

Sunday

Dear Folks,

This is the first half day off I have had in 2 weeks. I even go back to work this afternoon. We have been learning about shooting our rifles in battle conditions for the last few days. You would be surprised how much harder it is to hit the image of a man at an unknown distance than it is to hit a target at a known distance.

This week we will have moving targets and air targets. We will also shoot the mortar and

machine gun before
the week is over.

I am going to chuck
at 10:00 this morning and
get a few letters written
since we leave before
daylight & get back after
dark. you are the only
ones I have written to
this week. I'll bet every
one else thinks I have
forgotten them.

I had the misfortune
of losing my pocket
knife last week so
maybe you can tell
it to someone who wants
to send me something.

I haven't had a chance
to do any reading for
so long that I don't
have any idea of what

is happening outside.

We really had an easy schedule for the last few days as far as hard work goes so you needn't worry about that.

Oh yes I almost forgot. We have been taking medicine for the last few days. It is a member of the sulfa drugs family. Sulfathiazol or something like that. It is supposed to cost about \$50 and ^{is} impossible to get in civilian life. It is supposed to kill and

cure colds. I have got
some cold now (the
first I have had since
I have been down here),
but maybe it will
help me.

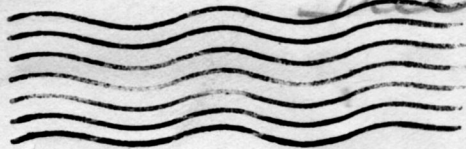
Well I hope you
are all OK. It is cold
& damp down here but
I'll bet it a lot colder
there.

Love,

Donald

P.S. Richard will be interest-
in knowing that our rifle
really hardly kick at
all. As far as I can
remember our shotgun
kicks a whole lot harder
than they do.

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