

Service Club



U. S. ARMY

5/3/43

Mary -

This winds up all back  
instalments of the Weebee  
gazette. I have been in bed  
all day, I am about to go  
out.

By the way, this will  
probably go off with the  
air mail letter. Let  
me know of the difference  
if any as the time they  
arrive.

Love

(Kendal)

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Dear - a



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5/3/43, 7:20 p.m.

Hasty note I spoke to the  
to tell you that U. S. ARMY Commanding  
officer about an emergency pass. He said  
it would not be up to him, but that he  
would do what he could for me. He said  
the best he thought possible was a  
3-day pass. I asked him to please try  
and make it so I could ~~get~~ get  
48 hrs in D. C. He said he'd do  
what he could, that he'd let me go, if  
I got the pass, as retreat instead of  
Reverie (which means a half day  
if I can make train connections). We'll  
possibly know tomorrow. If I have  
good news I'll let you know  
right away.

If it is necessary for the Red  
Cross to make an investigation,  
be certain to refer them to ~~Redek~~.  
His statement about the absence of  
using the crypts is quite important.

Of course, you'll know about your  
health. The C.O. pointed out to  
me that if I missed 5 day I  
have to stay over & repeat the  
course. I pointed out that this  
~~for~~ I was duplicating work  
had already done in 1 hour.  
He was almost fazed.

Well, honey, I would like  
to know I tried. My C.O. is  
a very decent, human guy, & I feel  
he will recommend that I get the  
perm. I told him if possible to  
make it for the weekend so I  
miss a day less of work, & my return  
will be better.

The package of clips came tonight  
repacked by the local post p.o., so badly  
was it packed. Here with some.

Guess that's all.

Love

Harold

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Dear -

Our first



Five "break"  
Mon. o.m.

break was a little

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late in coming today, to din a little behind in my little. We were issued rifles this morning. Right off the bat I saw that those who were to teach us the manual of arms don't know it.

It seemed to rain, so we came in door to continue instruction in the manual of arms. The corporal who "instructs" us knows so little about it that he read the instructions from the handbook we all have! And so that he couldn't read it correctly; so you can see the kind of instruction we are getting. In 1st Judge's Company they got their rifles yesterday morning. There were not enough to go around, so there is 1 rifle to 2 men. In this company I understand there is a ratio of 2 to 3, a little better. I can't help but wonder about many things, when I know there are not enough rifles, and the rifles are not in good shape - many won't fire. I had to patch "a fix" several in my

Squad by putting nickel in Rev. with-  
out these nickels to depress a spring  
they won't work.

Last night I went to the mess  
with Joe Judge. He surprised me, &  
we were both going. We saw a  
stinkier called "dilute Savage".  
So we went at 8, so we strolled  
around drinking in the fresh air. I  
certainly didn't look a feel  
like rain then, but it is very  
dense now.

at the rate we are now going  
we will just about be up to the  
point I was when I last left here.  
of course, this makes me feel all  
wasted again, but I sincerely I can  
waste for another 3 weeks. We are  
scheduled to finish our "basic" 3 weeks  
from this past Saturday. One of the  
parts of the course they are dropping  
so we can do it by then in the "jinks"  
training - a kind of fire jinks that I  
think would be very helpful to us.

This week has developed into a lengthy  
one while the corporal is figuring out how the  
thing on the rifle works. I figured out yester-  
day that I could easily get a shooting medal if  
my right eye was 10% better. The course  
looks very easy, but can't see 200%  
what that came out.

3) Instead of going to  
the post office  
and sending a  
package of  
miscellaneous

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Now I need to  
think I can  
well do with-  
out, at least  
for the time being  
here. I'm sure

it - the receipt is enclosed. Also, I  
bought a book of 3¢ stamps. So,  
if you haven't already sent me  
one, hold off a little while.  
Actually, it is just as con-  
venient for me to put stamps  
on the envelope or to keep 2 series  
of envelopes. It's up to you after  
the line is in. Receipt probably  
be something left.

And that seems to run me  
dry, dear. I have nothing new  
to report, save that Mrs. Fox  
today, probably thanks to the  
weather, I have had no better  
of my normal trouble that I  
haven't ever noticed it. And that  
that is good. If I could only  
find some sure remedy for it

I'd be so thankful. Not only  
would my immediate lot  
be improved, and my possible  
value increased, but those  
private post-war hopes of ours  
would be a lot closer to possible.  
I would like to be able to work  
our farm. I would like it to be  
more than a dream. But for  
now that is all unless I get a  
chance to try something later in  
the day. Love

Your letters of Fri + Sat came in  
this morn's mail, together, though the  
air mail was sent a day later, I didn't  
realize the time was so close. I shall  
speak to my C.G. about a pass for  
that time. I think I can get it if I can  
persuade him. I won't miss anything.  
You'll hear from me as soon as I  
know something. Probably the Red Cross  
will have to investigate. I'll try  
to see him today. At the moment I'm stand-  
ing very near the end of a line of 243

men at the hospital for dental in-  
spection. This Service Club adds a new  
twist to the business of using  
my little book as a desk... I was  
glad to get all the news, almost all  
of it gone this time. I'll try to take up  
things requiring an answer in the sequence you write of them,  
because it is tough to keep the letter  
in front of me, too... My address is as  
on the envelope. I have specifically acknow-  
ledge all letters I received... Have hyper-  
sent Eleanor my best wishes... And Bill  
my hopes for a good assignment...



That shopping trip sounds like old  
times. Phee, what a shopping trip!  
About the gardens: I envy the garden-  
ers & wish I could be one of them...

About the insurance, okay. Get whatever  
you think best. Farm Bureau is  
okay, does Will Lloyd handle it?

About the index cards: enter your  
references as I did with any other.  
The name of the person or organiza-  
tion is at the top. In column far under  
this name are references to files, states,  
my own files, & the title or words that



appear are those ones which are referred to  
files are carried. On other wnts, just add  
your Substage reference to those already  
in existence, under them. Of course, put  
the new card in where there is no card.  
If this doesn't clarify it please let me  
know. Also, it is not necessary to  
have any information other than the  
page number, where you have it,  
fine. But don't bother trying to pick  
it up where you don't. About the  
organization cards with the names of  
individuals: where you can follow  
this, please do. But don't go to too  
much trouble... Let me know when  
I get the pkg. I have been meaning  
to tell you these medium-sized  
envelopes I had back in the mail.  
Don't use them if you can help it, but  
if you need them, please put one  
in with the other... See return the  
stuff you send. you can use them,  
I don't need them now. Maybe I'll  
be able to add some later. If not -  
love Harold

I am glad that the shorts are not as  
painful or difficult as they  
were. Maybe they will never  
again be as bad  
as they were. I  
certainly hope  
they won't be...  
you didn't tell me

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you got a raise but you did say you  
were getting \$2.91 more, as long as  
it is more. This "kid" in your  
office certainly worked fast. But maybe  
that's the best way. The hoker story  
sounds very interesting... you should  
be getting better than a letter or a card  
a day from me.

I don't know what you meant  
by "Special less", but I assume you  
had trouble with my writing & made  
the closest guess. Squads are led by  
corporals, ordinarily, & a squad  
leader is a corporal or an acting  
corporal, in the latter. Frankly, the  
disadvantages more than outweigh the  
advantages. Do I like it? Chiefly, no.

As I guess I've run out again,  
More love

Harold