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Dearest:-

Another day gone and very little to tell you. I am O.K. Studebaker and all. Ha! That expression just made tells the tale doesn't it? It should signify that I passed our physical exam today. Not much chance of fleecing U.S. out of any salary. Ha! If you aren't O.K. U. C. pay stops until you are. In other words U.S. don't intend to pay any one who has been the cause of his own disability.

As for myself, I am sound and can give a Ford a first-rate chase. Did I see you smile? I presume that you did.

Almost every time that we have an exam two or three out of the company have chased the wrong Ford and got the worst of it. Well off to the hospital they go and are kept there for about six months

until they are completely cured.

That's six months for them  
without pay or privileges. "C"

If a soldier don't want to get  
stung he had better leave all  
Fords alone for not only may he  
get stung by them, but he will  
also get stung by U.S. I have  
a horror of them so I shall  
save all my energy for the future.

So much for that I am sound  
and will stay that way.

Again am I in School. I  
don't know how long this course  
will last but am told it may  
be so much as eight weeks.

From Indications it is going to  
be a very hard + strenuous one as  
it is to cover so wide a Scope.

It is to cover 6 days a week  
so I presume I shall be very  
busy I can only remark that  
when qualified we may render  
just as essential service as if  
we were in the trenches them-  
selves. I presume when this  
course is finished I shall be  
assigned to some special work  
at some special place.

I finished my other course a

week or so ago and now am selected to receive another course which I hope will turn me out what they need. I am willing to do any-thing that the Government sees best. Our instructor is from the office of the Q.M. Gen. at Wash and a civilian so I presume he will give us some very valuable instructions. The instructors of our other school were Soldiers who had been for some time in the Q.M.C. I could tell you many things about our last course which discouraged all who attended it and was of little significance only that it showed who were energetic and who were good students. Because of my record in this course I was selected as one to take the present course. Those who proved to be poor scholars are not to attend this school, but have gone to labor, Remount, and various other companies. I have no intention of complimenting myself but

am speaking of facts that confront us. Many did not study or work while many of use worked like the real devil. Well we got nothing out of it only the opportunity to attend the course I am now taking. I very frankly say that I would far rather received the training with a gun, but no matter what U.S. says I shall do I will do it with my greatest + best efforts.

Should I fail to write as often or as much remember that I am not neglecting you but that I am using my time for my work.

Every thing is uncertain in an army so I shall not attempt to say what my work will be after finishing the course before me.

The harder I work the more contented I can be so "work" is my slogan but let "rest" be your slogan.

Well I just saw a fair sex pass here, just like all of them. They are so thin that they are almost transparent and one would almost have to shake the sheet to fine them.

Glad that we cannot say that

about our Hoosier maidens.

The Girls can't help it. It is the fault of a warm climate, warm climate is a foe to flesh, so if you are fat come to me. (Pardon me I meant Florida)

I saw Gordon Marshall here Saturday. His wife is down here with him. Very nice arrangement indeed! I never could figure why he was so pale and peaked but since I saw his wife here, I have solved the question. Ha! Better send her home a few days and become a regular soldier. Ha!

Well we go to school from 7 A.M. to 12 M. Study in the afternoon but as a school boy never studies the 1<sup>st</sup> day, you will see why I am writing such a long letter.

Oh! Yes! I am still awaiting that photo of you. One in all your pleasantness as was Jims. "C"

I will send you a little

picture of myself which a boy  
took with his vest pocket  
camera (mum) If U.S. knew it  
he would get it

Oh Say! How much do u (way)  
weigh? I weight 157. No one  
could tell the difference how-  
ever. The sense of pressure  
resulting from 153 lbs (my  
weigh as a civilian) could  
never be differentiated from my  
weigh of 157. Ha! Scales only  
could detect the difference. Now  
did you smile over that suggestion  
or conclusion?

And Dearest I must close  
with sweetest memories of you  
and your kindnesses. I will  
write as often as possible.

Yours always

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