

nd of directors of a company. One  
month they want reports and  
tents. It is mainly for that  
on that I wanted the book.  
in all I think I like my job.  
only regret is that I am missing  
ch of the military experience.  
but I am told I would soon get  
of it very soon. There is also  
possibility that I may get a  
gents rank within a few  
ths, maybe next month. That  
really be something. It will  
jump over two ranks.  
ally it takes several years to  
be a sergeant. I should that  
all come later.  
he other week I went to  
Weston. I believe tho 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.



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

Life here at camp is settling  
down. The weather is mostly  
raining. Undeput 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. I borrowed a few  
of them for one reason or another  
and I included and a few have  
gone rattlesnake hunting in the  
marshes. That for me.

The food is getting better. We  
have regular mess sheets and plates.  
For Sunday we had southern fried  
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; <sup>3</sup>  
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  
Evelyn 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 insurance for my camera  
would cost. The value is about  
~~also please~~ If it is not too  
expensive please buy it and call it  
Christmas present. Then send it <sup>(camera)</sup>  
on. You can wait until there  
something else to send if you  
want to but I would like it  
very soon.

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