Monday Nite
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Letter #88

My Darling Wife.

This has been a very busy day for me. As you know, they got me out of the sack early this morning for a trip to Aden. We got there about 3 o'clock this afternoon. They loaded my ship and turned me right around for Khartoum again — a total of about eleven hours in the air today, so you can imagine I'm pretty tired. I have just taken a shower now and I'm ready for bed, but I must talk to my baby before hitting the sac.

Aden is really one deserted place now. Just a few people left there & no beds furniture or nothing, so in that respect, I'm glad I did not have to stay there over nite. Tomorrow

will finish Aden and all will be evacuated.

There was no mail here when I got back tonight, so no letter from my Darling.

I left Lee in Aden. They were loading his ship and he hopes to get back tonight, too.

There are some very high mountains between here and Aden (the little bumps they call it) I don't like flying over mountains, so I'm glad that job is finished.

I had lots of trouble getting my ship back tonight — mechanical trouble. I won't talk about it because I don't want to. Some day I'll tell you all about it. The main thing is I got back O.K. so there is nothing to worry about and I'm thankful. The good Lord does guide and protect and gives the wisdom to do the right thing at

the right time.

Honey. I am so very lonesome for you tonight. If only I could hold you close to me and kiss you good night. I would be O.K. I get very tired of this life but I'm always mindful that it could be much worse and that other fellows are sacrificing much more than I, so I don't complain. Don't you think I'm right. Actually I'm thankful for the set-up here even though I don't what it'll be like when I leave here.

Lee just got in. I'm glad he did not have to stay all nite in Aden. You have to sleep either on the floor there now or in the plane.

Darling, I'm very tired, so
I think I'll turn in.
My precious, I love you
so terribly much — just how
dearly I don't think I'll
ever be able to tell. Please
my darling, take care of
yourself. Good night and
sweet dreams and God bless
you and watch over you.
I love you with all my
heart and soul.

Your Sam
for always
X X X X X X X X

Since I just back on a trip
I'm not on the alert list and
believe me it is a good feeling
to hit the sac and know the
Sarge won't come bulling me
out about 3 a-m. — You know
what I mean. Kinda like at
St. Joe, when we went to be
knowing that we would not
have to get up early the next
morning. Because there was no flying.

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