

ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL



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SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.

Mrs. Murr.

10:00

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Dear Family:

I will try to write a little more today. I'm still flat on my back with a hot water bottle under me but the pain is not so intense today. I'm not coughing so much either - yet!

I couldn't sleep last night so I told Lew, his sort of medical aide to the nurse, I'd like some sleeping pills or something & he came back with the nurse & she gave me a "hypo".

Boy, that stuff ~~sure~~ sure works but it leaves you doped for about 2 hrs. after you wake up. Makes my eyes go out of focus for a while.

I haven't been "dressed" as yet but the doctor will be in this afternoon to "pull the plug"! I know damn well that's gonna hurt & hurt plenty.

My handwriting sure isn't any-
thing to frame is it?

I get juices + soup + milk for my
snacks + the guys say I'll start eating
about tomorrow but I'm gonna stay
on a liquid diet as long as possible
because I'm sort of all anxious to take
my first crop. They say that a guy knows
just about what it's like for a woman
to have a baby when he takes his
first real crop. So, Mom, I guess you can
just about imagine how I feel!

Mail goes out of the hospital pretty
infrequently. I wrote you from the bldg.
that I was going to have this operation +
then wrote you from here both before
+ after the "cut up". I hope you got word
about my being ok soon after you found
out I was going to have it.

I'm now reading quite a bit. Read
Gene Sney's "Nevada" yesterday in record
time - just like I used to read that kind
of stuff. ~~And~~ tonight a Collier's Sat. Eve.
Post, Liberty, + April issue of Reader's Digest.



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I wrote Ruth a card but haven't as yet gotten ambitious enough to write her a letter. I'm going to for sure today. Hope I get some mail today. I guess there's a lot of time lost sending mail over here from the post office.

I really get a lot out of that Reader's Digest - it's a wonderful little magazine. You want to be sure to read "Queens Die Proudly", Dad. It's like "They Were Expendable", "Rickonbacker's Story", + others like them. It's in 2 parts - one part this month + conclusion next month. I read all the other stories too: they're all good.

Say, Mom, I burned all my letters before coming over here - there was really no sense in saving them + they took up a lot of room - + I

Summed the one with all the
addresses you sent me just the other
day so I guess I'll have to trouble
you for it again. Sorry!

Everyone here is well + I'm
getting along fine.

I'll write more tomorrow.

Love
Effie...

Same Day
3:15 p.m.

Hi Wonderful People:-

Well, he done "julled the
plug" + I mean to tell you. I
got a damned good idea what pain
really is now. It didn't last so long
but I almost tore the head of the bed
off to keep from hollering. I didn't
let out a sound tho'. It feels better
than ever now that it's out tho'. So long.

Love
Effie...

