

Battery "D" 1st Anti-Aircraft
Replacement Training Battalion



Fort Luster, Virginia

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(Sunday)

Dear Sister & Brother,

Thanks a lot for your recent letters, Kids. I appreciate them a lot. I am sorry that I haven't been able to adequately answer them sooner, but we have been busier than ever this past week. We may have even less time during these last two weeks.

I am one of eight out of our class selected to work on the post ~~is~~ this week instead of going to school. I will get one week of actual experience instead of school.

Then next week is our last week of training. We are scheduled to have three long hikes next week ranging from 22 to 26 miles each.

They ought to be nice after going to school for eight weeks and getting out of training.

After next week is completed I am hoping to be able to come home to see you. It would be so nice to come home again. It seems so long since I was home. So much has happened and my days have been so long that I have very little recollection of time.

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The weather here lately has been about the worst I have ever encountered. The humidity is terrible. Just sitting down in school we get our fatigue uniforms wringing wet. In the show we sit in puddles of our own perspiration. Some times we tie a handkerchief around our necks to catch the perspiration that runs down our faces, down our necks, & would run down inside our shirts.

The post Hq has ordered all strenuous exercise stopped for the duration of the present heat wave. This means that we don't have our calisthenics, but I doubt if any hikes will be cancelled. Also, we still do our hard labor, scrubbing, etc, but we are allowed to 'take it easy'.

Well, kids, maybe I can spend an evening in the park with you soon. That would be wonderful after this.

I pray that I may get home on furlough soon. I pray that the Lord will look over you and bless you. Lots of love, kids. I'll be seeing you.

Your brother,

Cliff

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