

5/17/43

Bar -

Well, our last full week has begun. We will probably complete our minimum work this week. Today we have a five-mile hike with loads, gas masks, rifles, etc.

This week, too, we spend 2 full days on the range.

And, I've been told we have to use under deers until

9 p. m. every day. This is the week that we'll test us, but I think my target power will hold up. I hope so. I look forward to this stuff because I want to see how much I can do - how much I can take. Kind of like a game.

Well, I'll have to stop for a while. Men are here for this. Under.

2/ Another break gives us another
few minutes.

We have a fair but "cloudy" day today. There is slight mist at 11:00 but there is enough light to show the sun can break through. Under the weather, which has made the games go back to what it has been, a bit cooler, we are going to sweat a lot.

There were two "AWOL's" in our company this weekend - the first in this company. I think this happened with all the things wrong with it (and I don't mean military things) is beginning to get them down so that they buy so much for their level and they just take off to visit their. I left Sat. a.m. & returned this a.m. The other left we don't know when & hasn't returned yet. The second one is in my group, and I know

my speed had the right number
of men in it at 5:30. This
means only that he has someone stand
in it in his place - which was
easy to arrange, because the other
operatives were in the hospital,
AWOL, & pulling C.G.

Back to work.

Another break -
 and me in the
 weather. And I



prayed for
 rain I think
 my prayer would
 have been answered.

It is now hot & damp, & I don't think
 men can be far off.

A curious thing just struck me.
 There seems to be an epidemic of boils
 here. I have never heard of such a thing
 before. There are some men who have
 been in the hospital for some time
 with them, and others going on sick
 bed with them all the time. I wonder
 if this can have anything to do with
 the food & housing.

I got a letter from Elmo the
 other day with much about her
 young one. Let it be an inspiration -
 or something. I long for good news
 in a few days, honey, but don't feel
 badly if there is none. Don't let it
 get you.

Well, I guess I won't have time
for much more.

This can still get out of here
today.

Love
Wanda

Honey -

Service Club

5/17/43, J. M.

I got both
of your letters
at noon - that



is that of Fri +
Sat. Orally
enjoyed the

edition of the W.G., having read it
during lunch + on a rather long
cross following our march - which
was only 2:20 long + was broken up
by a rain storm.

But before that: Great
the clip, which I return for
any use you might have for it,
or artificial in elimination. I
read it with considerable interest.
Gosh how that would solve problems!
Do you want to speak to the
data about it? As he more than
willing, if it could be arranged.
I don't know what arrangements
could be made with the Army - but

before I find out (on my
next post of course) I'd
like to know what the
G. H. people say.

And, dear, I think in your
case there would be a definite
advantage. I think the trouble
is obstruction (e). With how I
hope it can be arranged! Mum
can either get into OCS or
ask for something, unattractive
to do overseas, too. Best my
prime interest is you.

I have returned the slip
because I thought you might
want it for reference.

Now about my maid.
We went for 2 1/3 hrs, & made
out okay! Not without a
little pain & trouble - but I would

3/ Stand & loady off. The "hard-
ening up" process is
which I have
subjected my
self recently.

Service Club



U. S. ARMY

I had no trouble
with my knees,
some with
my feet & some
with my back.

(Had I not worn a pack back,
& had we not had some dark
time while I was be-parked I
have had so no less trouble. As
it is, unless this was a fluke,
I think I could make a 5 mile
hike with out pack a rifle
if we had no dark time or
can march at our own pace
(Called "not a step")

Surprise. I have relieved the company clerk for
supper. Anyway, I did very well on the march, and
I'm proud of it. If we drill tonight from 6:30
until 9, as it is reported we will, well, I don't
know. I can't say I'm not reacting. But, I have
hopes that I'm better than I was and can take more
than I used to. If it is true and if it keeps up..
...Before I forget, ask Lydia to check up and see
how much one of those newfangled fountain pens
like Sid has cost. Maybe I can even get one through
the PX, though I don't know. Maybe I'll get one.

They are really goo. I used one yesterday and

could even read my own writing...What you said about

068 seems to have materialized already, from what I heard from a guy who has had his application in for a while...Tell Lydia I'll return the radio, with deepest thanks and appreciation, as soon as I can get a suitable package for it. I don't want it to get there in a lot of pieces, or inoperative... I hope M's decision works out for the best all around, and that he gets some peace of mind from it and its consequences...Unless I hear otherwise from you I'll send the radio to Lydia. Of course, I'll insure it... Did Bob get home? If yes, what the news? What is he doing, for what is he scheduled and what is the situation for OCS? (And I hope he grabs it)...Send my regards right back to Adam and Co...Have you received the chocolate bars? If so, enough?...I hope that V. situation doesn't rear its ugly head again. M. should have learned all he

should have to know by now. But if he wants a job done on him with his pants on, well, that's up to him...That business of Lucille and the leather case is typical. Bob just wants something all in one piece, good, yet small and accessible...I'm sorry to hear that Alma is sick again. I didn't realize the O's return to PR had passed the talking stage. Please call them and say I hope A gets better soon, without tonsils. And, of course, I wish them the best luck with their coming one. Tell Gilberto I hope he (if a boy) becomes the leader of a free PR...Seems like you have been doing a lot of shopping lately. I hope it has made you happy...Was there any news re your Ma and AS over the weekend? I hope it is not what Hazel reported...Well, dear, the company clerk has returned from supper, so I'll have to be leaving the typewriter. I hope you can make out what I wrote above about junior. Let me know what you think of it. And remember me to everybody...

Love Harold