

June 6, 1945
Hello Dear Wife & Son,

How be ye this fine hot day - is the weather ever bearing down in these parts now - the grass is beginning to dry now - the sun is nearly directly over head at noon - In other words a fellow has no shadow from about 10:30 till 3:00 P.M.

The letter that you wrote Sunday came this day but the letter you wrote on Saturday hasn't arrived as yet.

I had a letter from Dad last evening & he told me that his books arrived in good shape - Thanks for sending them for me.

The sand is beginning to dry now and blow around with every breeze that blows. This evening I took my

Rifle apart piece by bit and cleaned it. I wiped a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch layer of sand from all parts - I put my mess kit through the mill again this day - It is a tin affect. on the order of a Pie pan. I took a piece of steel wool & polished the side of tin till I could see my face in it. I also cleaned my canteen out with little rocks & soap - I don't know if the water will taste any better or not.

Usually the water is so slick that it won't even make mud out of the dust that the sand blows -

The last word I received was that we were going to have a pay day on the 10th of this month. By the time they get through cutting a fellow will be lucky to get \$10⁰⁰

out of the deal.

Deduct for Wife	22 ⁰⁰
" " Insurance	8 ²⁰
" " Laundry	1 ⁵⁰
" " Bonds -	10 ⁰⁰
" " Books & Misc.	4 ⁰⁰

That leaves about \$14.00 ~~14~~ ^{\$}45⁷⁰

It seems that they have a few other deductions that don't amount to much - Well I suppose that is all that a fellow has time to spend though. I think that I'll buy about 6 bars of life Buoy Soap - & a few other things that I need - Also about two dollars worth of bus tokens - At the first of the month or Payday then I'll have enough necessities to get by with.

Did I tell you that I had a chicken dinner along with the rest

of the company - Boiled - with
washed potatoes & gravy - Chocolate
Pudding & cake and vegetables &
fruit. We had a good meal I'd
say - only I didn't go so heavy on
the chicken -

Well you have heard about all
the news in this section of the good
old earth.

If I stay here long enough you
you will have the same problem
on your hands with Texas in my
system as you had with me & Mart.

But you won't have to worry about
that so long as I'm in the prison -
This is rough enough for me but
it's easy for me compared with what
it is for lots of these City dudes -

Smile!!

Well So long for now.
Remember I love you
L. Hand -

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