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BELLEVIEW-BILTMORE HOTEL

Sat. Afternoon
3:00 - 2-27-43

Dear Folks :-

Got your letters at noon but
didn't have time to read 'em un-
till now. We had inquiries
today & I've been busy getting
ready for it. I guess it went
thru ok. I sure hope so. I
suren't had a pass yet & I've
been in for 3 weeks. 3 weeks
doesn't seem very long but it is
when you're been used to going
& doing as I please. I really
got the mail this noon. 4 letters,
a card, & the papers. 2 letters from
you guys, one from Ruth, &
one from that nurse in Toledo.

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It came from Byron?

One of your letters was
about my being sent out here
to Tent City. That was a week
ago today. I'm getting used to it
now altho. I still don't think
it's necessary to do things as
they are. You're right Dad, I'll
just have to make the most of
it. You said that if you
could take it I should be able to.
Well, I'm taking it all right
have enough left to do some
out if necessary but I'm sure
I'll soon be able to keep up
with you 'cause I think you're
a pretty tough & smart guy!!
& that's no bull. I'll do my
best tho' & even more if pos-
sible. Don't worry - I'm going
to work my fire head off -
just as I'm doing now - re-
gardless of how tough it gets.



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We just were called out for
a roll call - a Lt. called off
the names - . Why we had it I
don't know - that's the way every-
thing is out here - you either
don't know + can't find out why
they do something or else you
don't understand why they don't do
something - But as I said be-
fore Sis is getting ~~and~~ need it.
I never get tired in what she does
any more - Sis really getting
in condition.

The food is sure lousy -
but Sis is eating it some of the
time. If I ever get out of here
Sis gonna eat like a fool. Sis

4-
some glad you're sending some
food. By all means send
Dale's camera & some film
for it. I can't get film for
mine down here either. Also
send me one of those hand
brushes - I can't get my hands
clean.

Bob was down here to my tent
a while ago & talked for a while.
He was on K. P. all last night
& has quite a cold. He hasn't
seen Jim since they parted in St.
Pete. I haven't seen him yet.
Send me his address so I can
find him.

Dale if you ever go camping
here is the way to make a
sleeping bag out of 2 blankets.
We sleep this way here:

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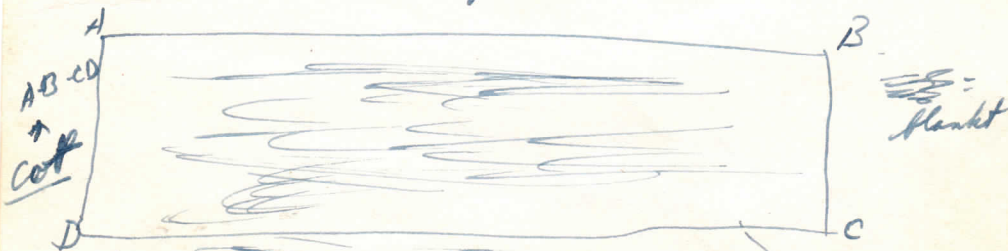


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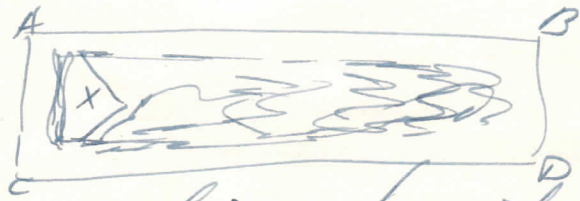


The 1st blanket is placed on cot
with half of it hanging over the side



the 2nd blanket is placed on
top of 1st blanket with half of it
hanging down ~~other~~ other side of
cot. (You now have 2 blankets on
cot with half of each hanging off
opposite sides of the cot. covered)

You now take the overhanging
half of the 1st blanket over onto
the cot & fold the overhanging
half of the 2nd blanket over onto
the cot.



You crawl in where it says "X"
& fold the blankets of the "U" to-
gether & are entirely closed in
on both sides. It's really
warm & easy to make. ~~It~~
If you have more than two
blankets - (which we don't have)
you double them up & put them
on the cot first - the more
you have under you the warmer
you are - We sometimes put
our own coats on the bottom
when it's real cold. Hope you
can understand it.



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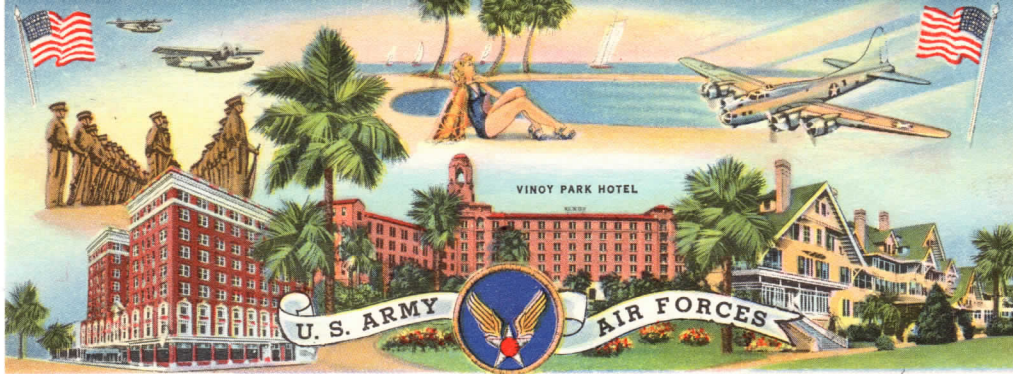
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This morning we had calisthenics for 1/2 hr., singing in groups (we sing all the time when we're marching), & drilling. In drilling we had flank movements & to the rear move. It's really simple if you keep in step. Some guys here a hell of a time catching on to it. It's really funny to watch some of them. We all make mistakes more of the time.

mail call now! I went up & they gave me a ship for a package - my bathing trunks & some of that beautiful

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candy! It sure won't last long.
You are an swell folks to
send me stuff like this &
write so often. Boy, it sure
makes me happy. I really
feel kind a funny right now.
I wish I could share & have
better when I was home.
When this thing is all over
& I come home - gee that is a
swell word - It's really gonna
be different. This army life has
made me make a lot of
things. I'm really changing.
The package came through
swell. Gordon is getting
whatever mail I have this
afternoon. I probably won't
get any 'cause I got so much
this morn. Hope I do tho' -
There's nothing I like better than
mail - it means a lot.



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This is really a long letter.
I won't finish till I see if I
get more mail - Nope - I
didn't get any - oh well I
got plenty this morn + a package
this afternoon - I'm happy.

Will write more tomorrow.
Am going to write some more
letters this afternoon as soon as
I get a coke.

Love Sam
Your Lucky Brother
Sam