2:30 P.M. - Mftima
En Route

Dear Hon:

Here I am rolling along thru the mountains of Idaho or Montana, I dont know which, trying to make my pen wobble when the train doesn't - but not having (corner) much success.

We went through Eastern Wn last night so I didn't see much of it. Still dark at Spokane so I missed that. Daylight now but all white - some snow.

Didn't sleep too well in my upper berth last night but all I've got to do until 5:30 Sat is read, eat, and sleep.

Apparently I'm on my way to a special school in

machine record work, dont know what it is all about but seems to be a good deal according to the boys. Will know more next week.

I'm traveling on my own, alone, except for a few hundred other people who are on the same train. Not many G.I's (Government Issues) though.

I have an upper berth all the way to Wn.D.C. and $3.00 a day to eat on. Breakfast cost 88¢ but I didnt want any lunch. Had a candy bar.

Tried to sleep in this A.M. but finally gave up at 7:10, dressed, and had (S) a breakfast of H. Cakes, links, pineapple J., and 2 cups of good Coffee.

This line is electrified but I can't tell that makes it any smoother!

7:00 P.M.
En Route -
In Montana

chapter 2

Another day (C) about gone, which means one less day away from you, Hon. You see I figure this will end one of these days and the faster the days go the better.

We just pulled out of Butte, Mont. It is a big mining (O) [Indicates Chrome] town. Could see some of the buildings (G mines) from depot. Very nice girls there too! They gave us G.I.'s candy, cigarettes, magazines and papers - all free.

Spent most of the afternoon playing Rummy with a Sgt. from Alaska. He won.

we used "our" little cards. People thought they were pretty cute.

We are really in the mountains now. Snow is getting closer all the time.

Two ladies, a soldier's wife and her mother, have the berth below me. New yorker's. Their luggage occupies most of the space so I spend my time in the smoking room. I gave them the peanuts the girls gave me but kept the popcorn.

Called Gay and Gen before I left. Gen is still down with a cold and couldn't go to school.

I cashed a $10.00 check before I left.

9:50 P.M.
Thursday

Chapter 3

We are just coming into Minneapolis, Minn., and I'll try to get an air mail special there.

During most of today we have been running thru N. & S. Dakota. Looked a lot like the Eastern Oregon wheat country.

Played poker and read most of the day. Lost about 50¢, but made it up by going without lunch.

About 2 PM we stopped at Aberdeen. S.D. and the U.S.O at the depot fed us pheasant sandwiches, cake and coffee. So I did O.K.

The weather outside was clear but cold. Lots of ice on the ponds and creeks. Saw several places where we could have had a swell time skating.

Had a good night's sleep last night and I'm feeling fine. Much better than on our trip — if you remember.

Will be in Chicago at 8:50 in the Morning. From there I'll go to W. D.C then to Petersburg V.A. My orders say "Q.M. RTC (for T.A.C Trg) (MRU), Camp Lee, Virginia. I dont know what that means but it looks like something.

I do know very positively it is always,

Love,
Harold.