7:15 P. M.
Thursday Eve.

Dear Sweet:

No, Hon, I haven't forgotten you, but have just been so damned busy I haven't had a chand to write.

Your letters have been a great moral builder, Hon, and I sure need them. Glad to hear the program went well and I know your solo(s) were fine. I wish I could have been there to hear you.

I was among the volunteers to go to the

Christmas program at the Chapel last night. I'm sending you a program by regular mail. There may be some numbers on it you'll want. It was a good program considering the few practices they had.

By the way, the volunteers were picked like this (as usual). The Corporal says, "I want 10 volunteers to go to the Church program. You, you, you, you and you. Thanks, boys for stepping up." After so many days you get so you don't volunteer for anything.

you just let them pick out the ones they want and hope your not among them.

By the way, the cold is much better. Probably as good as it ever will be while I'm here.

I did fall thr the creek a week ago when we went over the obstacle course but got thru O.K. yesterday. I went in clear to my hips. Fell off the ladder. I was so weak and winded when I got that far that I couldnt hold on when one of the rungs turned.

We had a night problem Monday. Fortunately it was

was one of the best night problems they had ever had in the company. We really had fun. Kinda like cops and robbers.

Tomarrow, Friday, morning we go over the landing net again only this time we have packs and rifles. It isn't as bad as the obstacle course.

Today we had another examination by officers from another company. I guess we got a rating of "Excellent" again but didnt quite make "Superior". As usual the 4th platoon was on the ball meaning doing very good.

I can't figure the deal out on that bank account, Hon, but I'm glad it is there. Also, you did fine on the Income Tax thing. Should I say I <u>continue</u> to be proud of you? I am, Butch.

Oh, yes, forgot to say I was on K. P again, but it was easy compared to the drill and field work.

We still haven't been paid. I cashed a check for $10.00 the other day and may need $5.00 more unless they pay soon.

We go on the rifle range Sunday afternoon and no mail will be sent from there. So you can expect to miss out on a

Couple of days. We have been practicing up on shooting positions for a week. I hope I can hit the target!

Got a letter, Christmas card, from Dorothy and Jim. Jim got the end of his finger cut off in the corn chopper.

Also, received a package from Chet and Lovelle but can't open it until Christmas. Mrs Burrell, "Fog" Shirley and the Church choir also sent cards. Sure seems nice to get so much mail. O.K, yes, "Fog" also wrote me a nice letter.

It was bitter cold out this morning but warmed up enough

during the day to allow us to take off our overcoats during firing practice. It is cold again this eve.

They cleaned out the grates on our furnace today. Maybe we will have some heat for a change — I hope!

Guess I'd better turn off some of this and save it for next time.

Each and every day, Hon, I find you mean more and more to me and there is no one else who will or can take your place in my

Love

Harold.