

Dec 12, 1944

Tuesday 3:00 PM

Dear Mom and Pop,

I left my paper in the tent so I'm writing to you on a note book.

We marched out 15 miles yesterday. We left around 3:00 AM and reached here around 8:00 PM. We put up tents, dug fox holes and many other necessary things.

I also received two of your letters last night. I didn't have time to write last night so I hope you didn't worry.

Right now I'm out in the fields. I just dug a fox hole about 2 ft wide, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft long and about 4 ft deep. It was pretty easy because the soil around here

is very sandy. It's hard to believe) but most of Florida's soil is sandy. I didn't know I'd have so much time out here or else I would have brought some paper to write on. The weather last night and this morning was very cold. I think it hit around 30°F . We were warm in our tents because we all have 5 Army blankets each and one heavy overcoat. I put 2 blankets on the ground and 3 blankets and a overcoat over me.

I don't know whether the mail clerk is coming out today but if he does I'll send this letter out.

I brought my old fountain pen out so you don't have to worry about me losing my good one. I think until the end of my furlough, the letters will be on and off so don't expect a letter every day, although I'll get your letters regularly.

Bay that 15 miles like yesterday was really something. We had a full field pack on our extra shoes so we had about 35 lbs to carry. We all had blisters at the end. But I'm glad to say

That everyone in our
company made it. We
are going to walk home
(back to camp) for 25 miles
but we won't be ~~wearing~~
wearing full field packs
so it won't be too bad.

I brought plenty of candy out
with me so I'm never out of
it. Sweet things pick you up
when you're tired.

The weather now is pretty
good. It got sunny although
there's still a cold wind. I'm
lying on the ground writing
so it isn't cold at all.

Well, till the next chance I
get to write —

Tad

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