

Monday 6:30 PM

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9:00 PM

Dear Mom and Pop,

I started to write this letter this evening but 5 kids decided to go to a movie so I'm writing them now. We just came back from seeing "Roughly Speaking" with Rosalind Russell and Jack Carson. It was a nice picture.

This is the first time since I came here that I'm writing to you in detail. Since we arrived, I've been running around having a nice time that I haven't written you a long letter like I should have. Well, I'm doing it now.

First I'll say that Bob's letter had a lot of important tips if I go over seas. He said to having a lot of cigarettes even if I don't smoke because cigarettes is like money over there.

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I meant to send Jo-chor
cigarettes but of all things, they
have a ration card here and we
can only get one package a day.
The card is punched every time we
buy one, so I hope Jo-chor won't
be disappointed if I don't send
him some cigarettes.

Boy, I can't get over the living
quarters here. Do you remember how
the ~~pe~~ back of Palo Alto looked?
You know, in back of Stanford.
Well, this is just the way this
place looks. Brick buildings, small
cottages, lawns, lakes, porches, it's
just like a college campus.
You see, we're not living in the
camp. We're living on the fort
itself. Boy, all the other regiments
envy us because they have to
live in barracks while we

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live like king. Our rooms are
dormitories, but Army style of course.
Double beds, iron wall lockers for
our clothes, and even steam heat
is in our room. I sleep on the top
bed and Steve is right below me.

Boy, the weather here is really
cold. It snowed about 2 or 3 days
ago. Right now everything is
frozen. The pond next to us is safe
for skating. Today was a little
warmer but I guess it'll be
cold in the morning. Well, it's
OK, we're warm inside.

When we went to New York
over the week end we really
had fun. I met John Swanson (Bunson)
there. You see, Steve knew some
girls there and we went to church
on Sunday morning and I met
him there. I also met ~~Paul~~

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Henry Jani and also some girls
I ~~was~~ knew in Jopaz. We had
a nice long talk. John Swatka
said his whole family is out
in New York. He wanted me to
come to dinner but I told him
next time. I have his address. He
said to say hello to all of you.

In the afternoon, the girls took
around town. We saw the various
places like the Radio City Music
Hall and such. We heard and
saw some funny bands too.
After dinner, we all went to a
stage show and then we (we didn't
know where we were going but the girls
did) took the subway to the
train depot. All in all, we all
had a swell time.

By the way, I got one of
your letters on Saturday. I ~~did~~
didn't get one today but

probably get one soon. I hope
I get the snapshots. And
another thing, how is the
wrist watch situation coming
along? Let me know.

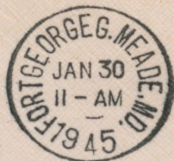
I don't have much more to
write tonight except that
I have KP tomorrow. KP isn't
here isn't today at all. ~~At all~~
All we have to do is wash
dishes and set the table. We have
regular cooks to peel potatoes and
such, a cook to keep the stove
going, and cooks to cut and clean
meat. It's pretty good. And then
KP comes around only about
every month. I'm glad I didn't
get it on Sunday.

I'll write more tomorrow

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I hope you received my other letters

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