



CAMP CROFT
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Monday, 5/24/43
6:30 A.M.

Dear Mom,

I guess I can start this letter anyhow, altho there's not much to say. No, I haven't heard from John Colton, lately, altho I got a letter from him a week ago. I haven't answered it yet. I wrote to Joe Sherman last week, but I guess he's only getting my letter now.

Dat writes & says the chances of coming up to see me are good; altho her request has to go thru one of those damned Army "channels." If she comes, she'll arrive on Friday the 4th, & remain 'til Sun nite or Monday.

I was in to the U. S. O. ^{last nite} but the camera hasn't arrived yet. Probably won't get here 'til Tues. or Wednesday. The film situation here is just the same as it is up there. Things worth their weight in potatoes!

And speaking of potatoes, the Shields residence must be beginning to look like a farm. Did you ever notice if the people going to or from the subway took any

interest in the results of your work? I guess some of those apartment house people would be glad to have that strip of land to garden in. But for all of us here, they could have the whole damn state of S.C. wherever you roam, there's no place like New York, the Empire State, and the New England States. Did I tell you Aunt Helen wrote & enclosed two dollars?

No word, except that short letter (rather a note) from Fil, from the 3 Sisters in over a month. And I'll be damned if I'm going to write until I hear from them.

As usual, nothing new here. Just the regular training. This week we're going into the intricacies of the 60 mm mortar. Did I tell you I didn't qualify on the machine gun either? That was ⁱⁿ automatic fire. But in practice firing, squeezing the shots off one by one, I fired 116, the highest score in the barracks. Which just goes to show you I'm cut out to be a rifleman, and how I love it!

Well, guess I'll close now, as Joe "shitted my load."

As ever,
Frank.

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