

ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL



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~~THURS MORN.~~

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DEAR FAMILY—

I S'POSE YOU WONDER WHY I AM PRINTING THIS. WELL LAST NIGHT AT SCHOOL THEY TOLD US HOW TO PRINT BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE TO PRINT THE MORSE CODE OUT AS IT COMES THRU. WE EVEN HAVE TO PRINT OUT OUR HOMEWORK AS PRACTICE. I FIGURE THE MORE I PRINT THE BETTER I'LL GET. WE HAD 2 PERIODS OF RADIO THEORY + 2 " OF CODE. IN THE THEORY CLASS THEY STARTED WITH THE SIMPLEST FORMS OF ELECTRICITY + WILL WORK UP. IT SURE IS COMPLICATED + IS REALLY GONNA BE TOUGH. I DON'T KNOW A DAMN THING ABOUT ELECTRICITY. WE HAVE - OR HAD - I HAVE MINE ALL DONE!! - SOME READING + 4 PARA-

GRAPHS TO COPY FOR THEORY +
STUDY THE MORSE CODE FOR
TONIGHT.

This printing uses too much paper
+ is really tiresome - so - . I.

I haven't been to bed yet. I tried
sleeping yesterday afternoon but someone
made so much noise + I wasn't sleepy
enough anyway to sleep so we all went
to school last night without any sleep. We
went at 10:30 as per schedule + had
class till 2:30 when we ate dinner.
Ate ~~Breakfast~~ ^{last night} at 9:30. We then went
back to school till 6:30 this morning.
I really had a time staying awake. As
soon as we got back to the barracks
we had calisthenics + marched around
the camp. Got back about 9:00. Ate
supper at 9:30 this morning. Slept about
30 min. + then started. We then had
mail call + I got a letter from your
group - mailed to me here. Now I'm
writing you. I also got a nice card

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from Mrs. + Mr. Thompson. Tell
her I appreciate it very much + that
I'll try & write ~~her~~ them soon.

Jim was lucky to be
stationed so close to V. H. Wonder
where Gordon + Willhite are. I sure
miss Gordon + acted like the devil
to leave him too. We sort of drifted
apart after he quit college & went to
work but since we have been in the
army we really got together a lot. All
the time in fact. Bob is about the
huckster of all of us, I guess. Ted + I sure
to be "holding the wrong cards". I've
been unlucky for some time now - may-
be my luck will change some day.

By the way. I've supposed to be
in bed right now but we are having
our pictures taken at 1:00 this afternoon
for our passes + have to wait on them.
Boy, I'm really gonna sleep when I get back

Ths:

Say, Dad, maybe you + I had better start eating vitamin tablets or something! Ma-M. That's ok, Dad. You just keep on growing. My height is nothing to aim at any way. I've really got a good start, especially for football + you've got the trains + gate too so just keep on being a clean life like I told you to + keep on growing. You'll be a real football player some day. I knew it! I'm wish I had had you size when I attempted to play. Another thing! Last night when we studied on Radio theory, I'd have given anything to have had physics is R.L.H.S. Theory is all abstract + stuff like that + I don't know a damn thing about it + it's my own damn fault. You might take it + later become something for from it but you'll have it just ^{now} I can never get it now. Especially when

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we are covering a Radio course, planned
to take ~~for~~ a whole year, is 18 weeks. It's
really gonna be tough.

So better quit now & write Ruth.

C'mon, Mother, you can write
to, can't you? You'd better or you'll
have an Awful son or your kids.
I love you all very much.

Your ^{responsible} son &
older bro.

Edgar

How do you like the studying?

Tell everyone I said hello!

I hope I can keep on writing every day
& getting letters in return 'cause it seems
just like a visit with all of you.

Mother, try & make Dad take me
over at Peter's!!! Did you use all
the truck gas, Dad? Mother.