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Hello Folks,

I'll get this started now but I'll have to quit in about 20 minutes and go after the mail. I took over the mail job again and as usual I get it when the big jobs are on hand. I arrived here before the regular mail clerk did so it fell to me to take the job. The first thing that I found was a dozen bags of mail most of which was old and for fellows who are or have been in the hospitals. Just the thought of all that sorting and re-addressing is frightening. And as usual when it settles down to a task of merely tying the new letters in bundles and passing out the mail that comes in, I'll be giving it to someone else. I'm not complaining though but just letting off a little steam.

I understand that some of the fellows are supposed to start shipping out the first of next week but some of us

may be here for several weeks yet. It's just impossible to guess how things will turn out. Don't be surprised at anything.

The training situation has turned out just about as I expected or even more so. Yesterday we spent about two-thirds of the morning listening to the general talk and hiking back and forth from the meeting (about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour's walk from here). Then the rest of the day was a vacation. I was working on the mail but most of the fellows were off. Then it was almost the same story over again today.

Evening

Today's mail is given out but it was mostly old stuff. We should be getting new mail in a day or so now. As always you get anxious to hear. Now for what I was telling you about what happened today. We started out this morning by just cleaning up the area in general —

cutting the grass, raking up the pine needles,
cleaning up the trash, etc. That lasted, not
quite all morning ^{and} but although we
haven't been officially off, there is been
nothing going on for the rest of the
day. Since we get tomorrow afternoon
off so we can have only half a day at
best. There's supposed to be a short
hike and a couple of other things in the
morning but I don't know how that
will turn out. I'll have mail work
to do anyway.

~~It~~ would really tickle you to hear
all the wild tales about what's going
and not going to happen to us. It's the
same old story of wishing a thing so hard
that it almost begins to seem like
a fact.

Well that just about runs me down
for this time. Hope things are still rolling
back there.

Oh yes. I wanted to tell you about

my bonds. The mixup seems to have originated when I had the address changed on my bond. I took it up with the personnel office and the records there show 2 bonds of \$18.75 each. But the payroll shows that they have been deducting \$18.75 and \$7.50 so that must be on the records wherever the thing is controlled from. All their records aren't in yet so I couldn't get it finished just yet but I expect I'll continue with one \$18.75 and one \$7.50. It doesn't matter so much about the additional bond just so everything is straight.

Be good and God bless you.

Ronald.

Don't forget me if you find some good reading.

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