

Thanksgiving

Dear Folks,

Well I guess this is the first Thanksgiving that I ever really had to work. At home it might not have been unusual to work but it was either for pleasure or of your own free will. Today we spent all morning dry firing with our rifles and this afternoon we spent 3 hours learning the mechanical functions of the carbine (pronounced carbine) and one hour listening to a lecture on military sanitation and first aid. Our afternoon was easy enough that maybe that was our Thanksgiving vacation.

Tomorrow we go out to a range not far from here to fire the carbine. Of course I won't be firing near all the time and I will be doing one of the many jobs connected with the range. This will be my first taste of real firing and I will have to tell you more about it after it is over.

I suppose you want to know what kind of Thanksgiving meal we had tonight. We had a

very nice meal. Some of the officers and non-coms had their wives here and the fellows acted decent for once. We ate at 8:00 and dressed in our best clothes. The mess hall was decorated a little and there were table cloths on the tables. We had turkey and dressing, buns, peas, corn, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, salad, oranges, cookies, pumpkin pie, lemonaid and ice cream. We all were very full when we got through but as usual it was all cleaned up. There are very few times when there is anything left after a meal.

We are busy getting all of our clothing equipment etc ready to go out on the range. We leave Saturday noon for two weeks of real experience.

I got your air mail letter today. I won't be able to see Glen for a while but I will write to him. Maybe after I get back from the range I can see him if I get a chance and can find him.

about my sweater: it is something that can use but there is no real hurry for it. You can knit it yourself and it will be

quite alright with me.

I haven't got your Thanksgiving package yet but we can expect poorer service as the Christmas season nears. The match jacket you sent me in the letter was quite alright except that I put a button on it. It was my first experience working a button hole so you can imagine how fancy it is.

It would be alright if you want to send me Christmas cards if you can get them here in a week or so. But I had figured on only writing letters so if you don't send the cards it will be alright.

Well that is about all for now. I am so full of turkey that I am going to bed before long.

Love
Donald

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