

Service Club

4/30/43



Dear,
That
"few minutes"

I said I had
to myself that
I mentioned in

the card has stretched into 45. Now
that I have started to use them
these leisure moments will
probably end. It is a messy day,
so they are keeping us inside.
Apparently no one has realized
that Christianity can be done
inside as well as out, so we
thus far have had none (and am
I not sorry!) At the moment they
seem to be deliberating on the
subject. Matter of our lecture.
(1 1/2 hrs. later.) I continued to amaze
at the solicitude of the C.O. so stopped
raining, we had been sitting
around all day, so we were ordered to
fall out for duty. At a perusal
we were ordered to wear our rain coats
we got to the drill area & at a crack of
dumpe, we were promptly marched

back to our barracks. I suppose we'll
have more talk in a few moments.
It's awfully decent of him. But
maybe it will offend us. I have
no doubt but, as a company, we
are the poorest marchers (I ~~don't~~
doubt if we'll ever have to do
much marching after we leave
here). At the same time, although
often C.O. doesn't realize it,
many of the men here are in
U.S. because of their feet. Of
the men as decent as he, this
will be a fine company. But I have
doubts. Too many are irresponsible.
They don't understand and do
many things, primarily do
they not understand why they
are here. And that, to my way
of thinking, is the most essential
knowledge for them.

We are so utterly unsupplied
that we took up a collection about
an hour ago. I ain't go into ^{there for} ~~there for~~

and buy some of Service Club The things we
need to clean up for a "big"
inspection to  tomorrow. We have
only 2 good & 3 terrible rooms
and a few coking yellow soap. I
have to buy a wash board, bulbs for the
lights, chamber, a squeeze, some brushes
and linen soap & dust & wash with it.
I'm not anxious to make another trip
into town in this weather, but some-
one has to do it, and in spite of what
others may say or think, I'm
disciplined. I'm doing it.

We have an interesting session
since P wrote the above things I don't
call about but having to do with the
responsibilities we might have in
guarding the initial phase of the work
in which Johnny's Colonel friend is
engage. Our corporal was doing that
before coming here, & he told us about
it. It was illuminating. The top
was so quiet you could have heard a
pin drop.

And now the morning has
just about passed. But we have had
another change: We have ~~the~~ place
to keep anything now we are not to be
allowed ~~at~~ to even keep sent-
in in consequence of
now. As, I guess

we'll just have to a little more uncomfortable
for a while. But probably the regulation
is very inconsiderate. It is a Battalion
order - some of the other companies had to
get rid of their bags a while ago. But we
might better be in the field, where we
have everything in a pack. This is a
mess, though, & both personally & im-
personally I resent it. Before, when we
had fortifications, we were ~~not~~ allowed
to have bags behind or under the bunk.
Now it will be more tedious, there will
be more confusion, & we will
have even less time. But will have
to do it or keep our bags in our
hacksacks bags.

Honey, about the allotments: I have
been able to find out what would be best.
We do something in a short while. Mean-
while, I think you ought to write
a letter saying your husband reports
other soldiers, including men in the
army for less than a month are receiving
care from the army notifying them their allot-
ments are starting & your husband hasn't
heard a thing - & your husband hasn't
heard a thing. They can't do anything for you for it.
That is true. There was something else, but I can't
remember at the moment: If I do I'll
include it. His letter can't reach you
until Monday anyway.

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Resigning office
Lynch, in the office
where at last, in
stated. apparently
I'll be able to hang onto
one suit case by merely
hiding it during inspection
times. A nuisance, but
better than nothing.

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U. S. ARMY

as soon as I get a
chance I'll write
your ma about
this. Meanwhile I
don't want any of
the things she is buy-
ing now. When Dad
I'll write and ask.

But on shortening the sleeves on the spring
that is like a lamb jacket: it is important
that at the edge there be no space between the
felt & the outer material or it will fray & wear
fast. I have just learned that.

It is almost time for mail call. And
this afternoon we are to get a partial pay,
which will be either \$5. or \$10. per man. I
can use it though I'm not completely flat.

Also, if I get a chance, I'll send some more
of my extra stuff home. If & when I need it,
which won't be on this post, I'll write for
it. Now my immediate problem is to
return my baggage. Well, ain't it?

We had no mail call at noon,
& I should be either in town
shopping or on my way in at evening
mail call. So I'll come up now, honey.

One thing you might like
over in your mind. Honey, is
whether or not you'd like me to
try for O.C.S. Would you like me
to become an officer? If I do, the chances
are I'll be at home as far as father

from D.C. As soon as I get enough
time to sit down & write
consciously on the subject I'll do
that. Meanwhile, dear, because
you & your health are the
major factor in this decision,
please think it over, when
we decide whether or not to
apply we'll not be making a
snap decision. Of course, I don't
know that I'll be accepted.

Likewise, if accepted, I
don't know if I'll make it. But
think about it, anyway.

And that's all but

Love

Speed

P.S. If I didn't mention it before,
& I think I did but I have worked on
this letter so many different times
I can't remember - enclosed are
some photos Alvin took of me &
Freddie with a Brownie. ~~There is~~
wrong than Alvin's camera technique!

Dear - at the crack of a distant 4/30/43
day I have MESSAGE THIS SIDE your friend
the initiation chimes with enough.
I hope to visit with you. There is
much to say. About 50 loud guys are
picking up a lot of pass & dust sweeping
the floor with out of your thing it... I probably
if the rain keeps up will be in what of the day. That
will mean "business" (act of which thus far are
"Red stuff" to me) but I am fascinated & kept from
browsing by the abundance & nature of the
questions asked. The C.O. has demonstrated an
excess of temper that surprises me, though I know him
to be a disinterested man. It is a really intelligent
guy with a mind like a whip, & I enjoy watching
& hearing him, by lower answers, ~~turn~~ down these ~~turnings~~
entertainment.

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MESSAGE CONTINUED HERE

Last night I went to see the
4 cellent British picture
"Desert Victory" It is
superb reproduction
war + of this war. It was
at the same time, a
marvelous piece of propa-
ganda. I enjoyed it for its
content + for its artistry.
It's getting close to falling
out wind + over the end
of the space. I'm going to
send you some pictures that
will make you laugh. I did.
always love you

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