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Co. "B" 64th Inf. Tng. Bn.

Go,

Boy, this army is some place they give you a day and a half off each week and we have so much work to catch up on that Monday morning we are still trying to catch up. It goes on every day of the week too, we get off at six thirty that is our finnish supper at six thirty. You see we start to clean up at four thirty for retreat we just barely have time to get ourselves and rifles etc. cleaned up before retreat and a lot of times they make us parade just for the fun. Last night we had a big parade after four thirty there was a real big audience ^{present} where all the people came from I don't know but they were there.

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There were seven battalions parading, about eight thousand men out there at once all marching. I ~~was~~ imagine it was quite something to see, I sure would have liked been watching instead of being in it. It's not much fun marching amongst a thousand men, it gets awfully hot and dusty. Anyway I just wanted to tell you that it was six thirty before ~~supper~~ we were through with supper. The half of the time we have to stand in line for clothing, linen ~~or~~ something or other. If not we have to make packs or get ready for an inspection the following day, and "Mr." they have an inspection, of some sort, two and three times a ~~week~~ ^{week} besides the daily barracks

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inspection. I'm telling you it is a full day from the time we get up until we get to bed at night. It's not really hard work but it's just the idea that you have to keep going all of the time. We can't relax in peace because we always have something to do and afraid of getting caught if you don't do it. It's kind of hard on the nerves.

I don't want you to get the impression that I'm sorry I ~~joined up~~ am in here, because I'm not. I do think that the commanding officers could be more reasonable and human. They expect a fellow to do things that are altogether unreasonable and they don't give a fellow near enough time, ^{to do it in,} every thing has to be done

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at ~~the~~ double time and they expect it to be almost perfect.

Today they give us an hour and fifteen minutes to make our beds, clean up the barracks and latrines, lay out all of our full field equipment on our beds, lay all of the clothing issued to us in a neat orderly fashion on our beds, and we had a whole lot of it to lay out. To top it all they made us cram our clean, freshly pressed civilian clothes in a barracks bag. This was all for an inspection by the Area Commander. It was altogether unreasonable to have to wrinkle our civilian clothes.

I think I've knocked the Army enough now, I'll tell you of what I have done on my spare time, which was

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a half a day Sat.. I went to Fort Worth and took in ~~the~~ my first college football game. I saw T. C. U. defeat Tulsa 6-0. I thought it was rather slow for college football, of course I couldn't be a very good judge of it, ^{its} being my first game.

I sent the pictures yesterday. Did you get them?

Time is getting rather short so I'll have to quit. I'm planning on going to Dallas on Oct. the ~~eleventh~~ to the football game Texas U. is playing Oklahoma U. If my financial status allows me I'll take in the fair. There is a big fair starting Oct. 5. at Dallas

As I have no girls to talk to or write to tell your roommates hello for me.

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If this letter doesn't make sense it is because the racket here is terrible all of the fellows are either playing games or shooting dice. There are four different games going on. Today you know was payday.

The lights are going out immediately so I'll have to quit right away. I might have time to write more next time.

Bye now
Rito.

P.S. I'm snowed ~~under~~^{under} with work so you'll have to overlook the sloppiness of the letter as I have to hurry my writing terribly. I'm finishing this in the latrine so as to be able to mail it tomorrow. Overlook all of the mistakes I wrote in a terrible hurry.