

ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL



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SIoux FALLS, S. DAK.

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Dear Family :-

Well, - I gave birth to 3 babies today. God - but it was awful!! I tho't I knew what pain was but not until today did I really find out. Yesterday, when the Capt. pulled the "plug" out it hurt something terrible but didn't last long. The first time my bowels moved was this morning & I tho't I'd die, the next time they didn't move so much but it was still bad. But the third time - about 3 this afternoon - it was all I could do to keep from screaming, & I all but passed out. This last time broke me open & I felt quite a

little. Oh, it was awful. I thought I could really take it but I was sure begging God for mercy then! They say my suffering will be over in a couple days so by the time you get this letter I'll be perfectly ok.

Yesterday morning they changed me from a liquid to soft diet but just before supper tonight I told them I wanted to go back on a liquid & they let me. I don't want my bowels to move again for a while.

You must think I'm awful fat. Well - matter so - but do me a favor & make it a point to ask Doc Boyle just what the operation & after effects are & be sure to ask him about the pain first from the first day of bowel movement.



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I know that child birth is much worse than what I went thru but in comparison, none, I can finally realize just what you went thru to bring me into the world + I just can't find the words to express my thankfulness + sympathy for you. I don't know if I'd ever have the nerve to give my wife cause to undergo such pain. If my wife ever has any children I think I'd go nuts!!

I'm feeling fine now + hope to be out of bed soon. I sure hope I get some mail soon. I'm anxious to know if all of you are all right. I haven't had any mail since Fri + it

seems like weeks. I sure miss it!!

Just think, mom, only 17 more days & I'll be seeing you!!! I think of it all the time. Here comes the mail now. I suppose that damn mail room is still slow & I -

Yippeee!!! You from you & one from Ruth!! Card from Ted Thompson, too. I wrote him about 2 wks. ago.

I'm glad the route is working out ok. Really have to hand it to you Dad - you can sure handle people!!!

Hope I can eat the cake when it get here, mom. I'll sure try. I'll probably be ok by then.

I wrote Gordon a wk ago today. He sure has the hunk. I'm having my share too!!!



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I want to phone you soon but
can't until I start eating at the mess
hall again + not eating in bed. I'm
going to ask the nurse about a nurse
to go down + phone you tomorrow as
I'm kinda worried about
your weak little son. I said that
might come in small packages -
well it sure took all my might
guts, temper, + stubbornness to keep
from screaming today. Getting to be
a regular mess of guess.

Hope you are all ok!

I want to write Ruth so till
tomorrow - don't worry - I'm not

All my love
Glean

P.S. Did you
get the \$2
ok? I'll send
more about the
2 or 3 of my
- P.S.