



Dear Folks:

Tues. Morn.

11:30

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This army life is getting soft except for living conditions + food. All day yesterday we had nothing but lectures + about an hour + a half of close order drill. This morning we had a lecture on poisonous gases for 3 1/2 hrs. + this afternoon we will have a lecture on gas masks + in the very near future we will be put in a gas chamber + exposed to some kind of poisonous gas - first with our gas masks + then for a few seconds

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without them so we will
know the ^(small) color of the gas.
then after that we will go
then poisonous gas out on the
field. these tests also are
to find out if your gas mask
fits & works properly. the
guy who lectured has told
about some gases that can
be effective as long as two
or three months. the gases
are heavier than air & tend
to cling to gullies & ravines
after the first couple days.
He said that in the case of
mustard gas - it can be
frozen if the temp. drops
to 45° to 60° above zero & then
when the air becomes warmer,
will become effective again
- even after several months.



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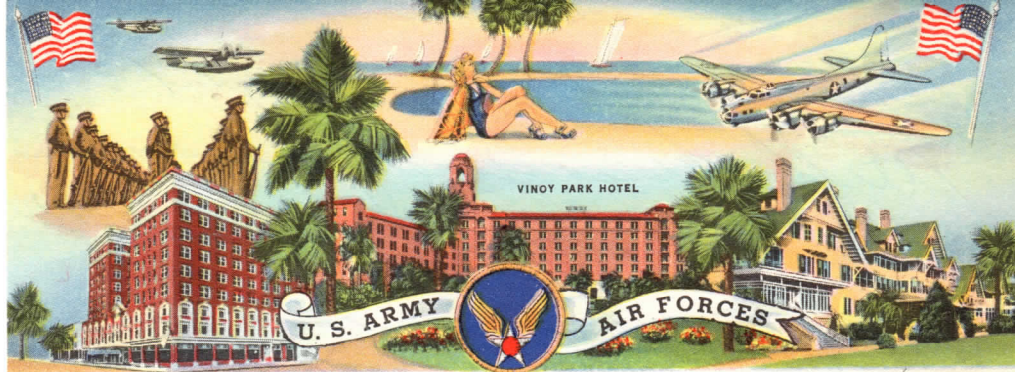
He also said that some
of these gases affect you ex-
ternally as well as internally
cause flashes on the skin
which can be serious. He
said that ~~most~~ ^{some} gases take
from 6 to 36 hrs. & take effect
on you & others only a couple
of seconds.

Sounds quite interesting &
kinda dangerous. From h?

Remember that guy I told
you about who reported to sick
call & they said there was nothing
wrong with him & then the next
morning he passed out & was
out of his head & I helped

take him to the hospital?
Well he is finally out now
& had Chronic Pneumonia^(sp).
Lovely medicines we have here.
Speaking of P₂? reminds
me - The lecturer this morn.
said that smog gases cause
a state of P₂? & cause
one to be treated as such.

We haven't had mail
call yet today but should
have one soon. When mail
call is sounded everyone
runs like hell & forms a big
crowd around the mail & some-
one calls out the names on
the letters. I sure hope he
sounds mine off today. We
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Some of the guys Gordon
 & Quintan just came back
 from mess - I've eating from
 my tray - & they said it was
 pickering! Something should
 be done about it. Those damn
 mess Angus - pardon me, Paul -
 get mad as all hell if you
 don't eat it all & we can't
 hardly stomach any of it. I
 caught hell yesterday for
 throwing some stuff away
 I didn't want because I
 couldn't stand it. I just went
 & told him it wasn't even cooked
 & he said if he ever saw

me throwing anything away
again. He make me eat
it if it came out of my
nose - I just grinned like
hell & walked away. I'd like
to see him try it! I'll be
a damn fuck private the
next day. Why they throw
away \$1/2 garbage cans of
good chicken the other day &
damn near starved the guys.

Spec's gonna be soon.
Hell to pay around here tonight
soon - in about 20 minutes.
Some guys didn't show up
this morning for roll call & a
Sewey's gonna come up this noon
& investigate - They were
marked A.W.O.B. this morning.
None of that for me.

No Long.
L. L. (still as
cocky as
ever)