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Still my second day at work didn't go so very bad, except that for about an hour afterwards I can still hear the noise. I suppose when I get used to it it won't be too bad.

Are you getting used to the army or I should say is the army getting used to you? I don't think that training will hurt you very much. Maybe tonight Bancroft will talk to you in something which could be used after the duration.

I got your separation papers from the Coca Cola Co and also a receipt paid of the amount of victory tax you which can be deducted from your 1944 income tax. The amount was $22.80. So I shall put those in safety deposit box along with the other things you told me to put in.

I have signed up for them to
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So you see, Darling, I'm going to be
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It sure was swell of Bill & Dolly
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I'm so glad I went. I enjoyed being with
you even if you did have a few things
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When I came home today from work, I sat down and three days' papers. I didn't get a chance to even look at a paper since Saturday. So I caught up on my reading.

Oh yes I forgot to tell you. I bought a "mike" today at the shop, it costs 6.75 and they take it out of two pay. But you see I had to have it to work on the hackies I inspect (whatever they are). That's all right with you isn't it sweeter? They said I can always sell it if I take a notion to quit. Also they are hard to get and it just happened they had some on hand, otherwise I'd have to keep borrowing from the girls which I hate to do.

I had a card from Chuck today. A bit of encouragement, telling me to keep my chin up, which of course I'm doing for my dearest soldier boy whom I love.
Darling, if you get this before my birthday, do you know what I would like more than anything else in the world, would be for you to call me up. Of course reverse the changes. I’ll be home all evening waiting for it. To hear your dear voice would mean more to me than all the riches in the world. But if you can’t do it, don’t worry darling. I’ll understand because I shall know that you want to do it just as bad as I want you to.

I love you so very much darling as you know, but I’m getting along swell. So don’t you worry, honey. I really like my job and I work with an awfully nice bunch of girls.

Take care of yourself, sweetheart and write when you can — all my love.

P.S. Remember to look for the numbers on the envelopes.
May 19, 1943,

Darling,

What luck we had last night on the way home. We were skinning along as nicely when all of a sudden Viola got sick. We had to stop the car and she got out and threw up. I guess she always gets car sick. Skinny said if they drive more than 50 miles she is sick. And she just loves to go too. Well any way that isn't all. When we got to Skinny's mother's house to pick up the baby we discovered we had a flat tire so Skinny had to change the tire. It's a good thing you keep that span full of air. (we have to remember to do that) So we had a jolly old time. But it was all worth it to go out to see you.
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