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## 1951-05-11, Joseph to Dorothy

Dorothy Page

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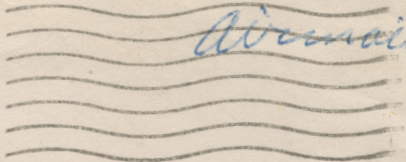
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I put away <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup> on yesterday's  
letter but it was the 40<sup>th</sup>

May 11, 51

Dearest Dorothy,

Today I got 2 more  
"single reports" from  
you, since is heading to  
the mail from you I'm  
still in the same place  
doing the same thing  
we still get our daily  
roll of wire, we are getting  
to be reports at it now.

They had some shooting  
out in front of us but  
we don't know if it'll get  
worse or not.

I went down to the trucks  
yesterday and took a shower  
but it sure wasn't worth  
it. They didn't have clean  
clothes and I liked to die  
climbing back up this high  
hill from now on it'll

be strictly PTA baths for  
me. We've got a little spring  
close by and that keeps us  
drinking water and "wash  
wash" water.

No, I still didn't get any  
medals or awards for bravery  
or valor and sure don't  
hope to be around to get any.  
They say all you have to  
do is be in the right  
place at the right time  
with the right people  
watching to get those  
things. Come to think of  
it this Noel Brown that  
lives up toward Wjfl  
got a silver star. That  
is a high grade award  
just one grade below the  
(DSC) distinguished service cross.  
He is a live brother or nephew.  
Now I don't want you to  
worry about me with any  
red heads. The only women

around here are these filthy porcans and we used to have young heifers back home with more sex appeal than these women have. Sometimes a woman will be walking along with a spot on ~~her~~ her head and her titties will be sticking just as nice as can be, but it is still nothing to get excited about.

Well now I've got the picture cleared up anyway I knew you had to be the cutest one on there but just didn't dare guess wrong you really are the cutest one on there, there's no doubt about it. Of course you still have the rest of the

family beat for looks  
yet and always will. You  
think I'm shooting you  
a line but honestly I'm not!  
(you spelled "quiet" wrong)  
(you spelled it quite.)

Just that I'd mention if  
for the heck of it.

you'd done got that fudge  
late on time. I can always  
argue the point with any  
body here that you make  
better fudge than their  
winds or sweetheart's can  
you really can't. I know  
I'm getting a good Cook, house  
keeper and pet all in one  
when I get you.

you really must have some  
whoppers of dreams to be  
ashamed of them and have  
to be married before they  
are okay. I'd like to sit  
in on one once just to  
see what they are all about.

all I can seem to dream about is getting hit by shins and stuff like that. once in a while I dream I'm home but I always dream that I'm just going to leave for far away places. Can't seem to get you in the picture at all but it can't be that I don't think about you because I sure do. But I say, you really must have some good ones huh??

Guess it ain't such a bad idea numbering each letter that way, but you've truly can't keep up with the date let alone what number he put on the last letter besides I keep forgetting to put it on in the first place

forgetful aren't I???

I don't see why you should be scared when you are up in the house by yourself. You don't know how safe you are over there. Now take like if you were here on a moon less site and you don't know if that's a bird rustling or what coming up the hill. What's more when you started imagining I was there with you, I bet you were still just as scared huh? This is the night that you were in the house alone, that I'm talking about.

The boys had a fire going now so guess I'll heat some chop chop. Let's see shall we have beans with frankfurter chunks and tomato sauce with



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a side kick of Jam and  
crackers. Delicious simply  
Delicious. I get so I can heat  
them things just right.  
don't get any ideas now  
little girl, I'm still not  
a cook and don't want  
to be. We eat these Creations  
when we are on the line  
or when we are in the kitchen  
can't get the food to us.

Everything comes in  
cans. There is corned beef  
hash (no good) Chicken and  
vegetable (no good) beef stew,  
(no good) all sorts of beans  
with pork, meat, frankfurters  
and ham and lima beans. They  
are all pretty good. then there  
is ham burger, sausage patties,  
and a few others. then there  
are cans with crackers, Jam

cookies coffee, sugar dried  
milk, cocoa and candy, there  
is 3 of the heavys and 3 of  
the cans with the crackers  
and etc. in each days ration  
also a can of fruit, a pack  
of cigarettes and plastic spoons  
really quite the way to  
eat. We always try and  
get the ones with the  
good heavy ones in them  
I'll be able to get along  
good on just canned food  
when I get home.

I'm still using the  
ball point that I bought  
in Stoneham. I was  
afraid I'd break the one  
from you so I left it  
on the trailer in my  
bag. It slips on a regular  
rock pile but so long as  
on a pen would it make  
much difference.

Well all I've been doing

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while writing, is reading  
over your last letter. It is  
the only way I can pick  
writing stuff.

Guess I'm almost untwined  
now tho so may as well  
close for now.

Now don't you go worrying  
about those red heads any  
more I'm always thinking  
about you waiting for me  
and I'll be so glad when the  
time finally comes when  
we can be togeth - always  
and I don't think I will  
leave you home when my  
next furlough is up.

If I can get stationed in  
Cp McCoy Wis or Ft Custer  
Michigan I'd really have  
it made.

I should be home in Nov

if not before that. There  
are a quite few of the old  
men leaving this company  
now and if that keeps  
up I should be out of  
here on time. Only  $3\frac{1}{2}$   
months and I'm due to  
leave. Maybe we can get  
Maryild before Loucille  
has her baby at that.

Whenever the lieutenant  
starts talking army to  
me I feel like resenting  
but when I hear these  
reservists complain, I  
want out right away  
quick. Well we won't worry  
about that yet will we?

Goodnite for <sup>not</sup> Starling  
remember I love you  
more than ever and  
miss you so much.  
You're doing a swell job.  
In writing, keep it up.  
Your lonesome soldier  
Dal