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CAMP WOLTERS, TEXAS

Co. B. 64th Inf. Trng. Bn.

Saturday

Jo.

First of all I'll try to answer some of your questions. Inf. Trng. Bn. stands for Infantry Training Battalion. It seems to me, that anyone with as much common sense and intelligence as you have, should be able to figure that out. That is why, I ~~had~~ had it explained it before. Incidentally this is the largest Infantry Replacement Center in the ~~world~~ U.S. There is also the biggest rifle range in the U.S.

It is not that my mind is on something besides my work. It is just that every thing we do we have rush it so as to get it done on time. Consequently a lot of mistakes and sloppiness. You'll just have to overlook such things.

Yes, it is plenty hot and I do mean hot. I've never before perspired as much as I have in the last month.



The funny part is that down here a person perspires just sitting or lying around.

At last I saw a first rate orchestra play. Ted Fio Rito is playing at Ft. Worth and last Sunday he broadcast from the Service Club here in camp. It was broadcast over National hook over N. B. C. He is pretty darned good. He is sure a lot better than any thing around Yampa Valley. I enjoyed it very much. It was also the first broadcast I ever see. Incidentally if you want to hear Camp Walters talent listen to KRLD Dallas every Friday nite at 9:30 P.M. C.S.T. And over WFAA on Sundays at 2:30 P.M. C.S.T. ~~and~~ I think that it is N. B. C. If you ever listen in on one of these broadcasts you'll know that I'm somewhere in the building making as much noise as anyone else.

I'm going to try to make this a long letter. I don't know what I'll write about to make it interesting, but, I'll just write even if it doesn't make sense

yes, it seems as though we are going to be here longer than we expected. Some of the fellows have taken it pretty hard. I just don't think about it. What's got to be has got to be, and there is nothing we can do about it. So there's no sense in feeling too bad about it. Anyway I'd just as soon be here as anywhere else. It's not a bit bad.

I've only been to the show once since I left home so you can imagine how much spare time we have. We're all pretty busy at all times.

Who is Frances?

When you go home have a good time, and then have some fun for me too. As there is nothing around here where a fellow can have any fun or even go anywhere.

Jo, you should see the soldiers in Mineral Wells every night. Or Sat. it is something terrible. There are more soldiers in town than there is in camp. What I mean they really take the town over. If a fellow wants to get away from soldiers on weekends the best deal is to stay in camp. We don't

~~have~~ have to get leaves or passes to go to M.W. All we have to do is take a bus if we are not on any sort of detail. We can go into town every night and on Sat. right after dinner. Unless, of course, we are on some sort of detail. Just so that we are back by six the next morning.

Next week we are to go on the rifle range. It's not going to be a picnic either. As yet we haven't fired the guns so it will be new to us. They're going to keep us busier than usual next week. We'll have to get up at five instead of six and are going to eat out of mess kits in the field.

I've worn out two pairs of shoes, and, am pretty well on the way with my third pair, ~~still~~ in a month two weeks. So you can imagine how much walking we have to do.

I've been playing some ball. I made the company team. We have won our first two games. I'm trying to hold down the catcher's position.

So, it seems that I might get a break. I was interviewed Thursday for a projectionist position. The fellow

who interviewed me said that I had a chance of getting into one of the big Post Theatres. I hope so. Keep your fingers crossed and do a little praying that I don't mess it up. Because this equipment is all modern and very different than any I've ^{ever} seen.

I'm sending you a picture. It's what I look like in uniform. I'll send some snapshots soon as I develop some. I believe I'll get me a camera, if I can spare the money.

Most of the fellows are very nice ~~and~~ I'm getting along fine with most of them. Time sure flies it doesn't seem like I've been here as long as we have. I guess that the reason is that we don't have any time to kill. The army sees that we keep busy.

No, we don't have to wash clothes if we don't want. We may send them to the laundry. I wash all of my underclothes, socks, and towels. I wash every night. I send the uniforms to the dry cleaners. Some of the fellows send all of their clothes to the laundry. We have cotton ~~khaki~~ khaki uniforms they are very

light. And awfully hard to keep cleaned
and pressed.

Who are you rooming with
now? How many of you? Are you all
working?

Send me a picture of you as
you look now. You know it's been
a long time & since I've seen you.

There are a lot of mesquite
and oak trees here, as a matter of fact
they are thick as the devil. But they
aren't near as nice as Colorado's. I'd
give almost anything to be back in
good old Colorado now.

I've got a lot of work to do
so I think I had better call it a day.
Until next week-end. So long!

As ever
Rito.

Don't forget to write.