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FORT OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA
Camp Wheeler,

WAC Det 1RTc
9 April 1944.

Dear Folks,

This is 10.10 Sunday evening. It has been a nice day. We got up early and went to the sunrise meeting at 7.15. The Protestant Service was held in an outdoor theater built beside the gymnasium. The Catholics + Jews had services at the same time in other places on the Post. There must have been at least three thousand boys there at our service. They had fixed a very neat looking stage with a white altar and many palms, Easter lilies and other flowers. One of the bands was there and there was a fine loudspeaker system. The program was also broadcast. It was a beautiful but sad service. Thinking of the future of those boys and of the fact, the only thing ahead of them might be that ~~eternal~~ hope of eternal life after death which was, of course, the theme of the service. It was a service I shall always remember.

We came home to breakfast at 8:30 with our officers and ~~sergeants~~ sergeants taking K.P. for us as their contribution to our happy Easter. Capt Cunningham, Lt Stokes, + S/Sgt Hankinson wore the cooks white uniforms + caps, 1st Sgt. Hisney + Sgt Pollison wore regular P.T. Dresses such as we have on when we take K.P. But Lt. Davall and 1st Sgt. Ryan made the biggest impression. They had some of the boys blue denim fatigue suits and had painted on the backs in big white letters "K.P. No. 1 (+ No. 2), Armored Division". They apparently had the dirty jobs to do like cleaning the store room, the refrigerators, the garbage cans + outside area and washing the pots + pans. Everyone gave them a big hand. They were all good sports to do it at all.

Some of us went to the 10.30 service at Chapel No. 1. which was also a fine service, although a rather small congregation. We had a pleasant ^{surprise} ~~surprise~~ for dinner. We found the tables all set for us on white tablecloths (sheets!) with colored Easter eggs and fruit centerpieces. We had turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, string beans, Waldorf salad, hot rolls, ice cream + cookies, coffee. a swell feed. - It was leisurely, no



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one in a hurry. Ann Yankee by Tomadelli.
played her accordion + we sang for a while. Quite
a few of the girls had boy for guests and we had
a Colonel + several Lieutenants at the officers'
table and our officers came out + talked with
them after they had finished serving ~~them~~ us!

I sewed on chevrons + sleeve patches for a while
then read until supper time. Fried oysters.

after supper. Crockett + I took a walk through
the woods back of the barracks. It was just
right, warm enough with just our fatigue
dresses on. There were a few dog wood
trees in bloom. I am enclosing a
blossom. It is not in good condition as
it has started to turn ~~dark~~ ^{dark}. I am also enclosing
some of the pine ~~spalls~~ ^{needles} so you can see
how long they are on the Southern
pines. Read rest of evening

Lights out now. Love

Ray.