

ed of directors of a company. One month they wait reports and invent. It is mainly for that in that I wanted the book. In all I think I like my job. only regret is that I am missing out by the military experience. Now I am told I would not get out of it my room. There is also possibility that I may get a gent's rank within a few months, maybe next month. That really be something. It will jump out two ranks. Really it takes several years to be a sergeant. However that will all come later. The other week I went to Weston. I believe that I told you

Monday

Dear mother,

Thank you for the package, also the accounting book. Both arrived safely. I'm sorry about the first package received and the wrong book. However all is in order now.

Today for the first time I am having some time to myself. Today I am taking off. The seven fellows that work in the exchange get a day off a week. For two weeks now I have worked every day from 8 AM to 11 PM and although it has been interesting work it has been rather hard. So today I am taking off to clean my gear and write some letters; also to sleep a bit.

well together. One of the fellows
the tent works in the canteen,
assignment to the canteen,
in many ways a lucky
he. I have met many fine
in both enlisted and officers.
have as an assistant (a water
two) a fellow who graduated
in Harvard in 1935 and now has
a fine job in Boston. He is a friend
Colonel Ball and I believe he
will be an officer soon. My super-
visor is only 26 and knows nothing
at all. As long as he stays
away from the expedition I will be
right. He mixes things all up.
is however an exchange
man which is like the

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Life here at camp is settling
down. The weather is mostly
raining. Undoubtedly it is very muddy
although the clay dries out very
quickly when the sun shines.
Today is very beautiful. Our battery
is on guard duty. Besides a few
of them for one noon or another
aren't included and a few have
gone wattle-snake hunting in the
marshes. But for me.

The food is getting better. We
have regular mess sheets and plates.
For Sunday we had rathens feed
chicken.

There are six of us in each
tent. We have the same fellows
as at Edwards. They are all nice
fellows and we get along very

about it. We had a nice trip;
saw oil wells and visited a large
Army post.

We are all hoping to get some time
off for Christmas. I have learned
the name of a ranch about 150 miles
from here and if I have the time &
money I would like to spend a few
days there. However we may be
moved from here. There are always
all sorts of rumors floating around. The
only thing to do is to wait and see.
Yesterday I received a letter from
Eddie Jack; also the letter forwarded
by you from Jan.

Well, I guess I'll stop now
with

Lots of Love, Fred.

(over)

wish you would see what
it is worth for my camera
would cost. The value is about

~~Don't~~ please if it is not too
much please buy it and call it
Christmas present. Then send it ^(camera)
m. You can wait until the
something else to send if you
want to. Just I would like it
very soon.

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