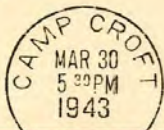


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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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Dear Ron, Please forgive the card. It's Tues. and
I just rec'd your letter after noon chow. But I expect to
be called out at any instant, and that's why a letter
is impossible. At nite at ho we're off from 5:30 to 10, time
is short, too. We have to eat chow, make our beds (at nite)
clean our rifles, do our laundry if you want to
keep clean, shower, brush our teeth & shave, and
get a spicked up in O. D.'s to go down to the P. X. for
a soda ova beer. So you see, by the time we're
finished there's not much time for writing letters. We're
on the 'go all the time. Consequently I can't promise
any letter to Jack. I'm kept pretty busy writing memos.
Dat a we. But don't forget, I'm damn glad to get
your letters. Thanks a lot. Love, Tom.