the field constantly and sure do make a lot of racket. To tell you the truth though, I really don't mind it. It's a reassuring racket if you know what I mean...

...That sure is something about Dr. McCosh having 5 children and his wife expecting another. Maybe the nurse is right about him taking up another hobby. I guess it is a little hard on his wife...

...Yes lover gal, I sure hope we get stationed in Area #2 too. I'd rather go back to Rapid than California because of the distance, travel pay, etc. It would be an awfully long drive. We'll just have to wait and see. I agree that you being able to go with me is the most important thing. Lockbourne Ohio sure would be a good deal. That's where Dodge went when he left the 12th TAC. He has the same AFSC as me...

...Don't let Mom and Aunt Ida get you down about sleeping too late in the morning. Sleeping late sure does make the time go by faster. That's what I'm doing now...

...Well sweetheart, I'm going to sign off for now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God Bless you and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

13 July 1954 (TUES)

1600 (JAP)

0300 (EDT)

My lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! How is my #1 wife this fine Korean afternoon? Okay I hope. I feel pretty good today. It's a schosh bit warm but sure is pretty. The sky is cloudless and the Sun has been shining the whole day.

Right now I am watching Jake and the houseboys have a water battle outside. They are throwing water all over each other. Sure is funny. We have more fun with these houseboys. They jabber back and forth in Korean and we can pick up a little bit of it. They have slang names like us and they really get a kick out of it when I call them one of the names...

...Well darling I just went over to the Orderly Room and saw a beautiful piece of paper. The forecast roster is in and we will be signing it tomorrow. The time sure has flown by up to now when we were looking forward to our month of forecast. My next beautiful piece of paper will be the clearance papers and my orders. Then I'll be FIGMO...

...It's getting pretty close to chow time and I'm a schosh bit hungry. That midnight chow is No. 1...

...I hope we get Area 2 too hon. I wouldn't mind going back to the 8th RTS because of the nice weather in SD. Rather go there than to the West Coast wouldn't you? It would only be for about 9 months anyhow. It wouldn't have to be a SAC base either because they use my AFSC in TAC also.

Well sweetheart, I'm going to close now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless you.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

14 July 1954(WED)

1845 (JAP)

0545 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my #1 lover gal this fine Korean evening. Your old daddy is okay tonight. Here I am again on CQ and with only one mission to deliver. It sure is nice out right now honey. Today was too, but a schosh bit warm. Well sweetheart, today Mel moved out of the tent and down to the line. He had to do it so that he could be closer to his job. We sure hated to see him go. He moved down to the armament shack.

2030 (JAP)

Here I am again. Just came back from delivering the mission up to Recce Tech. It didn't take too long and now I'm through for the evening. Right now the power is off and I'm writing by candlelight. It's very romantic too only you're not here to enjoy it with me. I had to quit for a while because the flickering was giving me a headache. The lights just came back on again.

The PX just had a big shakeup. The AP's raided the homes of the employees and found several items that were stolen. We had Koreans working in there and they really cleaned up while they were working. The PX officer was fired and today there were officers were working and waiting on everyone...

...We played another ball game with 67th Supply and beat them. Right now "mail from home" is playing "Little Things Mean a Lot" and that song sure brings tears to my eyes. Getting back to the ball game, it sure was a hot day and the game just dragged on. Sure felt miserable after it was over. I missed chow because of it and had to get a snack at the snack bar. Had 3 hamburgers and a milk shake and it really tasted good...

...There is an awful lot of racket around here tonight honey. Takusan planes flying around. I know quite a few of them are Blackbirds.

Tomorrow I'm going over to the Orderly Room and sign the forecast roster. I'm going to pick Areas 2 & 3 and hope we get stationed somewhere in one of them. We can keep hoping anyhow and will know sometime in December...

...I just came back from chow and it was #1 tonight. We had fried eggs, hash, toast and jelly, It was delicious and cold tomato juice.

Well lover it's a schosh bit late and I'm getting sort of sleepy. I'll sign off now. Please take care of your self and remember you mean the whole world to me. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

16 July 1954 (FRI.)
1940 (JAP)
0640 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! How is my #1 gal this fine Korean evening? Dai Jobu I hope. Your old papa-san is fine and dandy. Gosh I miss you tonight. It sure is lonely around here...

...Well honey chile. I spent a pretty busy afternoon today. Right after noon chow, one of the boys and I put up a post for a badminton court. We hooked one end of the net to the post and the other end to the tent. Then I spent the whole afternoon playing badminton and really had a swell time...

...Tony and I went to chow and it was so darn hot in the mess hall that we couldn't even enjoy our meal...

...I'm listening to "mail from home" and they played the request for all the boys in tent 1920 tonight. They played "Tenderly". Thanks a lot sweetheart for sending it.

The mosquitoes sure are pretty thick tonight. I have been killing them left and right either by the bomb or swatting them...

2215(JAP)

...At mail call today I didn't get get any mail, but really didn't expect too much. In fact there wasn't too much mail in the squadron. Should get some tomorrow. I have CQ again tomorrow night and Sunday if the weather is nice am going on a camera tour down to Suwon, K-13...

...The base has a new radio station for sending messages back to the states. It's one of those MARS jobs and won't cost anything to send a message back home. As soon as it gets operating real good, I'll send you aMARSgram...

...Yes sweetheart, I have passed the 5 month mark and am rapidly approaching the half way mark. It will be here before we know it. The second half should go by pretty fast too...

...Darling I'm going to sign off now and go to chow. I'll write more tomorrow on CQ. Please, please take good care of yourself. May God Bless you and keep you in his care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

17 July 1954 (SAT)

1900 (JAP)

0600 (EDT)

My dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 wife this fine? Korean evening. Everything is Dai Jobu with me down here on CQ except I got soaking wet and am sitting in my BVD's. We are having a monsoon and the rain is pouring and the wind is howling. Seems like it's going to blow the darn tent away. Chris is down here with me and he is fooling around with his new radio. He bought one of those Zenith Trans-Oceanic jobs and it really is a beaut. I think he paid \$101.00 for it in the PX. That's a lot of money, but I believe they cost almost \$200.00 back in the states. He and I went out and nailed down the flaps and that helped a little. The whole frame shakes and causes the table to shake too. I'm writing this from the OIC's desk because it's not attached to the wall...

...We just came back from the area in the jeep where we picked up some dry clothes. The others were soaking wet. Sure feels good to have some dry clothes. Now I know what the old timers around here say about the rain soaking the time out of a person...

...Gosh sweetheart, I feel lonely and blue tonight. Right now on the Vagabond Hit Parade they are playing "I Get So Lonely". Hearing that makes me feel even a little more blue...

...I pity poor Steve over in Japan even though he does have it a little better than me. Podell told me that Steve asked him at Parks to trade assignments with him. I don't think Floyd wanted to do it anyhow because he would have had to serve 2 years in Japan...

...We were supposed to have an inspection in the tent this morning but it didn't come off. The tent was really clean. Our house boy has been doing a real good job lately on the tent and everything in general. I'm going to sign off for awhile.

Here I am again. The No. 1 song on the Vagabond Hit Parade is, you've guessed it, Kitty Kallen's "Little Things Mean a Lot". The radio announcer said that this one is probably the No. 1 in the good old USA...

...I just went down to Operations to find out about a wind warning and one of the boys told me that the wind had blown off a section of the roof on one of the docks and the sand bags holding it down had fallen off. More fun than a barrel of monkeys. They were talking about turning all, of our aircraft around into the wind...

...The brandy in the fruit cake sure adds to the taste. Probably helps to keep them fresh and moist too. Sure do enjoy it...

...I think I already told you that I finally got the ham-o-gram. Sure took a long time though didn't it? Maybe if Charlie sends one for you, it will get here a lot faster...

...Boy honey AIO sure made a big mistake when they took out all of the stoves. We could use one now to dry out our clothes.

On "mail from home" they just played our favorite by pretty Kitty. Gosh sweetheart, that song honestly brings tears to my eyes. It's so beautiful and so sentimental...

...Well darling I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please, please take good care of yourself and remember you are my whole life and love. May God Bless you and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

PS - The 4 Knights are singing "Chapel in the Moonlight". It's a pretty one too.

19 July 1954 (MON)

1745 (JAP)

0445 (EDT)

My dearest mama-san,

Hi sweetheart! Hope this letter finds everything Dai Jobu with you this fine Korean evening. Your old lover boy is fine and dandy down here on CQ. As usual, there isn't anything to do again tonight because of the weather forecast. The sky is pretty clear right now but I think we are due for some more rain. Joy! Joy! Speaking of Joy have you heard from the homesteaders lately? Just wondering what the latest rumors are at Ellsworth AFB. Our squadron is supposed to have a stand-down tonight because of the bad weather. The rainy season sure does knock the time out of our flying schedule. I'm just about one of the only persons working? tonight besides the people who live down here on the line. Some racket huh!!.....

....I just shifted my letter writing activities outside to get a little more fresh air. It sure is pleasant this evening. There is a nice breeze blowing and I'm watching the Sun slowly set in the West . The weather forecast is for rain so I don't know how long it will be this nice...

...I opened another can of cookies today. They were the Hydrox and chocolate covered graham crackers and they sure were delicious. The popcorn kept them nice and fresh...

...One of the 45th's oversize "blow torches" is cranking up and sure is making a lot of racket. They make more noise sometimes than our own beloved? Blackbirds. Right now most of our Blackbirds are home to roost. They sure are a fine old aircraft...

...Here it is July 19th all ready and before we know it our anniversary will be here. Chub's birthday is Aug 3 and he wants to celebrate that too. Also August 6 marks the halfway on my tour too. Honestly sweetheart it seems like only yesterday that I waved goodnight to you at Friendship. also that trip across the big pond too...

...Honey I think I steered you wrong on our CO. Lt. Col. Root was the old one who just went home. Major Neer is the new one, but he goes home soon too. He transferred from another squadron to take over. The new CO is here and will take over mosh schosh. His name is Major Tharp. Seems like a pretty good old boy. The officers overseas are a lot better bunch of guys than the ones stateside. Not as chicken-s - - t either...

...I hope our mail doesn't get too fouled up darling even during the rainy season. Mail is our best morale booster over here and I know it peeps up yours too...

...I don't think I'll stay in Japan very long hon on the way home and will probably be able to catch a plane the same day I hit the states...

...Well lover gal, I guess I'll sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please, please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God always Bless you my darling and keep you safe in His ever-loving care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

21 July 1954 (WED)

1700 (JAP)

0400 (EDT)

My dearest mama-san,

Hi sweetheart! How is everything this fine? Korean evening? Dai Jobu I hope! Your old papa-san is okay. Well guess what it is doing outside. Raining a schosh and has been since last evening. Glad I don't have to beout in it tonight...

...Poor John had guard tonight and I loaned him the poncho. That thing sure has come in handy. I really appreciate you sending it to me. I'll bring it home with me so that we can have a cover for our trailer...

...This afternoon we didn't do too much here in the tent because it was so darn dark and dismal with everything closed up. We have to keep the flaps rolled down and the doors shut too. We did get one heart game in beforegoing to chow tonight which I won. I had a little hole in the tent right over my shelf and that's where my bible got wet. I think I've finally got it fixed. We put a small linen patch coated with dope up there and it seems to be holding up pretty good...

...Our house boy sure is a cute little kid. He claims he's 19 but I don't believe him. He sure is a hard worker. We have him for our tent alone and therefore he does our wash for us. Sure does keep the tent clean. Ours is one of the cleanest tents in the 12th TAC sqdn. area. There are 4 rows of tents and each row has 7 tents. That makes 28 altogether. We always make out good whenever there is an inspection...

...I just started to shave honey, but the darn lights went out. So I had the pleasant experience of shaving by candlelight. Didn't cut myself. Just after I finished, the lights came on again...

...We just moved our bunks around in that crazy way to do something different. The CO made us move them all back against the wall. My bunk is in the same old place as ever...

...Darling I don't blame you for going down to the cellar to cool off. I imagine it is a lot nicer down there. If the Lord is willing this will be the last bad summer you will have to spend in Baltimore until O56...

...Well honey chile I think I'll speak sayonara now. I have CQ tomorrow night and will write more then. Please take real good care of yourself and remember you are my whole life and love. May God Bless you always my darling.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

22 July 1954 (THURS)

2045 (JAP)

0745 (EDT)

My dearest mama-san,

Hi darling! I hope everything is Dai Jobu with my #1 gal this fine? Korean evening. Your old papa-san is okay but a trifle lonely tonight. Here I am on CQ again and as usual because of the bad weather, there is no work. It's been raining pretty steady again since about 6:00 and to tell you the truth, it's starting to get on my nerves a schosh. I'm glad I don't have guard tonight. Chris has it and I loaned him my poncho. I have the duty Saturday night and truly hope it stops raining by then. Anyone that has to be out tonight is in for a darn good wetting. Oh well, I guess that's the breaks of the Far East...

...I just heard over the radio that all of the American technicians that were in Indochina have been moved out. Sure glad that the truce was signed down there even though the Commies did get the best of the deal.

Well sweetheart there wasn't too much mail in the squadron today so I didn't get any again. That makes two days in a row. Should be some tomorrow. Mail from you darling does brighten my whole day regardless of the weather. Sure hope my mail does the same for you...

...We had a little excitement in our mess hall today. We were supposed to have fried chicken for lunch. Well the cooks started to prepare it, but while they were doing it, the base medical inspector went to both mess halls and condemned the meat. The inspectors said that the chicken smelled sour and therefore wasn't fit for human consumption. That held up the noon meal and we didn't get to eat until 12:00. Sure was a mess, but I don't blame the medical inspectors a bit. They were looking out for the troops welfare.

"Mail From Home" is on the radio right now sweetie and I sure hope they play pretty Kitty's number. The program is about half way through and they haven't yet. I don't know whether I asked you this before, but is it on the Hit Parade back in the states? It sure ought to be because it is #1 over here.

Well lover gal it's still raining buckets out and I don't know whether or not I'll make it to chow. Hope it slacks off for a while but I don't know. One good thing the wind isn't blowing too hard and the tent isn't flapping too much. That worries me more than anything because sometimes I think the darn tent is going to blow away. Then I would be in for a rough night if the dumb tent blew off. It has happened around here before and I imagine it would be a funny sensation to wake up in the morning without a roof...

...Well lover gal, I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please, please take care of yourself and remember you mean the whole world to me. May God Bless you my darling and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

23 July 1954 (FRI)

1815 (JAP)

0515 (EDT)

My dearest mama-san,

Hi sweetheart! I hope this finds everything okay with my #1 gal this fine? Korean evening. Your old papa-san is okay but a little disgusted with the weather. It's been raining steadily all day long and will probably rain allnight too. We have had so much rain that the Han River has risen and is expected to rise 22 ft. above normal. The Air force has had to evacuate K-16, Seoul City Municipal Airport and moved most of the troops up here. You see hon, K-16 is situated on an island in the middle of the Han just outside of Seoul. The elevation is only 2 ft. above sea level there. We have to crowd up a bit in some of the squadrons to get all of these guys in, but I know we'll make out. I guess they'll move some into our area mosh schosh. This rain is really terrible darling. I have guard tomorrow night and I sure hope it stops by then. This place is muddy as all get out...

...This rain is driving me bats. I dislike this location immensely...

...Chub came up and we played a few games of hearts to pass the time away. I like hearts an awful lot darling. It's my favorite card game.

We are having an inspection tomorrow and have to get ready for it. The wheels should be around here at 0900. Night workers will be able to stay in bed so that's for me. Honey, I know this is an awful short letter, but I'm going to sign off and get ready for chow. I'll write more tomorrow before going on guard duty. Please take care of yourself and don't let anything get you down. Remember you are my whole life and love. May God Bless you always my darling.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

25 July 1954 (SUN)

1400 (JAP)

0100 (EDT)

My darling mama-san,

Hi sweetheart! I hope this letter finds everything okay with you. Everything is Dai Jobu with your old daddy this fine Korean Sunday afternoon. It stopped raining this morning about 0900 and right now the Sun is shining. It's a schosh bit warm out but I'm glad to see he Sun shining at last. Quite a few of the Blackbirds are getting ready to go up to get in a little flying time while the weather is so nice. Sure hope it stays that way for awhile as I am sick and tired of all the rain we've been having lately.

One of my boys just brought me back a chocolate ice cream sundae and it really hit the spot. He's the guy I was telling you about whose wife is due to have a baby shortly. Well hon, she is about 5 days late now and he hasn't heard anything yet. He's starting to worry about it a little now. That's what I dread darling if you are late. I'll try not to get too shook up about it, but you and I both know that it is only natural to worry a little about someone you love. And I love you dearly with all my heart and soul...

...It looks as if my luck finally ran out last night darling. I had first shift on post #39, but it rained like hell. Rained hard for practically the whole 5 hours. I hardly got wet though because I was

well equipped. I had on my poncho, helmet liner, boots, and a pair of homemade canvass leggings. Post 39 is on the road by the fence and is 520 steps long. Sure seemed like a long one. It rained all during the second shift too so neither of us had too good a deal...

...This darn place sure has been busy since K-16 was evacuated. All kinds of aircraft have been taking off and landing. Another Globemaster is coming in and a C-119 boxcar came in behind it. Those boxcars are made by Fairchild up in Hagerstown, Maryland...

...President Syngmann Rhee is getting ready to leave here on his trip to the states. He had a big honor guard of the ROK army and ROK navy. The Air Force is going to fly him over in a C121 Constellation. That sure is a beautiful ship. They are going to take off from Kimpo because K-16 is still inactive...

1800 (JAP)

0500 (EDT)

Here I am again. Just came back from chow. We had stew again. I'm getting a little tired of stew because we have been having it so darn often...

...Gee sweetheart, I sure am sorry that there aren't any request programs that I can write to. I'd do it in a minute...

... I do miss Lt. Smith a lot. He was a swell guy and a good officer. These new guys are pretty good joes too and both of them are married and have children...

...Well darling I think I'll sign this off for now. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and remember I love you dearly. May God Bless you always honey.

All my love,
Your ever loving daddy,
Boe

26 July 1954 (MON)

1600 (JAP)

0300 (EDT)

My dearest mama-san,

Hi sweetheart! How is my # 1 gal this fine Korean afternoon? Dai Jobu I hope. Your old papa-san is okay today. It sure is a scorcher. The Sun finally came out finally. I'm glad to see the Sun for awhile because maybe this place will dry out a little...

...You know dearest, I sure do get a kick out of these kids around here. They call us GIs won-sung-i boys because we have hair on our body. Won-sung-i means monkey. The Koreans don't have any hair on their bodies except maybe whiskers...

...I went down this afternoon and watched Recce Tech play the 4th MIC. Chub pitched for Recce tech and they won by a score of 11-3. It was a pretty good game but I didn't get too much enjoyment out of it . It was too hot.

Tonight it has cooled off and is real pleasant. I took a cold shower while I was down a the lab. They have a shower system rigged up and it's pretty good even though it's cold water. Anytime there is a big crowd up here, I can go down there and take one. Cold water is better than none at all...

...My arm hasn't bothered me anymore, but I think the softball season is just about over. To get exercise, I've been playing badminton and that's a lot of fun besides getting takusan exercise. We play whenever the weather is nice.

Honey about the cold water shower there's something even funnier than that. Sometimes a guy gets all soaped up and bingo there's no water at all. It's a common site to see a GI walking from one latrine to another in his birthday suit and full of lather. Ha! Ha! I thought my pants would never dry, So cold water is better than no water. Do you dig me?...

...Gosh I'm sorry the mail delivery has been terrible. I know how you fell when you don't get a letter for so many days. I think the bad weather isn't helping any either. Now that the Indo China mess is over, maybe the Air Force will be able to get the mail out more regularly.

Well lover gal, I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night while I'm on CQ. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God bless you always my love.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

27 July 1954 (TUES.)

1415 (JAP)

0115 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my #1 wife tonight. Your old daddy is okay but a schosh bit warm. Today has been hot all day long. Sort of humid too. I don't dare ask for though because then it's liable to rain for 4 or 5 days. You just can't win over here...

...This morning I got up at 9:00 and went down to the lab to dot he film work. It was pretty hot down there. While I was down there, I weighed myself and now weigh 162. Must have picked up a little weight over here. I stopped at 11:30 and went to chow. We had some #1 chow at noon. We had roasta-beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and salad. It was pretty good.

I have CQ again tonight sweetheart but I don't know whether there will be any work. We haven't flown a photo mission for so long because of the weather.

Sweetheart I'm going to sign off for awhile. I'll write more tonight.

1830 (JAP)

Hi darling, here I am again. I'm on CQ and as usual there is nothing to do. I guess today was too cloudy for photos. A lot of planes were flying around. The boys have to get their flying time in so that they can collect their flight pay at the end of the month. They have to have a minimum of 4 hours to collect full pay. Of course they fly a lot more when the weather is okay...

...One of the nicest things that I received today was the tape recording. I took it over to one of the boys who has a tape recorder. I only got to hear half of it because the darn electricity went off. I couldn't because I had to go to chow and then go to work. At 6:00 I locked the place up and went back up there and played it all the way through. Oh sweetheart it was so wonderful to hear your voice again. It was just like you were talking to me and right there with me. I almost burst out crying when I first heard your sweet voice. I think a tape letter is awful nice don't you sweetheart?...

...Yes hon, the bugs are pretty thick over here. The aerosol bombs help to keep them and keep them away though. The boy on the picture with Shook and me is Podell. I thought you knew him honey...

...I'm going to try to get you a real nice birthday present and send it to mosh schosh. I'll let you know when I buy it and when it will be shipped...

...Well lover gal, I'm going to sign this off now. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and remember I love you madly.

May God Bless you always and keep you in His care.

All my love,

Your lover boy forever,

Boe-san

29 July 1954 (THURS)

1830 (JAP)

0530 (EDT)

Dearest mama-san Lorraine,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is Dai jobu with you tonight. Your old papa-san is okay but a schosh bit tired. I feel a little lonely too. Keep missing you more and more every day. Sure hope old '55 gets here pretty fast honey.

The reason why I feel tired was that John B. and I went to town today. We really did some walking. First we visited one of the palaces and I took some pictures there and then we walked down to the capitol building. It was once a very pretty and modern building, but now it shows the ravages of war. There was a big fire there during the war, but I don't know whether the Commies or the UN did it. Sure burned the hell out of it. The ROK government hasn't bothered to fix it up because the money is needed elsewhere. I'll give old Syngman credit for that. If you should happen to see him while he is in the states, tell him hi for me. Just joking of course.

Also on the way to town we got a good look at the damage the Han River has caused by its flooding and by the heavy rains. A lot of the paddies are in real bad shape and part of the rice crop might be lost. If it is a few people might go hungry this winter. K-16 is still evacuated and I imagine the troops won't move back there until after the river goes down. The way things look now, that might take awhile...

2145 (JAP)

0845 (EDT)

Hi sweetheart, here I am again. Just got back from the movies in time to hear Kitty sing the song. I missed the request you sent from last night because the darn power went off. Sure made me mad...

...I have CQ again tomorrow night and I also have a request from you too. Sure hope they play it...

...Honey, Wayne Dodge went to Lockbourne and he has the same AFSC as me. That's what Fred told me anyhow. Yes we were awfully lucky compared to Fred and Dodge. Things were a lot rougher when they were here. I too hope that everything stays nice and peaceful and quiet. Me and about a million other guys. There is no use worrying about it because it won't help matters any...

...Well sweetheart, I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night while I'm on CQ. Please take good care of yourself and remember you are my whole life and love. May God Bless you always my darling and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

30 July 1954 (FRI)

1315 (JAP)

0015 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is Dai Jobu with my #1 gal this fine Korean afternoon. Your old daddy is okay and feeling pretty good. Gosh honey, I sure do feel lonely for you. Last night I dreamt that I was on the boat coming home. It made me feel real blue when I woke up and found out it wasn't true. One of these days it will be true and I won't be feeling blue. I hope we get a faster ship across the big pond this time. We were 17 days on the water with the other banana boat...

...Honey I have a money order enclosed here for you and it will be Sept. 1st's money. I'm sending it a month early because I didn't want to keep \$170.00 on my person from now until the time I take my R&R. I was going to keep July's extra \$50.00 and send home August's extra \$50.00. Instead I'm sending home July's and keeping August's. I will send \$100.00 more home, \$50.00 on Oct. 1st and \$ 50.00 on Nov. 1st. I expect to bring some home with me. Quite a bit in fact. I'll know exactly how much after I get my travel pay. I'll have to buy my plane ticket out of the total amount...

1930 (JAP)

0630 (EDT)

Hi sweetheart, here I am again on CQ We don't have any work tonight, but have several planes flying. There are quite a few clouds upstairs and today was a schosh bit cloudy too. It looks like we might we might have some rain tonight. I hope not...

...Honey I figured out how much money we will have to live off of when I get back to the states. It goes something like this:

A2/C	A1/C
\$107.02 Base pay	\$129.95 Base pay
4.25 Clothing Allow.	4.25 Clothing Allow.
77.10 Gov. Allot - 1 child	77.10 Gov. Allot. -1 child
33.00 Separate Rations	33.00 Separate Rations
\$221.37 Total	\$244.30 Total

If I made A1/C we would have about \$23.00 more a month. It isn't much but it sure would help, don't you agree? I think we will be able to get along on whatever we have. Things will be awful tight though...

...Honey your voice didn't sound funny on the tape recording. It sounded wonderful to me. I understand perfectly how you felt talking into the machine...

...Gosh darling that sure is wonderful that you were able to lose 3/4 lb. I realize how hard it is to keep your weight down while you are pregnant...

..."Mail from Home" is on right now and I hope they play my request tonight. They just read my name and are going to play 'I'm in the Mood' by Billy Eckstein. The announcer also said it was a very good idea to send the requests on an air mail postcard.

Well lover, I have a little work to do so will sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and may God Bless you and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

31 July 1954 (SAT)

1900 (JAP)

0600 EDT)

My dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 gal tonight. Your old papa-san is okay and feeling pretty good. I do feel a little blue though while I'm sitting here looking at your picture. Gosh I miss you so darn much.

Today sure was a busy one for me. I was relieved at 0800 this morning and came back to the tent. I laid down for about 2 hours, but didn't get much sleep. Got back up at 1000 to go down to the line for pay call. I was paid my usual \$80.00 and put \$60.00 away for my R&R. I'm trying a little experiment and see if I can get along on \$20.00. Just a little experiment. When I think of how you are doing without a lot of things at home, I figure I can cut things a little closer too. At least I can try anyhow...

...Well darling we have two new guys in the tent. They just got here today. Tony got teed off and moved next door. He said there was too much arguing in the tent and he was tired of it. I guess we did have a few arguments, but I figure it's healthy to argue a little, don't you agree?...

...The Far East hit parade was just on the air and our song was # 1 on it. I guess it is # 1 back in the states now. It sure should be darling because it is a beautiful ballad. There was an article in the June 27th American Weekly about Kitty and her song, but I forgot to cut it out and send it to you...

...Today there was a Wing Review for Colonel McCollum, CO of the 67th Tac. Recon. Wing. He is going home shortly and the review was in his honor. He was a pretty good Wing CO and I think he will be missed by quite a few people around here. I didn't have to march in it and didn't feel too bad about it. I'd rather lay around the tent anyhow. Ha! Ha!

My loafing was interrupted at about 3:00 because we had a mission come in. Everyone pushed the panic switch because they thought it was something. All it turned out to be was one for the army. I had to go down to the section and straighten everything out for the boys. Big wheel huh? Come to think of it though I'm one of the more experienced men we have down there. Kopel and I are just about the only two who know what's going on. We have to hit it-a-lick down at the section every now and then...

...Well darling another month of my tour is down the drain. In 6 more days, I'll start the downward slide and I hope that it goes as fast as the first part does. Gosh before we realize it old Feb. 6th will be right around the corner...

...Honey, I don't think Lt. Harrington will be too tough. I'm awfully sorry if I gave you the wrong opinion of him. He is a pretty good Joe. I don't mind working on Sunday once

every three weeks. I do miss Lt. Smith and wish he were back. I guess he is really painting Albuquerque red. He's from New Mexico. Remember radio station KOB?...

...Darling I've been thinking of our little one being a girl too. I wouldn't mind it either. We sure will love her. Just as long as everything is okay and you make out all right. That's my principle worry...

...Well darling, I think I'll sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow night while I'm on CQ. Please take care of yourself and remember you are my whole life and love. May God Bless you always and keep you in His care.

All my love
Your guy forever,
Boe



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Simpson Ed Shook

Podell Boe

1 Aug. 1954 (SUN)

1800 (JAP)

0500 (EDT)

My darling lover-gal,

Hi sweetheart! How is everything with my #1 wife this fine evening? Dai Jobu I hope. Your old daddy is okay...

...Well lover gal, I woke up this morning at 0900 and got ready for church. John B. and I went to church together and it was a pretty good sermon. I think the chaplain is leaving this month and we will probably be getting another one shortly.

After the service, we went to chow and had some #1 fried chicken for the noon meal. It sure was good...

...I'm down here at work again sweetheart with the pleasant duty of CQ. The only mission we had today I already have delivered. We have takusan planes up tonight, but I don't know if I will have anymore work to take care of.

Tomorrow is the day again. I meet the promotion board at 1:45 and am going to do my best as usual. There are about 24 of us going up, but I don't know how many openings there will be. The quotas haven't come down yet from Wing Headquarters. I'm not counting on it too much, but I sure am going to try...

...Tomorrow I'm going to mail the tape recording to you and I hope it doesn't sound too funny. I too felt a little nervous when I made it...

...Gosh sweetheart the sunset sure is pretty tonight and the sky is beautiful. Makes me feel like I ought to be elsewhere besides here...

...Amos and Andy are on the radio right now sweetheart and that program really keeps me in stitches. The Kingfish is trying to gyp Andy as usual. Sure is funny...

...Darling I think I told you this before but I've seen a picture of Kitty Kallen. So you don't have to bother to send one.

It is a shame about Spencer. I think he has gotten some mail since then but not too much. I have been checking the mail lately and haven't noticed any for him. I don't know how long they have been married because he doesn't talk much about it. So far Spencer has been the only one in the tent not to get a package. It's a doggone shame too...

...Sweetheart the base doesn't bother to purify our washing water. Just our drinking water. I think the reason for the shortage sometimes is because the pumps go out or something similar...

...Yes sweetheart, this tour away from home is going to help us love and respect each other a lot more. I sure will appreciate the USA a lot more too when I get home...

...I guess our baby is getting stronger every day from the way you speak. I'm sure glad it doesn't bother you. Speaking of babies, Steve hasn't heard from his wife yet. She is over a week due. He sure is getting anxious...

...Well sweetheart, I'm going to sign this off now. I'll write more tomorrow and tell you about the promotion board. Please take care of yourself and don't let anything get you down. May God Bless you always my darling and keep you in his care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

2 Aug 1954 (MON)

1745 (JAP)

0445 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi Sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my # 1 gal this fine? Korean evening. Your old dad is Dai Jobu and feels pretty good. Did I say fine Korean evening? It's been raining all day long, not hard, but just steady. The sky looks like it's going to clear off and maybe the rain will stop. I sure hope so sweetheart. Gosh honey I'm sitting here looking at your picture and sure wish I could be home...

...I didn't go to chow last night because I didn't feel too good. I went to bed about 10:30 and slept straight through and about 6:45 old faithful Chris came down to wake me up for chow. After chow I came back to the tent and sacked out until 11:30.

Chris and I went to chow and we had some #1 pork chops. Sure tasted good. Then I came back and got ready for the promotion board. At 1:45 it was the zero hour for me. I honestly don't know how the board can pick a man for promotion. I was only in there for 5 or 6 minutes and they didn't ask too much. To tell you the truth I think they know who is to be made before a person even goes in there. I guess we'll just have to wait and see again. The board, to me, seems to be just a formality...

...Gee sweetheart, these two new guys in the tent are starting to say "I hate this blankety-blank place already and they haven't been here a week. They flew over and therefore have almost 11 whole months to their MOT. They get forecast in January 1955 and that's when I speaksayonara to this place. One of them said "i'll be glad to see you leave". I said "you aren't the only one pal" and that ain't hay either...

...Steve finally got the good news today. His wife gave birth to a baby girl on the 31st and he got the wire in two days. He sure felt relieved because she was about 10 days late. I sure will feel the same way when I hear from you...

...I am due for guard again soon and will probably have it coming Friday or Saturday. Sure it doesn't rain that night. Last time in the rain was enough for me. It rained steadily for 5 hours...

...2145

Just came back from the movies. We saw "The Siege of Red River" with Van Johnson and Joanne Dru. It was a typical horse opera and wasn't too bad. It helped to pass the time away for awhile...

...The PX is back to normal again. It hired some more Koreans and things seem to be going pretty smooth. It sure is a shame they can't be trusted...

...Yes hon, I think it is a real good idea about the new processing plan. It will save me some time and I can be on my way home in a few hours...

...Well lover gal, I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow nite. Please take care of yourself and remember I love you very much. May God Bless you always.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

4 Aug 1954 (WED)

1700 (JAP)

0400 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! How is everything with my # 1 gal tonight? Okay I hope. Your old daddy is okay this evening but a little blue and mad too. The promotion orders came out today and as usual my name wasn't on them. I'm beginning to wonder what a person has to do around here to make a promotion. Time-in-grade doesn't mean anything it seems like because two of the guys who made it only had 10 and 12 months a piece. As usual the Communications Shop got 4 out of the 8 this time. One of the master sergeants on the board is from the Comm. Shop. Figures don't it? In April, they got 3 out of the 4 openings. I don't know sweetheart, maybe it's me. I sure try hard enough, but that doesn't seem to be enough. Only have 2 more chances to meet the board before I leave this place. Before long you're liable to start thinking that you married an 8-ball or something. I just don't know anymore. Sure gets mighty discouraging after a while. Oh well enough said about that...

...Here I am down on CQ again and as usual there's no work to do. It's been cloudy all day and threatening rain. We haven't had any photo missions all week. Sure is lonely down here...

...One more day to our anniversary sweetheart and then I can open the gift. Then it will be only be 35 more days until our little bundle from heaven is due to arrive. That will be the happiest moment in my life to hear that everything is okay with you and that you and the baby are doing fine...

...Johnny and I were going to have a little celebration tomorrow night, but now I don't feel much like it. This darn promotion deal has soured me on any good times for a while...

...Darling, I think it would be best if just you, Pop and the baby met me at the airport. That way there won't be a lot of confusion. I don't know how everyone would be able to get to the airport and at what time of night it would be...

...Right now the darn sky is starting to cloud up and we are liable to have some rain.

The Han

River is rising again and is supposed to reach a crest of 20 ft. I guess K-16 will be visiting us again before too long.

Well lover gal, I'm going to sign this off and will write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and remember that you are my whole life and love. May God Bless you always darling.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

5 Aug. 1954 (Thurs.)

1800 (JAP)

0500 (EST)

My dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! How is everything with my #1 wife tonight? Okay I hope. Your old papasan is okay tonight, but I haven't quite gotten over the promotion board deal. It's under my skin and I can't seem to think too kindly of the situation. I guess I'll get over it before too long so please don't worry about me.

Well sweetheart today sure was a sweltering hot day and very humid also. It was almost unbearable around here. Too hot to sleep, too hot to eat, too hot for almost anything at all. I was relieved this morning at 0800 and came back up to the area to sleep, but just couldn't. Honestly darling, what I wouldn't give right now to be back in good old South Dakota with the Indians and the tourists. This place don't show me shit to say the least. Thank goodness half of my tour is over and I sure hope the other half goes as fast...

...We had those darn collateral training lectures again today and I went to the 1:15 session. We had a lecture on Rumors and one on Radiation. The lecturer on Rumors explained to us the types of rumors. He also said not to believe anything until you see the orders come down which I agree with whole heartedly. The guy who gave us the lecture on Radiation and its effects was pretty good. He was referring of course to the atomic bomb...

...Tomorrow night I have the old duty again. The Provost Marshal has come up with the deal that we have to spend the whole night at the guard house. Both shifts have to stay there. After the first shift is relieved they have to sleep there. The second shift has to stay there until they go on duty. So sweetheart I'll have to write my daily letter to you before I go over there...

...Well lover, I'm going to sign this off now. I'll write more tomorrow before going on guard duty. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the whole world to me. May God

Bless you darling...

All my love,

Your guy forever, Boe

6 Aug. 1954 (Fri)

1130 (JAP)

2230 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi Sweetheart! How are things with my #1 wife this fine Korean afternoon? Your old papa-san is okay but a schosh bit warm. Today is going to be another scorcher. There is a schosh breeze blowing every now and then, but I don't know how long it is going to last. This weather these past few days has been like that which you are having at home darling and I can truly appreciate what you are going through...

...Man is it getting hot. I just came back from taking a nice cold shower. It made me feel a little better, but not too much. I'm sitting here in my BVDs writing this to you and sweating like I don't know what all. It does get a little cooler at night and one blanket feels pretty comfortable.

Some of the boys were having a water battle to try to keep cool. I guess it helped some. They tried to wet me when I came from the shower, but I ran...

...I sure would like to sink my teeth into some home grown tomatoes. You say that they were some pretty nice ones huh! What did Pop use on them? A little honey maybe? Ha! Ha!...

...Honey if I get back into Recce Tech when I get back to the states, where I can start working as a Cartographer, I will try to get a job like that on the outside. I want to think a lot about it before i jump. Being over here a year isn't helping me too much because I'm away from Cartography. I still might want to go to night school after I get out. Honey I don't know how to explain it to you, but while I'm over here, all I'm constantly thinking about is coming home...

...Thanks a lot for the clipping on K-16. I'm glad to see that you get a little news in the paper about what is happening over here besides what I tell you in my letters.

Well darling I'm going to sign off for awhile and get ready for guard mount briefing. I'll write more later on this evening.

1700

Last night on "Mail from Home" those jerks didn't play my request. It sure burned me up and I felt so blue because of it. They will probably play it tonight while I'm on guard.

Well lover gal I guess I'll sign off now. Please take care of yourself and remember that you mean the whole wide world to me. May God Bless you always and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

7 Aug. 1954 (Sat.)

1320 (JAP)

0020 (EDT)

My darling mama-san,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my #1 gal this fine Korean afternoon. Your old daddy is Dai Jobu except he's a schosh bit warm. We are in the midst of a hot and humid spell and now I can well appreciate what you have been going through at home. I guess the heat is really bothering you and I feel so sorry for you. I guess being pregnant isn't going to help matters any either darling. The weather here is exactly like good old Baltimore...

...Well sweetheart, I had the old duty last night and was assigned post 20 on the second shift. To tell you the truth sweetheart with this new setup they have, I'd almost rather have the second shift. The first shift, after they pull their 5 hours, usually don't get to sleep until about 1:00 and they don't get much sleep on those darn old cots. Then they are woke up at 5:00 to clean up the guard house. When the second shift is relieved at 5:15 or thereabouts, they can come back to their own tents and sack out.

That post sure is a lonely one. It's right at the north end of the runway in the middle of a rice paddy. When the base was extended, the engineers ran the fence right through the rice paddy. There is a narrow built up path that you have to walk on while walking the post. I used some of the mosquito repellent you sent and it sure keep the bugs away. They sure were thick last night. The paddies are wonderful for breeding the little pests.

2100(JAP)

Here I am again on CQ down at the section. Kopel and I just finished giving a couple of the new boys, Raines and Kramer, a little OJT on plotting. They caught on to it pretty fast. This is the first chance that I had to start this letter again.

There is another water shortage on the base due to the filter beds at Seoul being flooded by the Han River. We haven't had any water to wash in since this morning and don't know when we will have some. Sure hope it doesn't last very long because of the hot weather...

...Oh sweetheart, I sure am sorry to hear that you haven't been able to sleep because of the weather. I don't mind you complaining about it. After all that is what we are here for to comfort each other...

...Yes honey, old Syngman was just shooting off his mouth about the truce being void, but I don't think there is anything to get shook up about. If we get pulled out of here, I'm liable to get extended for a couple of months. It would be based on a percentage. For every month served in Korea, I would get a month and 1/2 credit for Japan since the tour is 18 months. I too hope and pray that the fighting doesn't start again...

...I guess our baby is getting real strong now and is almost ready to arrive. I can imagine what a funny feeling it gives you sometimes sweetheart...

...It's almost chow time hon and I'm a schosh bit hungry tonight. Sure do like that midnight chow.

Well lover gal, I guess I'll sign this off now. I'll write more tomorrow night. Please take care of yourself and remember you mean the whole world to me. May God Bless you always my dearest and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

8 Aug. 1954 (Sun)

1830 (JAP)

0530 (EDT)

Dearest lover gal,

Hi sweetheart! How is my #1 wife this fine Korean evening? Dai Jobu I hope. Your old papa-san is okay, but a little disgusted this evening. I'll tell you why. I had John Bissett's camera and only 2 more shots to go. Spence wanted to borrow the camera today to go to town and I told him okay if he would finish the roll for me. He said okay. Well hon, he and some of the boys went to town in the jeep and he finished off the roll for me. They locked up the jeep, but Spence left my film in the glove compartment. When they came back to the jeep, the roll of film was gone. Some Korean probably stole it. Spence sure was sorry about it and said he would give me another roll. What makes me mad though is I had some darn nice shots on the roll. Oh well that's the breaks...

...Well sweetie I was relieved this morning at 0845 because Miozza overslept. I had to come up to the area to wake him up. The water was turned on again this morning, thank goodness, and I took a shower and shaved. Then John B. and I went to church. We had a substitute chaplain and the sermon was a little hard to follow. I have to admit that I didn't get too much out of it...

...Sweetheart, I'm going to sign off for awhile and go to the show with Nick. I'll write more when I come back.

2145 (JAP)

Hi darling! Here I am again. Just came back from the movies where Johnny and I saw Bob Hope in "Casanova's Big Night". It was a good show and full of laughs. It was really something to take our minds off of our problems...

...Right now, I'm sitting on the bed under the netting. The bugs are terrible tonight and this is the only way that I can keep from being pestered by them. It's a little uncomfortable, but I don't mind it in the least. As long as I'm writing to my gal is all that matters...

..."Mail from Home" is playing the anniversary request for me honey and they played "No Other Love" by Julius LaRoza. They are only 3 days late, but better late than never. He said it was for our 4th wedding anniversary...

...I didn't do much today because it was a schosh bit warm. I laid outside between the tents and slept on the cot most of the afternoon. The tents are too hot inside to stay in very long. Too bad we can't sleep outside because of the bugs...

...Don't worry about the tape recording of the ball game sweetheart. I get to hear an Oriole game every now and then on the game of the day. Thanks anyhow for thinking about it...

...Well lover gal, I'm going to sign off for now. I'll have CQ tomorrow night and will write more then. Please take care of yourself and remember I love you so darn much. May God Bless you always my love and keep you in His care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

9 Aug. 1954 (Mon)

2045 (JAP)

0745 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! I sure hope everything is okay with you this evening. Your old daddy is working pretty hard tonight, otherwise I feel okay. It is a schosh bit warm down here. Gosh I miss you hon so darn much. Everyday seems to be a little bit more. This is going to be a very short letter because I have a lot of work to do. I'm going to sign off for awhile now. I'll write more later.

1115 (10 Aug. 1954) Tues.

Hi lover gal, here I am late again. I just got off work. Gosh I sure am sorry that I didn't get to finish this last night. I was awful busy. We had takusan missions to work on. I stayed down at the section until 1100 working on them...

...Yesterday was another one of those lazy ones. I just laid on the cot outside and read and listened to the radio. There was a pretty interesting article in Argosy about Thule Air Force Base. That place is rough and the tour of duty is only 12 months. The living conditions are a lot better than here, but it sure is a lot colder...

...Hon, on Sunday night, I was talking to a guy in Chub's squadron who just got here from Rapid. He was in the 8th's photo lab. He was giving me a little gossip from Rapid. My old friend? Moehring was due to come over here to Korea, but he got out of it because his wife is pregnant. He will be eligible again around December. Also Duhamel now owns KOTA. He bought it from the Black Hills Broadcasting Co. Truman Walrod and KRSD are being sued because they made some remarks about one of the local politicians. Also a Sioux Falls Co. has the franchise for a TV station in Rapid. There are supposed to be some more boys from Rapid (8th) coming over the Far East. Also 8th is supposed to be at Westover by March of '55. That's a crock of s - - t if I ever heard one. Enough of that...

...There was a USO show at the Rice Bowl yesterday, but I didn't go because it was too hot...

...I went to work last night at 1700 and worked steadily up until chow time. Will probably have to go to work again tonight...

...Well lover gal, I know this is a short letter, but I want to catch the last mail pickup. I'll write more tonight. Please take care of your self and remember you mean the world to me. May god
Bless you always.

All my love,
your guy forever,
Boe

10 Aug. 1954 (Tues.)

1430 (JAP)

0130 (EDT)

My dearest little mama-san,
Hi sweetheart! I hope this letter finds everything okay with you this fine hot Korean afternoon. Your old daddy is okay but a schosh bit warm...

...Right now I'm sitting outside on the cot under the tent flaps and listening to Radio Moscow on Chris' radio. Boy what a crock of s - - t. They are broadcasting in English. Oops they changed frequencies and I believe I I lost it. I also had the voice of America station on too from California.....

...Honey the reason why I'm writing now is because I might have to go to work this evening and I don't want to get behind in my letter writing...

...Well sweetheart after today, you start into the ninth month. This is the month that I'm going to start sweating. It's only natural and I sure will be a very relieved person when I get the wire saying that you, especially you, and the baby are okay. I know you will feel a lot more relieved too sweetheart. Honey I'm going to sign off for awhile to take a shower. I'll write more later on.

1600 (JAP)

Well hon, there are another bunch of guys leaving here in a day or two. Their MOT's are the 30th of August and they will be leaving a few days early. Fifteen at least. That seems to be a good sign. I sure hope so anyhow.

I'm going to wait until it gets a little cooler before I do anymore photo work down at the lab. The dark room is so darn hot on days like this and there isn't too much ventilation...

...We were supposed to have a little rain, but so far there is none in sight. The only trouble around here is that we get too much rain...

...I'm going to sign off again for a little while. I want to go to chow and also buzz down to the section.

2030(JAP)

0730 (EDT)

Hi sweetheart, here I am again. Just came back from the section where we got a mission out in a hurry. It wasn't too hard either. I forgot to tell you this, but while I was down there this morning, Lt. Harrington treated everyone to a big cup of ice cream. He seems to be a pretty good Joe after you get to know him. Lt. Cummings is TDY to Japan, but he should be back mosh schosh...

...Yes hon, those Korean postage stamps are made pretty cheaply. Just like a lot of things they make. They sure do have some gyp deals too...

...I don't know how old Ro really is. I still think he is about 10 or 12 but he claims to be 19. I don't know...

...I'll make you a little diagram of the tent area. Sure hope you can understand it. The darn lights went out for a second time this evening and I'm having a little trouble with the candle...

...Yes sweetheart, I know that old Syngman is shaking things up back in the states. If he starts anything the UN will pull out and I don't think he wants that to happen. No one over here seems to be too shookup over his talking. Don't worry about it...

...Sweetheart, I'm going to sign off now and write more tomorrow. The bugs are driving me crazy and we don't have any aerosol bombs. Please take good care of yourself and remember you mean the world to me. May God Bless you sweetheart and keep you in his care.

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

11 Aug. 1954 (Wed.)

1515 (JAP)

0215 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! How is everything with my #1 gal this fine Korean afternoon? Dai Jobu I hope. Your old daddy is okay today except I feel a little lonely. Sitting here looking at your picture while I'm writing sure does give me the urge to hustle on home. This month is going by pretty fast and before we both realize it, our little bundle from heaven will have arrived. That's all that has been on my mind lately sweetheart is you and the baby. It won't be long now and I sure will be relieved. I know you will be too dearest. Well sweetheart, I woke up this morning at 5:00 PM with the rain hitting me in the face. I had to get up and run outside to put the tent flaps down. It rained pretty hard until 1000 and then it got hot again. The weather forecast is for more rain this afternoon and from the looks of the sky, we are liable to have some.

Honey, I don't remember whether I told you this or not, but we are having another squadron party on Friday, 13 Aug. and it will be another steak and beer affair. It cost \$2.00 each which is pretty reasonable. The steaks were #1 at the last one and should be pretty good again...

...We had some pretty good fish in the mess hall today at noon. The chow has been pretty good lately although sometimes it gets pretty bad. I guess they do the best they can with what they have, so there's no use complaining...

...R&R's have been temporarily canceled again. I sure hope I'll be able to get one next month because I want to send the gifts home in time for Christmas...

...I'm going to sign off for awhile and go to chow. I'll write more when I come back.

2000(JAP)

Hi darling, here I am again. Been shooting the bull with a bunch of the boys about stateside bases and everything. I sure hope that I get a good assignment where there is adequate housing for us...

...Right now I'm sitting on the edge of the bed under the net with a pillow on my lap and writing this. I have my desk lamp on the bench. Sure is cozy and the bugs can't get to me either...

...Well hon only about 30 more days until the big event. The time sure has flown by. It seems like only yesterday that I got the special delivery letter at Parks giving me the good news.

Some of the new guys in the squadron are pulling guard for the first time tonight. They all feel a little nervous about it, but I guess it's only natural at first. They'll get over it mosh schosh.

Well darling, I'm going to sign this off now and do a little reading. I'll write more tomorrow night on CQ. Please take care of yourself and remember that you are my whole life. May God Bless you always my love.

All my love,
Your guy forever & ever,
Boe

12 Aug. 1954 (THURS)

1830 (JAP)

0530 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi gal! I hope everything is okay with my #1 sweetheart this fine Korean evening. Your old papa-san is feeling pretty good this evening.

I just finished taking a nice shower. We have an ingenious device rigged up in the back of the photo lab. There is a big tank that supplies our lab with water. We hooked up a piece of hose to one of the faucets in the lab, ran it outside, then punched holes in a small can to use for a shower nozzle. It works wonderful darling and we always have water down here. Of course the water is a bit cool, but we don't mind that too much. In fact, I'm beginning to enjoy a cold shower more and more especially while the weather is still warm...

...Well sweetheart, I have the duty of CQ again tonight. Today was pretty cloudy so there weren't any photo missions. So this gives me a chance to write my daily to you before the bugs start to plague me. The way the bunk is set up down here, I can't retreat to the haven of the mosquito netting and write. Therefore when I'm working, I have to get all of my letter writing done early...

... It was a schosh bit warm last night. I had planned to go to collateral training this morning, but had to go this afternoon instead. It only lasted for 45 minutes this time instead of the usual 1-1/2 hours and we didn't have to sit through the movie for a change. One of the the lectures was on reenlisting and was it a laugh. The only thing that would ever make me reenlist would be a depression and then I wouldn't do it without talking the situation over with you. That darn 4 years reserve obligation worries me a little when I think of it...

...I'll be back in a schosh. I want to run up to the snack bar. Here I am again. Got back from the snack bar with a big bag of popcorn. We get about twice as much for a dime as we used to get at Rapid...

...I remember now that you met Podell at Rapid on the night before we left. I guess you were a little shook up darling, but you behaved wonderfully and I love you dearly for it. Tootsie, I guess was more shook up than you were, but that was Steve's fault. He thought that he could get out of any of them. He sure got screwed on that Japan deal too. That's the breaks of the Far East...

...Gosh darling, I sure do appreciate you standing up in the hot kitchen to bake me some cookies. You are so sweet and wonderful. I wouldn't trade you for the world...

...Well lover, I'm going to sign off now. I'll write more tomorrow afternoon. We are having a party tomorrow evening and I might not feel too much like writing at night if you know

what I mean. I will take it easy. Please take care of yourself darling and remember you mean the world to me. May God Bless you always,

All my love,
Your guy forever,
Boe

13 Aug. 1954 (FRI)

1545 (JAP)

0245 (EDT)

My darling wife,

Hi sweetheart! I hope everything is okay with my #1 gal this fine warm Korean afternoon. Your old daddy is okay but a schosh bit warm and sweating too. It was about 96 degrees today and with the humidity, it feels like 196 degrees...

...Well sweetheart, today is the day of the squadron party. Its supposed to start in about 45 minutes and I haven't even gotten 2 pages written. I promise you hon that I will finish this tonight no matter what happens. I'm going to sign off now and will finish it later.

2155(JAP)

Hi sweetheart, well here I am. Just came back from the squadron party and believe it or not I'm cold sober. I'm about the only one too. It was pretty nice this time, but the steaks weren't as good as last time. They weren't too bad though. The beer was plenty cold this time and sure hit the spot. I think it was well worth the \$2.00...

...Don't worry about the money situation on my R&R. I'll make out okay. I don't have any intention of spending all of the \$170.00 though.

Honey I'm going to sign this off now and go to the show. I'll write more tomorrow. Please take care of yourself and remember I love you madly. May God Bless you always my love.

All my love,

Your guy forever,

Boe

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