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Tues. Afternoon.
3:15-3:43

Dear Folks:-

Whyyie! - I got paid today
& I'm gonna show you guys &
Bill bright. I sure hope I
find you to home. If I called
now it would cost me \$2.45 +
after 7 p.m. it is only \$1.85. Ruth's
call will cost me \$1.35. Yeah -
we got paid. \$18.67. \$9 off for
the 6 days of Feb, \$10 off for that
money we got in St. Paul, 13.00 off for
insurance (we won't have a pig from
last month in the army) (it's only supposed
to be 6.50 but they took 2 mo.).
I owed \$10.25 to Gordon, Lenny & Will White
for spending money - leaving me
about 7.50 + after my telephone calls
(\$2.80) I'll have about \$4.70 to last
me till sometime next month. Money,
god - what a mess & bother it is.

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I think I'll stop writing R. M. &
start writing by "free" snail,
smoke my pipe all the time, quit
going to town on passes.

I just got back from the
P.E. for having trouble finding
enough change for the "pay phone".

I'll get it tho. I'll sure be
well & talk to you. I also got
some Bull Durham - I'm
gonna roll my own.

Well, I've got the change
now. By, I can hardly wait.

We had a pretty full &
interesting morning today. Went
out to the rifle range. We had
10 rounds on the Thompson. 45 sub
machine gun. It was fun but
I only pulled the trigger twice &
was out of ammunition. Then
we went to the rifle range & had 20
rounds. Two hundred yds., open
peep sights. I got an 81 out of a



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possible 100. -3-3-5's, 2-3's + the
rest 4's. The highest score + how
they ran are as follows: 91, 90, 88,
85, 83, 81. The guy who got the
91 is an expert rifleman + quite
shot. I'm sending you the
score sheet I had, showing the
position of shots.

We left there + went to the
gas chamber. We put our gas
mask on + walked into this
air tight building + didn't realize
we were in full strength tear gas!
Then the guy told us to take off
our gas masks + see what it
was like. Boy, if you ever saw
any hotter "tear gas" run like this
devil. The minute you don't have
your mask on, it hits you +
your eyes water + burn, your
face turns awful, + you can
hardly get your breath. I've

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really awful. We then went
out in a field & they blew
up some, the gases - just enough
so we could get a smell of it
& be able to identify them. Then
they told us to walk through a
smoke screen they had. On the
other side of the smoke they
had a tear gas bomb planted
& just as the first of us got there
they shot it off. Boy did it hurt. It
was worse than the first because
we couldn't see to get our masks
on. I'm still glad I had the
chance to experience it.

How time - I'm not going!
Just heard that in the last 2 days
500 guys had been on sick call
for ptomaine^(sp) poisoning & that a guy
didn't have but Fri. period. I
guess the radicals are really
raising hell. There's no sense
in it at all. They'll just tell you
it's in a couple days.



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Got one of my "hand rolled's"
going. I like the taste better
than tailor made. Of course these
look kinda funny + I think the
big hats 'cause I notice some
stains on my wt. I'll have to
see about it. Ma. Ma.

Now listen, don't be sending
me any money! I'll get along
ok. Just leave it to me + do
as I say. If Randy goes up +
you think you can afford it,
some dough would come in handy
but not until you do you send
any! If that's I'll be able to
send some home my next pay.

Enough of that. Woulda know
long I'll take to get my call
them. Not long, I hope.

All my love
"Shave-a-day"
"Jerry"