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FORT OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA

Mon Dec 13.

8.05 A.M.

Dear Folks,

We are attending a class on First Aid. This past week has been so busy. A week ago yesterday I had KP all day so I didn't get a chance to write any letters and I haven't been able to get caught up yet. Monday when we got home from classes in the afternoon we found that our daily inspection had been so bad that we were ordered to spend the evening cleaning the barracks.

Tuesday evening I had a big washing to do, and it went like that all the week. Classes this week have been interesting. We are taking up Manners for Military ~~Company~~ Women, Interior Guard Duties. Uniform Regulations + Care of Clothing, Military Sanitation, Preventive Medicine, Backgrounds of the War, Articles of War, Company Administration, physical training, and Drill. We've had some very interesting films.

Saturday we marched in our first Saturday parade on the North Post parade ground. We didn't bring home any ribbons, but we did very well for the first time.

I thought I'd have time to write you Sat P.M. but I'd just got settled when word came that we were to get all our clothing out on our bed for clothing inspection. Then we went for our last typhoid shots and by the time we got our clothes put away again it was supper time. Mildred Smith & I applied for passes to Chattanooga but we didn't get them. Only 50 out of the company can go at once; so we went to the movies on the Post instead. We saw "There's something about a Soldier" It was very good and quite a lot like what we are going through. Particularly the scrubbing of the barracks floor.

Sunday morning I got up and went to church, sang in the choir, - wrote Miriam's letters, and ~~got~~ went to dinner. Mail call took so long that it was about 1.30 before we finished. after that Marion



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Spaulding + I went to Chattanooga. It really seemed good to see some civilians again! We window shopped, bought a few things in drug stores, we took a city bus ride which was very interesting. The houses around here are nearly all low one story affairs with very low roofs. The landscaping around looks as if it would be very pretty. Nearly all the houses are white wood or stucco.

We had supper in a restaurant off plates instead of trays, and took a long time over the meal. We went to the movies and saw Laurel + Hardy in "Dancing Masters". It was very funny - I enjoyed it very much. We got back to camp about 9 o'clock.

I wish I could remember what I have already written you. I should keep a carbon copy I guess.

By the way, they haven't sent our suitcases yet so don't worry about it and don't send it back until I send for. I imagine it may not be mailed home until after Xmas.

We got paid Thurs. \$23.33. Aunt Grace sent me ten dollars and I have received my last check from the Base. I'm pretty well off for money now. This month I'll get a full \$50 I expect but for January I will have \$7.40 taken out for insurance. I have made Mother & Dad joint beneficiaries. Also \$3.75 for bond deduction. I sent \$20.00 to the University of Maine.

We are now having a lecture of Malaria control. Not particularly interesting.

I have lost 8 pounds so far. It doesn't make any showing yet, but believe me I'm going to keep on if possible. These clothes make me look big as a barrel. I'll try to get a picture to send home when I find someone with a camera. I have all my clothes now except my jacket. so I haven't stelf

wear a sweaters with my skirt + can't take off my overcoat when I go off the Post, the jackets had to be made to order and I don't know when I shall get them.

I received the bathrobe + hangars, O.K. I could use more coat hangars, + more white hdkfs, also @ couple more fairly large bath towels and wash cloths, something for dust cloths, several pressing cloths, @ candle or some paraffin for cleaning the iron. - no hurry about any of these

I don't believe I have told you much about my comp any officers -

1. our C.O. is Lt Betty Mavric

She is about 27 I imagine, slender good looking, short, and has beautiful teeth, an adorable smile, and a grand sense of humor, She is a very fine lecturer and gives many of our lectures and of course directs our Drill.

2. Lt. Warren, my platoons leader. (3rd Platoon)

She is very short, with a nice Virginia accent. - She also is very, very nice.

3. Lt. Thompson, ^(2nd platoon) - medium height, light brown hair rolled on each side of her



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Cap. - She is our Supply Officer and helps us to see that we get all our clothing. She teaches. Military Sanitation, Uniform Regulations & Care of Clothing, Preventive Medicine. She is fairly good although not the natural lecturer that Lt. ~~Martico~~ is.

4. Lt. Pearson. (the 1st platoon leader) is the Recreation Officer. plans our basketball, bowling, baseball, etc. - She teaches Interior Guard Duties & Responsibilities - She has a keen sense of humor and even this dry subject is made interesting by her side comments.

Then we have several non-commissioned officers.

1st Sgt. - Bussler. who makes out duty rosters etc

Sgt. Petrucci who is supply sgt and who is also in charge of my barracks. - Loads of fun.

Sgt Bonner - company clerk - does company correspondence

Sgt Bwines - in charge of the other barracks

Cpl. Rosenbaum - our Mail Orderly - sleeps in my barracks - She is a peach.



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Put Stacey - assistant mail orderly
(Put Braun?) a new girl who has
just come who helps with PT classes,

Our meals continue to be very good,
plenty to eat + plenty of variety.

I am still getting quite a thrill out
of being here particular as we march
to classes morning + nights with the band
playing + company after company march
through the trees to classes. By the
way the barracks + classrooms were built
in among huge oak + pine trees. It
must be very pretty in the summer.

It has been very warm the last two
weeks, but yesterday + today have been
colder.

I must close now.

Loads of love to all of
you. Kiss Bobby for me.

Ray.