

SERVICE CLUB



Camp Wolters, Texas

Co. B. 64<sup>th</sup> Inf. Inf. Div.

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Jo.

It is about time you wrote I was getting quite worried. I was beginning to think that maybe I had the wrong address. I recieved both your letter and postcard yesterday. It relieved me quite a bit to know you are all right.

There are so many things to write about I don't know where to start in.

The heat has let up a little, but today she is bearing down again. There are a lot of things in this man's army that I don't like, But that is only natural. It really isn't so bad if a fellow just

makes up his mind that he is going to make the best of it. Some of the fellows really take it hard.

I've written so many letters that if I repeat to many things don't mind. As I don't know what I've written and what I haven't.

We are in two story air-conditioned barracks. The air conditioner isn't so hot though, because of the water being so warm. ~~it~~ The air conditioner works off of the city water. Water is another thing we all miss.

This water is very warm and has ~~an~~ awful lot of (Chlorine?) in it.

Last Sunday we heard an orchestra composed of professional musicians turned soldiers. All of them played with some top-notch orchestra up to the date of induction. They were really

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good. They had a swell program. It is the first thing I've seen down here that I've really liked. The pianist played with Johnny "Scat" Davis up to the date of induction. He is really good too. The fellow who played the trumpet played with Ted Tio Rito before induction. That's the way it went on through the rest of the orchestra. To think that they had to give up such good jobs for \$21 a month. It really is a shame. All in all I sure enjoyed the program.

I'm sending you a picture of camp. It is just a small portion of it. ~~The buildings in the foreground~~

As for a picture of myself I can't do it just now



but as soon as possible I will.  
Send me Panchar's address.

Mineral Wells is the  
closest town to camp. It is  
a resort town of about 10,000 pop.  
There are 20,000 whites and 10,000  
colored soldiers so you can  
imagine what it is like. Last  
Saturday I went into town, and  
I've never seen so many soldiers  
in my life what I mean it  
was unbelievable. I think that  
from now <sup>on</sup> I'll stay in camp.

So, write a little often.  
It is all a fellow has to look  
forward to. If I don't answer  
right away it is because I  
don't have the time. They don't  
give us a heck of a lot of time  
off. So if you have time  
please write a little often.

Thank you very much  
for all the nice things you

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say about me. I'm sure that you think that I'm a lot better than I really am. As for the girls writing to me I'm afraid they would be disappointed as my letters are very dry, hard to read, and understand.

I started this thing Sunday and haven't had time to finish. I'm cutting it short so the letter will get off today. The reason for not ~~get~~ finishing this yesterday is because yesterday I was on K.P. My hands right now are so blistered, from washing dishes, I can hardly write. The strong soap, ~~and~~ heavy dishes, and hot water sure is hard on the hands. It blisters the hands something terrible. We work out. P. from 5: A.M. until 9:00 P.M. We only get ~~it~~ <sup>once a month</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>though</sup>

As for a furlough it is

Ans. at once. And I will  
write as soon as possible. I've got to leave now  
~~just in a~~ <sup>in a</sup> terrible hurry as the whistle will  
~~blow in about five minutes.~~  
hard to tell. It will be about six  
months at the earliest.

Right now we are running  
the bayonet course. It sure isn't  
fun, but it will do us a lot  
of good.

As for girls no such luck,  
they sure stay away from me.  
Just like as if I were poison.

We have to shine shoes,  
shave, clean rifles and wash  
clothes everyday. And you  
know how I like to shave. <sup>+ shine shoes</sup>

All in all it is pretty  
nice though. Everybody "beefs"  
a lot around here but it  
is only natural.

It's time to go. So I've  
got to quit. Answer so that  
I will get your letter just  
before the week-end. That way  
I will have lot of time to write  
you a long letter. Ans. soon  
though. Your brother Rito

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Miss Josephine Hernandez

Held for better address

over

This is just to show you  
what a smart brother you  
~~have~~ have. He mails a  
letter without addressing  
it. Pretty good isn't it.

Answer right away so  
that I will be able to  
answer yours on a  
week end that way I  
will be able to write a  
longer letter and I  
want ~~you~~ to write you  
a long one. I'm mailing  
this right away so  
it will get off again  
maybe this time they  
won't send it back.

After I went to so much  
to send it off too. It  
won't happen again.