

June 23

Dear ones -

Nothing special today - pretty busy at this time of the month. Reading Anatole France's "Curiosities of Courmel" - very good so far. Last night, I had a long talk with Ned - he has a very good head on his shoulders; he is well read. He is very determined in everything he undertakes - whether it be his medicine or his social philosophy. We talked until after midnight - he did most of the talking. He is no person who will not let the deadening routine of the army swamp him and carry him away - he is using this period to good advantage with study and thought. A very interesting person to have as a tentmate - to say the least.

I am all caught up in my mail. This morning I got your letter of the 6th, Helen baby. Duffy's birthday came in an auspicious day. I stand for Duffy; he must be a fat, happy, carefree, old, happy puppy by this time. Thank goodness you are now especially in the society and all the related problems we can't avoid. I am sure you did a good job as the tract mistress at the

banquet. and you certainly are continuing all
your activities on a grand scale - even if algebra
isn't your strong point!

and that sort of cross thing for today -
I fear the reports will keep me busy through
the end of the week - first time I've really
had something to do for a long time. The
rest of the program goes on as usual - the
food continues to be exceptionally good.

Gradually I am beginning to associate names
with the respective faces and to make friends.
You must understand that a service command
is unlike a company - they do more officers
of captain & better around - so it seems -
than they are lieutenants. and my standards -
especially with the acute entertainment problem
here - for my close friends are necessarily going
to remain very high. I am grateful that I
combine a sociability with the ability to be
self-sufficient.

oh for now -
2nd, Jimmy