



UNITED STATES ARMY

Air Corp

Monday afternoon
4:00
2-22-43

Dear Folks:

Nothing to do this afternoon be-
cause it's raining out. I'm really
surprised! We drilled this morn-
ing tho. One guy in particular got
sicker in the field. Jim Quinlan, from
Fondly, who is in our tent, + I dragged
out of formation + went to him. He
was out cold in an icicle + we
finally got him + when his eyes
flashed open but he was out
of his head. A Lt. came over +
sent a guy for an ambulance +
he was a half hour getting over
old pick-up truck. The guy
had reported for sick call this
morning + the Doc, - Capt. said,
"Oh you're all right, go on out + drill."
That's the way they are around here!

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They don't have enough organization
around here to run a Boy Scout
Troop & that's no lie. They told
us, last Sat. when we got here,
that we'd probably have our passus
that night. We don't have them
yet & it's hard telling when we'll get
them.

I went over to Mr. P. K. & got a
couple sandwiches & a quart of
Choc. milk this morn - I'm
not gonna eat any more of that
stuff than I had to. When we
took that sick guy in this ~~morning~~
morn - I told a Sarge that it
was no damn wonder a guy got
sick here the kind of shit they
feed you - & told him - "If
you don't mind my saying
perfectly frank about it. He said
he didn't mind - he couldn't
stomach it or see any excuse
for it either."



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4th Corp

Tomorrow morning a bunch
 of us don't have to go out & drill.
 We have to fall out at 10:45
 & go uptown (St Pete) for some
 kind of an exam. I don't know
 what it's for & don't give a damn.
 Just so I get out of this hole
 for a while.

Dad, I was beginning to like
 it for a while but right
 now, so far as I'm concerned,
 they can have the whole works &
 a ton of dynamite right up their
 ass. By God there's no sense
 in treating men like this. They
 won't feed & you civilians & we

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can have plenty of good food. Where
the hell it goes I don't know —
but we sure aren't getting it.

I haven't heard a conversation
yet but what the guys are
pitching.

Mail call now — Jim Q.
just came back + said London
was getting sick — if there is any
I sure hope so. Why doesn't
he come back!!!

Well, I finally got some
mail — gee, I don't know
when I've been so happy. Almost
cried as I read it.

Thanks a lot for the "fin" it
sure will come in handy. The
sandwiches cost 15¢ + a pint
of milk costs .15 here at the P.X.
This "fin" will keep from eating
that hog skin a while longer.
I bought a whole hog

Mertis Bars today & sold some
for a dime each - that
helped some. The rest will
serve as breakfast from now
on till I need more. Three
of the fellows just went for
sandwiches & milk for supper.
God, that letter was a God-
send. I've read it three times
already. The guys are all reading
the papers now. I hope they keep
coming.

I'm sorry ^(the ones I wrote) your letters didn't
get there sooner but Dad Amor
sent his by air mail & I didn't have
any stamps & couldn't get out to
get any. I have written every day
tho. I will get them regularly from
now on - hope I do.

Willie just came back &
says the line at the P.V. is so
long it'd take 3 hrs to get in so we'll
gonna wait a while yet.

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I didn't phone ~~with~~ because we weren't
allowed to for 2 days + then it would
take 7-8 hrs. to get a call there.
Someday when I have a whole
day off - I'll phone you - hard
telling when that'll be tho! About
telegrams they wouldn't let us send
them for 3 days + I spread you
had my letter by then so I
didn't send one.

My gonna have a close
putty pink canna I've got the
water Ruth - It's 7:30 p.m. now!
We finally ate some of this shit!
Dirty boiled carrots, flat tasting
smut beef, white rice, wet beef,
celery - dirty - + sandy coffee. Everything
is served out of garbage cans.

Hope to get mail tomorrow - I
will write then. We just "itched"
the tent cause it's a little hell.

Love
Jerry
Admanned met
+ med Privates