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Dec. 15th - 44
This is Fri. nite.

Dearest Sweetheart & Darling:

Ki! Honey: how are you quite
my sweet. It is about 11:30 P.M. I
suppose you are slumbering away
in your bunk. I wish I was there
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on your lips. I hardly know what
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I would stay awhile, don't you think.
Say, how how big are those bunks. I
have been dreaming of being down
there with you, I just wondered if
there was enough room for the
two of us on one bunk. It seems
that I can see you so plain in
all my dreams and "harnit" when
I wake up you aren't here. Man
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to be here on the other side of

that bed when I awake. You
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way I sleep. When I crawl in
I just draw back the covers on
the one side and when I lay
down I just curl up in one
bundle. I don't stretch out my legs
as it is too darn cold down there.
Well anyway when Judy & I make
the bed it doesn't take us so long.
She always has to be right there
helping me. When I put that
pillow on the bed she says "Daddy
pillow." When we have you right in
the middle of our dresser, looking
right at us. Every time I looked
thru that "Lator", I think I see
you in any number of those group
pictures! Donnie always asks, "Where
is daddy in that book?" It is a
very nice book. That is my newspaper.
I am more interested in that

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Now, how did that letter turn
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in trouble. Is you s'pose, or what.
I told Mopine I bet you were
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Willing that I may have
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once again when you come home from
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and kisses that anyone could get. Write
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They sure have a lot of songs about love, and all about the things that go with it but they still don't know the real feelings about all that unless one is separated from one you love so very much. But if one loves a person that much one should be able to carry on bravely, and try to do one's best to keep things a going and honey I want to do just that and I want to make you as happy as I can, thru my letters and if mental telepathy works, you should feel me rite along side of you all the time, because regardless of where I go around in this house there is a sort of memory to every room, or place. here is where Bill used to come behind me and put his arms around me and say, "Hi hon!! Sometimes when I come back after being out home, I almost expect you to be here in the house I just think of you so much. The first thing

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