

ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL



SIoux FALLS, S. DAK.

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

Sat. Afternoon

3:30

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Dear Pale:-

They think we have too much spare time around here so we have to G.I. (Scrub-naps) the whole barracks from 2 to 4 every day from now on. Another thing that might have ~~something~~ to do with it is this:- A major is expected the barracks a couple days ago + found them so bad that the whole ~~barracks~~ ^{camp} is restricted (no papers) until they see fit to let us off. Well eh? I don't think it will last long, tho; if we get over the fall. Today we had to dust, wash window sills, shake blankets, G.I. Barracks, etc.

I was so much yesterday
I almost near fainted!! They're
starting another Defense Board
down here in the Squadron. They
told us yesterday that if a guy
wanted a recommendation (50?)
for O.C.S., or if we wanted
an emergency pass to go there,
or money to go on it, + more-
over the "Hacksaw" that
his success in any of these would
depend almost entirely on ^{the} personal
endorsement of those we had brought
them the Squadron. They didn't
say it in those exact words but
even a damn fool can see that
it! It's just like Germany-Vietnam style!
Buy Bonds today or starve tomorrow!!



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Our Banache Teacher got sore as hell cause I wouldn't sign up for any. I told him I wanted to buy tools because they were a damn good investment & I realized that the money was necessary for the materials I might someday need very badly - but - that I wouldn't buy a tool damn sick's worth then the cheap squadders. I also told him that he could tell that little job - hell, 90 day wonder, that if they were going to pick officers according to how many tools they signed for that this damned

soon would soon be over!! I
 was so damned mad that my
 face was red as a beet. I told
 him that when I had saved enough
 money that I'd have my Dad
 buy him + send him to sea + let
 show him to the busy racketeers!!
 As soon as I had \$6.50 + you can
 afford to put back that \$30
 which Brown imitates that you do,
 buy me a \$50 Bond + send it
 to me by registered mail. I'd
 just as patriotic as any girl.
 Last but, I'm patriotic enough
 that I won't "Held" those damned
 dictators - wrong or no wrong!!
 Say, father, the way you tell
 it, they're having the 1913 flood
 over in Grand Rapids. All we have



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out here is ~~and~~ even, wind,
dust, sand, inspection, & lots of
of other unnecessary crap.

No, I'm not complaining,
I'm just putting in a fitch here
& there.

I really feel a lot better
since you were out here ~~there~~.
I've been crazy as hell & really
full of the old devil for the last
3 days. I only hope it holds
out!!

I got a small letter & a card
from you today. Just keep 'em
coming.

That's too bad about Bill

Samuel's book. Be sure to call
Mrs. Stuart & tell her I'd like
to express my sympathies & say
hello to her all.

Say, Mom, you really had
quite a trip home. What a dull
moment, eh? Please don't judge
all of us soldiers by the dunces on
the trains.

Well, Launchy is back now so
I guess I'll quit, put it away & go
to bed.

Write some more soon. I'll
try to remember to send it more
often.

Forever your
loving son &
brother

Alfred...