

ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL



A. A. F. T. T. C.

SIoux FALLS, S. DAK.

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Dear Parents & Bro:

We are having it quite easy around here today. It's raining out & so we had calisthenics inside our bldg. Consequently we are there already & don't have inspection today so we are free for the rest of the day. We eat chow about an hour so I'm going to write letters till then & after chow study till about 10:15 & that's to church at 10:30. I should be out of there by noon & am coming right back & go to bed. It's really tired.

No mail call today, damn it!! I sure miss it when I don't get it. Oh, well, I'll get two tomorrow.

We have to have all our insignia sewed on by the 15th so I'll spend a good deal of my time off sewing them on. It takes about 30 or 45 minutes for each one - depending on how I stitch

them. Here are some fancy ones I have
done. I like the ~~first~~ ^{second} one the best:
  They look better than the others!

I'll see 'em someday - I hope. I have
sewed four on & have three more & do
plus one I'm going to take off & sew
one. I'm also going to sew on my P.C.
straps (one on each sleeve) one of these
designs. If I take 'em up to the U.S.O. up town,
they'll sew 'em on for free. I think I'll do
that too.

I'm going up town Tues. & go swimming
in the pool at the Y. M. C. A., get my P.C.'s
sewed on, & go to a show & come
home. Some guys spent my whole money
\$5 & 30 last week. I don't see what it
could be on.

Dad, by all means sell the typewriter
sooner as I might be concerned because it
will be a long time before I will need
it again. The dough will come in handy
for you too. I suppose they are pretty
hard for the guys to get.

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I was just thinking yesterday. If this war should end today I probably wouldn't get home for a couple years - I mean to stay - See, that's a long time. One thing is certain, tho' - I'm going back to school somewhere very shortly after I get back. Maybe 6 mo. later after I earn some money & be - come accustomed to being home again.

I've really changed a lot in the two months I've been in the Army. I'll let you judge that for yourself when I see you - wonder when that'll be?

School gets tougher all the time but I just keep plugging. So many of the guys have had all this stuff before. It's going to be a mighty trap 18 weeks. I'll never be the same guy when I get out of here. I can see now that it's going to

change me a lot. I'm learning so much
in so little time that I don't have time
for much fun or anything but boy,
won't you get out here Mother. It's
going to be one of the happiest days in
my life!!

The main thing is I am happy &
I want all of you to be the same.

Joe
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