



AIR CORPS TECHNICAL SCHOOL
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Hiya Joe,

Whatcha know? - Thanks for my Rock n Rye - if this letter gets too mixed up, it's attributed to over-indulgence cause I'm smoking like a locomotive now! - It's pretty good tasting. Have had lots of fun with it. Fellows get the funniest expressions on their faces when they see it. Have also enjoyed your copy of the 12 bottles. Think I'll pull off the top, pour all the paper down the propeller, 'cept one word which I'll drink.

How is the weather in the big city? - Kinda cold isn't it? - Had it cold here the first of the week, it warmed up & now it's cool again. It gets to about 50° and everyone freezes, including me. Last night for example, I had on my sweaters, wore it to bed, 1 one regular blanket, another blanket doubled up, and slept cold all night. Would have gotten up for my overcoat 'cept the need thought of getting up in the cold made me shiver so much I started the cot to rocking and rocked myself to sleep, except for one blanket which I drank. The barracks are so cold that I'm sitting on the steps in the sun writing this. Guess it's the dampness in the air, except for the humidity which I drank! - And only 50° - I don't want to go to Ill. or Colorado!! -

Pay day in an Army camp! - What an experience - a long line - comes your turn - walk up to the pay officer salute, watch him count out your money twice, step forward, take it, step back, salute, go

P.S. - Am sending this last check I got from the Union. - I endorsed it. - it's easier for you to cash it than for me and besides, I hate to hold it out on the same they may need it to close their words. - Thanks -
This makes 30.89 - i-versed?

out the door, and in most cases, go thru the line of fellows waiting outside the door to whom you owe money, and then fall in line to collect from those who owe you. - After that, if you have any money left, you retire to your barracks & participate in a game of your choice, either poker or galloping dominos. If after that you still have money, - go to town and get stowed, - not politely, but disgustingly so! - After you get home, - you don't know how in most cases, you swear off, never again, - no, sir. - And then, if pay day is considerate enough to fall on a week end, - you go out again ~~for~~ spending what little you have left out of sheer luck, and Monday morning everyone is again on an equal footing - i.e. - bumming cigarettes & rolling your own! A great institution, indeed, this United States Army!

By the way, - take this money and keep it for me. This leaves me a working capital of about \$20 which ought to be enough. The Postal Savings is too particular and I never get an opportunity to get into town while the banks are open. I don't like to have the money on hand here because I have found out, at rather an expensive rate, too, I might add, that some of the fellows are prone to be light fingered and it is practically impossible to be on the watch every single moment, cause some times one must take showers & stuff. and I'm not built like a Kangaroo, unfortunately. - No, I haven't been up in a plane yet, - cause of why is connected in the story hinted above. - Sorry I couldn't get you a little wicker belt than I did. The fellow said they were coming in, but I had to wait so long for the one I sent, I was afraid to wait any longer cause I would have owed you a Christmas present, too. -!

Well, write when you can cause all contributions are eagerly awaited. - I like to read. -! -

P.S. - Everything seems to be under control now, I hope!

Love,
Frank