



St. Petersburg, Fla.

Thurs. Mite

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Dear folks:-

Sory I didn't write yesterday but we moved from where we were about 6 Sheds closer to the showers & I didn't have time to write. Why we moved I don't know.

Yesterday noon when we got in off the drill field who had moved in across the shed from us then Chuck Hunter. It was good to see some one recently from home. Then we moved last night & am so close to him. Beattie & his bunch moved yesterday but we don't know where he is yet.

I got a letter from you today but none yesterday. Only from Rudy yesterday & today. She's almost as faithful in her waiting as you guys are 'cause she doesn't have much time going to school. I hope when Rudy comes again - if he does - you won't have so much time to write either. Love,

Boy am I glad I'm not in the infantry. This morning we checked out rifles & worked on the manual of arms & drilling with those 9 lb. - 1917 Winchester & Loddystons. I'm telling you I thi't they weighed 20 lb. when we came in tonight. One guy got knocked out today when some guy got mixed up on a flank movement & hit him in the head with the barrel of his rifle. It was funny in a way. Port arms, right & left shoulder arms, present arms, order arms, rifle salute, trail arms —. Lord, come I think. I've also got those old "G.I. Dogs". On my feet sore. I'd sure like to have some hot spine salts. They'll be ok as soon as they get toughened to it.

About Cadet School. I'd love to learn to fly but it's awfully tough to get into. I'd have to pass a really tough phys. on my own & if I did pass it I'd have to wait about a year to start training & then a year



to train + before that time was
up the affair be over & I'd
be discharged before I had
gotten any kind of a rating
or seen any action. If I
go to Radio School which I will
soon shortly, I'll be there for about
3 mos. at least + then to gunnery
school for 6 weeks + then be a
staff sergeant. I should be there in no
more than 5 or 6 mos. Then I can still
apply for Cadet Training or O. C. S. I
rather think it may be the latter. Now
does that set-up sound?

His head telling what will be
shipped out of here so I think
I'd better forget the camera idea -
it's a good one. We may
even be here a few days + then
again, we may be here a month +
rather doubt the latter however. I
certainly hope we're not here that
long. We're trying to get rid of a
small still camera + get some

-4-
snapshots to send you guys.
How's Dad?

No passes tonight. It's been
a week & a half since we've had any.
We've only had 3. Don't ask me
why! We can't figure it out.

Same I'll shut it off for to-
night - will write tomorrow.

Al my love
Very soon & further
Shan

P.S. Sorry this is "True" mail
but I can't get any A.M. Stamps.

Perry
Shan
Private