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Tuesday

Dear Mother,

every thing is going along well down here. The only thing wrong is that I am working too hard.

I really don't have much time to do the things I would like to such as write, read, loaf etc. I am on the go the entire day and when the time comes for doing the canteen, I am ready to go to bed. However, the first month will be the hardest. You see I have complete charge of all the books and most of the buying. I buy sometimes as much as \$1200 worth of goods a day. Also I have to get a system of

bookkeeping started. Once it is established and running then I won't have to work so hard. I now have a full time assistant who I hope will take over the routine work in the books.

altogether I have ten men under my charge and it is some job to keep them all working.

The Exchange (official name for canteen) Officer is very nice even though he does no nothing about business.

Friday we are going to have an official audit and inventory taking. all the books will be inspected and I must be on my metal. If I get by and make a good showing then all will be well. I only can say that this is my first responsibility and I



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hope I have lived up to it.

There is a bit of news I will tell you although it is a bit early. I have been picked (as one of a group) to exhibit in a series of courses for study to become an officer. The only hitch is that I haven't been in the regiment long enough. My application for study may be turned down by the high ups even though my Battery command has given his O.K. I can only hope and time will tell.

The weather has been pretty dismal recently - It rained for a

day and now the whole area
is a sea of mud. It is pretty
cold although it warms up to
about 75° in the noon hours.

I have to stop now
as the counter is closing and I
must clean things up and
see that all is in order.

Love
Fred

P.S. Sent my camera as soon
as possible. ~~I also~~ also take
out insurance and I will send you
the money ($5.00 + \text{or } -$). I don't
want to lose it. The value is
\$75 (that is replacement value including
the case)



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