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Dear Margaret:

This is the only sheet
of writing paper I have, so my trunk
has not been cleaned yet. But I
must write you about my first
statement about rooms next mo. I had
made no reservation. They aren't
worth much anyhow and are often
a nuisance. But since had my
ward made — at least as far.

At first I was manufacturing
and believed I would be put up
in barracks without paying
any commutation of quarters money.
If I engaged a room in the
Officer's barracks — a room
about eight feet wide & ten with
in view set in it and a window (tho,
one small window & one chair &
a few nails in the wall. Later I
found I was not entitled to room there

unless I had previous notice, ~~the~~
I had not. So I went out in
search of a room. I happened
out to stay in the City. I happened
at Sheldon Hotel in two

and we met the new
businessmen - finally he invited
me to find occupancy a cot in his
room (shared by another set of
roommate) and learned that
there would be a room for
next in the house of a Dr. Smith
on Saturday. ~~to~~ All the
rooms in a long list had been
rented. So I went out then
~~out~~ on the street cars and
found an elegant large
brown house overlooking the
bay - a very modern and
elaborate residence. I asked
about the room and Mrs. B.
told me it opened off a
sleeping porch and a bathroom.
I walked out of house, it was
in front of house, it was

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asked ~~them~~ ^② what she would charge. She would have to charge \$25 for two persons a \$20 for one, but month. So of course I took her up at once, and ~~if~~ if nothing happens I will be occupying elegant quarters in a house overlooking the sea instead of the dingy building some rooms away over in. But, honestly, dear Sweetheart, I don't see much what I see in when I am alone.

In week I joined the Officers mess. I thought it would be a little more like military life, and it was well recommended. It will cost me a trifle over a dollar a day, but will give me three meals a day with standing food. There is white bread, and everything else that there wouldn't like to have no more. But I suppose in an all round it is superior. Perhaps they will soon have to give up sympathy at breakfast. Well, I'm an abundant. The hell is negro orders working under a regimen with a lieutenant(?)

never

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Speaking of women account, Prof. Henry
showed me a Berkeley clipping about the whole
Weber family, about 5 of them, mentioning the
court to change their names to Wayman in
order to talk of the woman's name. (Pete
Weber almost has a woman account now,
hasn't he? I wonder this reproduction

of accounts as a sort of dream's
maker a bit with me, and I think the
name they have chosen sounds foolish.
But if they want it, I hope they get it. They
must be very unhappy.

I hope that the nearly perfect is
much better, and really happy. I know
that you wonderful mother will make
every comfort and protection to dear little
Bertha, and I wish I were a snake to
relieve you from some of the acute
pain that that same mother love brings
in the presence of Bertha's discomfort.
I shall anxiously await further word. How
Margaret, how much you want to all of
see! Don't you realize how much we
love you?

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W hen I saw Cumming in S.F. he was captain, when I saw him first in New Port News he was major, and to-day ~~it is~~ is wearing the other leaves of ~~distinction~~ of Colonel. And now like Major Sims, in the army equally they are only majors! It says to me a friend dragging me along after him, Cumming to apparently right hand man to Lynch in matters of general sanitation.

Henric is captain & helping the major. I believe ~~Colonel~~ Lynch has recommended his promotion.

It has been raining heavily to-day. This evening I had no convenient place to walk so I saw a movie after supper entitled

"Tongan of the Isles", an African jungle story about a man whose heart died in infancy and who was brought up by a female ape and became very beautiful, etc. Ultimately he marries an American beauty. Naturally this ends requisite several steps between

Dean Margaret, I have thought of you much to-day. I wish you were here to counsel (over)

