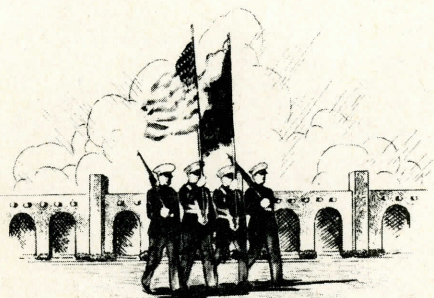


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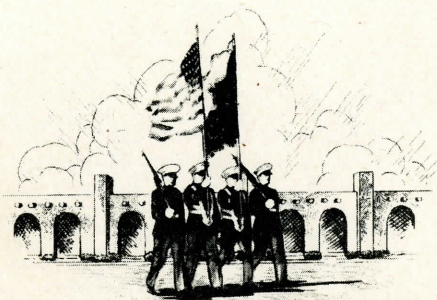
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Dear Mom & Pop,
Am getting an early start
this evening in letter
writing. Have written one
letter to "Joe". Got a nice long
letter from him last evening.
He was telling of his fun laugh
and everything. Sure was
nice to hear from him. Said
he was surprised to hear I am
in the same outfit as he
was. Says he wished he was
back out here. Doesn't like
it at all in the States!!!

Haven't heard from you for
some time. When you do
write, don't send me V. mail.
It doesn't arrive any quicker
and it is just a burden for
me. So when you write
please make it a long letter
even if you have to go for
a couple of days before
writing again.

Well today was quite a day
out at the dump. It rained
all night last night so it
was really muddy out there.

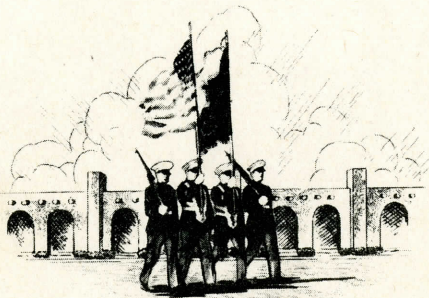
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Makes it hard to work when
it is that way. How is
work coming along with both
of you? Suppose Pa is still
getting the trucks stuck in
a pretty deep mud. Should put
skins on the trucks. Should
slide over it then.

How is everyone around
there? Bet you are enjoying
the class play by now. But
according to the difference in
time, it won't be until late
tomorrow afternoon ~~when~~ here,
when you are at the class
play. I wish I were there
beside you enjoying it. Are
you still having nice spring
weather? Hope you are. It makes
it much nicer.

Jack Tom just arrived in the
tent so everything is in an uproar.
It was very peaceful here
until he arrived. Lambie has
gone to the show. Turner has also
gone to the show. Holden and
I are writing letters.



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Hear Germany is really catching
it. That is good news. Hope they
beg it up. Don't hear much news
about this theater of war over
here. I guess I will close for
now and write to Jeanne and
June. Am ~~that~~ thinking of you
all the time

Love
Bill