

Tuesday Noon.

Hello Folks,

I hope you will excuse this scraggy paper but it is about the best I could find to put in my pocket this morning. Also if it is a little damp it is because it really poured raw this morning and also because we spent about half the morning walking almost to our knees in swamps while on squad problems. All in all I am wet from head to foot and it looks like it might rain more before the afternoon is over. We had our rain coats with us but I guess they thought that

we needed practice in being wet. I forgot to tell you but I suppose you have gathered that we are spending the day out in the field and I am spending part of my noon hour trying to get a little start on tonight's writing.

Well I drilled with the company yesterday instead of going on the detail I mentioned Sunday. One of the fellows had to be in camp anyway to take some kind of a physical examination so they gave the job to him.

I sure was glad to hear from you yesterday evening. I'll have to wait till this evening to read it over and see if there

I wrapped this up in another piece
of paper to keep it as dry as possible.

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were any questions you wanted
answered. I also got
another letter which sur-
prised me a little. It
had Charles Johnson's name
on it but of course Janette
had done the writing. She
didn't have much to
say but I was very glad
to hear from them.

It sure is a wonder we
don't feel more results
than we do from these
days in the woods. I was
just noticing this morning
how much time we spent
walking in and crawling
through poison ivy and poison
oak. But so far the worst
effects I have felt are

chiggers and boy I sure
had a case of them the
other day. I used some of
my athletic foot stuff
on them and it must have
killed the varmints be-
cause the ^{bites} are about
dried up now.

Evening

Boy if I had known
how busy I would have
been tonight I sure
would ^{luckily I did} have written. We
are going on a march
tomorrow afternoon and
a bivouac tomorrow
night. We've got to
get everything ready now
for that.

I had to wash all
the clothes I had on today.
They were covered all over
with that slimy swamp

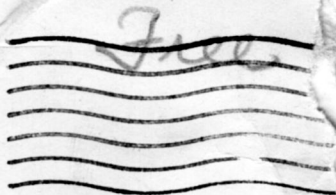
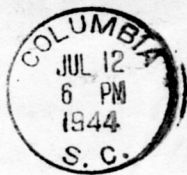
mud. Then I cleaned my rifle and have got to roll my pack yet.

Well I see I've got a lot of new chigger bites tonight so I've got to get busy on them too.

Well I wish you could be getting some of the rain that we are. It would help us both out. Hope everything is as well as usual. Got to shut off because of lack of time.

lots & lots of love,
Donald

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