

Dear N,

Sunday Nov. 1, 42

Arrived here Tues. morning, & on the go ever since, always twice as many things to do as can be done. We have 8 days "Processing" then 18 days drill, then "on shipping" until sent to some training school mostly mechanical. I find I am here because I passed the math & mechanic quiz above average. On the list there is only one classification that is not mechanical so I am taking IT: WEATHER OBSERVER! However I am going to try to be reclassified. But that may keep me here longer. Jefferson Barracks is a tough place & the one objective of everyone is to get away as soon as possible. However I am learning to gulp my meals in 5 minutes, to control bladder for 12 hours, to control patience in having orders continuously changed and to keep on marching in spite of sore muscles. We are up at 5 AM & on the jump until after 9 PM. The average age, I guess, is under 30. ~~no~~ I'm surprised that I can take it as well as most of them; Please don't send me anything now except regulation stuff, practically no personal possessions allowed. UNLESS, you know of some extra good inexpensive fountain pen

Yes. Tom

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Dear Nanny.

P.S. to this morning's card. Forget about the fountain pen. I got time this morning to look over the selection at the Pot-Exchange and find they are priced much lower than in the regular trade, also a good selection. Now, I could use barrack slippers, something very light weight but strong. We got some rest this afternoon so we could do our washing, label clothing, and study general orders.

But there goes the call for chow!

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