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My dear sweetheart here it is Sunday again but just a little different from the other Sundays that we have had. I don't know whether you have read about the epidemic of Spanish influenza that is here in camp or not but it is any and of course the first thing they do is to quarantine you. However 25% of us were allowed to go to town yesterday afternoon until 8 o'clock this morning, and 25% were let off from 10 o'clock this morning until 7 o'clock tonight. Those men who have demerits are not allowed to go at all, but are being put on details to clean up such as washing windows. At present there are two men washing windows on either side of my bunk, so you see I won't have to wash them now.
I went to town yesterday afternoon and could have gone again this morning but I didn’t want to because it was too late to go to church and so I am going to study a little later on. One of our lieutenants is going to give us gun squad drill at one o’clock, that is for those that want it, and I’m sure going because I do love that.

I went to a dance at the Ho-wi-an Gardens yesterday afternoon and had a pretty good time, they sure do funny though. You take a piece of paper and write your name on it, then pin it on anybody girl you see that you want to dance with why just go get her. I couldn’t get up nerve at first to go and dance with someone I had never seen before. Much less know, but finally I did and fun.
then on it was pretty easy.

Last night two other boys and myself went out on a hike into the woods. There were about twelve couples in all and we made a fire and roasted marshmallows. Oh honey, you have no idea how homesick that made me for you, thus we sang songs and just had a general good time. The worst of it was some of the men had to be back by 12 o'clock and so they took them to an interurban station about a mile from where we were and when we came back the rest of the brush was gone so we had to go home alone, and those woods were the bluest things I had ever seen, and well we came near scaring the girls to death. The girl I was with, I have forgotten her name lived about five blocks from where...
we went at first and the two boys that I was with had gone there, but we didn't go back by there, and I simply didn't know where Jones was, but I never let anyone know that so when I started for the carrier I had an idea I was going right, and as luck would have it I was, so I came on out to camp and other than being nearly mashed to death in the car and being halted six times before I got to my barracks and then stumbling over three lockers trying to get to my bunk every thing was all right. Just got into bed when I heard some one say let's go we're leaving, and the two boys that I had gone out with had just come back. They had waited for me at two different places and then had gone around town looking for me.
but we never did meet.

We are having medical inspection
twice a day and yesterday while
we were standing in line two
men just toppled over and I never
saw such a death look on any
bodies face except a dead person
before. Gee it sorta gives you
the wiggles when you see that.

We have four men from our Battery
in the hospital now. But I'm
feeling fine and am not
going to get sick. Please
don't say anything to the folks
about an epidemic because I
don't want them to know any
thing about it. Mother would
just worry herself and there isn't
any use in it.

Just announced that we
would have medical inspection
at 3 o'clock. Of course it comes
at that time just to break up the afternoon.
I'm wondering whether you will still be at 2001 15th when this letter reaches you, I'm sure anxious to know where you are going to be. Gee if I could only have a date with you tonight, but I guess that time is a long time off yet. I wish you could see the study assignment we have for tonight, it's impossible to cover it.
Next week night we are going to have a big bantustal entertainment in the mess hall our B.C. has given to worth if sign I may smoke one, tell me if you care if I do or not. Between my trust and that if the man next to me who is also from Texas we have a

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provided gun containing a panoramic sight + range quadrant, so we have been
having firing battery drill, at least as much if it as possible.
I'll tell you all about that when
you see you again and I believe
that I will be able to do it too
because it's gradually sinking in. I don't believe though that
I'll ever make a good wooden
horse rider, etc. but they are
tough animals and you
have to do all sorts of stunts
on the darn things.
How does it seem to be back
to work?

Well honey I'm to quit now and
right a letter home to one to my
aunt and then go to inspection
and then to the cantine & then study up.

With all my love, dear

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Tex.
If we are precautionary, they won't let us send any mail out.