



U. S. ARMY AIR CORPS

Mon. date
10:30
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My Dear folks:

I hope you wonder why I'm
writing so late. Well after an-
other 16 hrs. of K. P. I'm tired
& had a hard time getting up to
this writing tonight. I write you
guys & Ruth.

I got the last rule at it
& at 3:30 this morning they called
us out for roll call & gave
us a half to get ready for K. P.
16 hrs. of carrying big garbage
cans of slop & then joining
them with other cans before
washing them or I should say
scrubbing them. They call
it the "hog detail" because they
sell the garbage to a hog
ranch for the hogs. In fact,

They sell every thing - egg shells
 to a jewelry firm, to a
 a fertilizing Company, and found
 boxes, etc. At this one mess
 hall this noon we served 3100
 men plus 600 subnads. We had
 4 lines plus a seconds line &
 we did it in 1 hr flat. not
 bad, eh? We worked like
 fools. They have about 30
 mess halls in camp & up till
 about a week ago the pitches
 were in big tents & we ate on
 the ground. They now have
 built a building around the
 mess hall & we eat outside yet
 on picnic table.

I took a shower about 8:30
 - day was hot water ~~but~~ cold
 I was hot all day & what I
 mean hot. So early getting started



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I'm sorry about the hard
writing but I want to get to
bed 'cause we have a big room
of cakes + stuff tomorrow +
I think, just now for the after-
noon. But, I have to write you.
I'd feel like I'd forget if I didn't.

I got a long letter from
you today. Say, who is Mang-
manying? I don't see it say. Tell
me I wish for all the happiness
+ every kids in the world +
will write soon.

We go into town either
in taxis for 25¢ or street
cars or trolleys for a dime - we
usually go by taxis 'cause we
kinda like to ride in a car

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for a change & its quicker.

Bob is shipping out tomorrow
his going to Radio School
but he isn't eligible for flying
duties because of his eyes - That's
why he's leaving before I do.

My school hasn't opened yet.

I started a letter to Hank
last night & then had
to turn the lights out. I feel
awful about not writing but
it's all I can do & first time I
write you guys & Ruth. I'll write
him soon too.

Josh this scribble is
awful. Even worse than yours,
Dad. I sure do enjoy reading
& reading writing from both of
you & I'd better see some more
from that good looking two of
mine. Night all! Love Hank (the
P.S. Gordon is the K.P. kid) R.P. Kind