

Darling;

It's a wonderful day here in Camp Grant, the sun is shining, there's a slight breeze, I have nothing to do, and I am at peace with the world. Ah me! Oh, yes! The sides of our tent are rolled up to let the breeze in. The place looks like a carnival – if only the tents were colored.

We were just told at our training period is going to be extended an additional 14 weeks making a total of 38 weeks because we are going to be used to give the 6,000 inductees basic training. This should be fun. If the war isn't over by that time I will just give up and call it quits.

How is everything in East Lansing now? I may possibly be able to get in there once in a while if I can get week end passes. Of course if I could get in to Lansing it would only be for a

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few hours but if you could not meet me in Chicago those few hours would be better than nothing, just so I could see you occasionally.

I visited the Service Club here today – you can tell by looking at the stationery – and found it to be a very nice place. It isn't very big but is quite nice and has a very good library. I'll be able to do quite a bit of reading and drawing while I'm here since I won't have much of anything else to do.

There are some beautiful clouds in the sky. The sun is shining on them and they are the towering kind of clouds you see on calendars. Very nice.

Mail call was just held but I still have gotten no mail from anyone. I sure hope I get some tomorrow because I'm anxious to hear [scratched out word] from you.

All the fellows are rushing out for retreat but I just lie here writing to you. It's a marvelous feeling because

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I'll be able to wash at my leisure with no one bothering me. Oh yes, we even have to stand retreat on Saturday here which is a very pleasant thought.

Gold's wife will be here this week end. He's going in town tonite [sic] to try to find a room for her, the lucky boy. Married men get overnite [sic] passes and don't have to be back till 6:00 in the morning whereas we single men have to be back at 11:00 at nite. [sic] As soon as we finish our 7 weeks of basic training and become cadre for the inductees we'll be able to get Class A passes and can stay out all nite [sic] if we want. This will help a lot on Sunday nites [sic] if I [scratched out word] am able to make connect

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tions to Chicago because I can take a much later train out of Lansing to come back.

I washed my hair this morning when I showered and the breeze is blowing it all over creation now. Some fun.

I saw a book in the library today which told of many ways to run a country home and make money on it without farming. Very interesting. They did mention having a cow and some chickens tho. [sic] I'll take it out and study it thoroly [sic] just to see what the author really has to say. I'll also send you the name in case they have it there, if I think it's worth reading.

Goodbye now Darling. I have to wash up & get ready to eat.

All my Love & Kisses  
Freddie