

Camp Upton

Tues. 7:50 P.M.

Dear Mom,

Well, I've finally put in my first day in the Army. I suppose you'll get my postcard first, and all the preliminaries are noted there. Nothing much happened after that. What we were waiting for in the ~~rec~~ recreation tent (read postcard), was to be assigned to a tent for the duration of our stay here. We have a regular tent city here, mud & all. I've been assigned to the 5th Receiving Company, ^(all the boys call it the Frozen 5th; it's cold) here at this meat mill. That's all it is: a meat mill.

The first thing you notice when you land here is that everybody is waiting to pull out to permanent camps. And that's ~~the~~ the way you feel when you've been here a day. But

Let's not get off on the wrong track.
From here, the Army in general looks
good, and the cats are swell and
plenty of 'em too. ^(we had ice cream tonite) But between waiting
for things to do, and taking a lot
of guff from buck privates who've
been here only 2, or 3 weeks, it's a
crijng shame. The whole trouble is
there's too ^{damn} many jerks running
around in circles. Tomorrow I'm due
for processing (medical, intellectual,
& mechanical aptitude tests, & maybe
classification), and there's a slight
chance that I may get my G.I. issue.

At any rate, from what I've heard, I'll
probably be here for anywhere from 3 to
6 or 8 days. Some fellows stay 20, 40, or 60
days. Tell Doc there's a lot of WAAC's
here. Take a chance on waiting.

The address is on the envelope, and I
may get the letter, altho I'm not sure.
Bop & bunk with are regular fellows. Can't
telephone, caused we're restricted to area
more later. Love, Frank

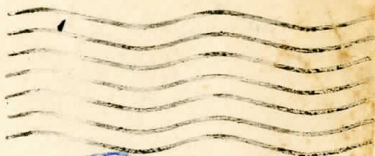
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