

ruining, then it is very disagreeable.  
Draftees (or selectees as they are  
officially called) have been appearing  
steadily. The camp is growing, we  
now have six regiments along with  
the draftees. They are kept apart  
and to the negroes and as are  
poor things to be pitied & scorned.  
I feel sorry for them and they  
make me feel glad I joined voluntarily.

I have to close now and go back  
to work. Soon, however, I hope to  
have some free time and catch up  
on my correspondence.

With lots of love & best wishes -

Fred.

Sunday

Dear Mother -

Please excuse the pencil - I lost  
my pen and all my tent notes are out  
and I can't seem to find a pen anywhere.  
I hope you received my card and  
were reassured. Whenever anything is  
wrong with me, I will let you know.  
I have been just too busy to write.  
I know that expense is worn to a puzzle  
and normally it is an expense for  
laziness, but this time it is true.

When I went to work after my short  
furlough I was walking into a  
malstrom of trouble, as you know. I was  
away at the end of the month and  
when the inventory & audit occur things  
were in a sorry condition. The Exchange  
Officer was taken sick just after I left for



On top of all that our battery moved to another part of the camp. So any time free I had to move my equipment & get organized. I was put in a new tent and no longer have the same tent-mates.

I haven't been in my new tent long enough to know the fellows although at first glance they seem O.K.

I am a bit sorry though to break up the old tent. We had good groups and had lots of fun.

We are now having our winter weather. At night it get cold but during the day when the sun is out it isn't so bad. As a matter of fact I wore only a shirt around today. However when it is cloudy or

Meyer and the new one was inexperienced and not too well acquainted with business methods. The auditors were strict and all of us went to work. Its a long story but the upshot of the whole thing was that a bookkeeper was fired, the original exchange officer was bounced and I had to take the blame for both of them & straighten out their work. I worked steadily from 8 AM to 11 at

night, leaving only time to eat. A new bookkeeper was put in and I was more or less fired too. However they kept me on and I am still working at the canteen, after the end of the month inventory & audit there had to be another one a week later when a new Exchange Officer took over.



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