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My dear Bee -

Today the Mackay
Trophy arrived and is now
on exhibition. It certainly
is a handsome affair.
I figure that it will
hold about 4 gallons so
I can not see how I can
fill it with any thing
but beer. Now as beer would
not look good in the
bowl I do not believe I

will fill it. It is a very
much more beautiful
than the pictures would
lead one to believe.

There was another
aeroplane accident today
that came near home.
Lieut Billingsley was killed
and Lieut. Towers hurt.
They were both Naval
Aviators, stationed at
Annapolis. I know Towers
very well and knew
Billingsley fairly well.

Sometimes it looks as if there is an unseen hand that reaches out and turns these machines over in the air, for there have been so many accidents which have never been explained.

I wish that you would ship some of your cold weather down here for we need it. I have an electric fan turned on all the time in the office

now and I surely need it.

You have not told me yet, whether you want the officers at the wedding to wear full dress or white uniform. If it is in the afternoon white should be worn. If in the evening - full dress. Take your choice.

I am a little inclined to believe that you are doing that post master of

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yours are injustice. I
always get your letters on
time except on Sundays
and then there is no
evening delivery. However
you know him better than
I do and I am going to
blame ~~any~~ lack of letters
that may occur on to
him, just because you
put the idea into my
head.

I thank you very much
for my first lesson in German.
Strange to say I did not need
a dictionary to translate it.
However I will not try to
reciprocate by trying to
reply in German.

Far be it from me to
get any thinner. I have
reached that comfortable
summer size where I do
not gain any and do not
lose any. I still smile
and am trying not to

be too dignified. It seems
that I must have enough
dignity to hold my
present job in the War
Department. But do not
fear there will be no
dignity left when I meet
you. All cares, troubles
and dignity will be left
behind.

I wish that I had your
presentiment about remain-
ing on duty here until
September. I will not be

sure of it until I start
on my trip in July. When
I have once started I
know that they can not
stop me until I return
and by the time I return
I will want to get away.

It would be almost too
good to be true - if we
could make any plans
now that would last
until September. If such
was the case - as you say.
we would not have the

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fun of changing all our
plans just to change
them back.

Bee dear, when the citizens
of your native town see
me with you, I do not
blieve that there will be
any doubt in their minds
as to who you are engaged
to. It will be written
all over my face and
all they will have to do

will be to read the writing.

I received a letter from Clifford today in which he asks me what the excitement is. He wrote that ~~Betty~~ hinted, Mother aroused his suspicions, father increased them and Mrs. J. H. Arnold confirmed them. He wanted to know whether I was engaged or married - and who the girl is. I will tell him - if he does not already know when he

Comes through on Sunday.

You write about my saving-
that is one of the things that
worries me. Ever since I
have been in this mass
Army if I wanted any thing
I went and bought it!

That being the case it is
up to me to see whether I
can save any money. I
figure that I can save
enough now to get us to
an Army Post that we
can live on our pay
and put some away.