

Mineral Wells
21 July 45

Dearest Wife & Son -

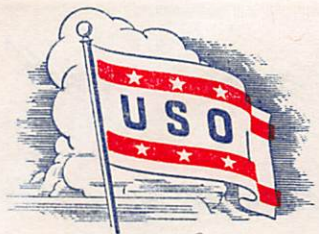
This evening I got in on a
Watermelon Bust with a group
of I.O.O.F. fellows - seeing as how
this is the closest week end to the
24 of July we got together & bought
a few water melons 12 Dollars
worth but that was enough for
everyone to have all that we wanted.
We all put in 50¢ & came out
about right of course there was
a few fellows wives to bring the
number up to about 35 Present
We came into the Baraka

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from the Rifle Range at 6:10 -
& the plans were set for 7:30 -
there was rifle inspection at 7:30
& all in all looked that we would
be unable to get to the Party.
Don & I decided to miss supper &
clean rifle so ~~we~~ went to cleaning.
By the time the other fellows
got out of chow we had our rifle
about clean - We shaved - Showered
etc & put it to the Sergeant to
inspect our Rifles Early & told
him our Plans.

We drove out our Passes & hit
for the bus line - We got to the
bus stop just as the bus stopped
one ahead. While we were waiting
a fellow gave us a ride right to the
city - & we hit the meeting Point
at 7:29½ & two tickets - just in
time to catch a Taxi with the
group & go to the Park for 15¢ -



The coat was small compared with the joy that we had. We didn't wait for mail call so on the next mail call that we got in on we should receive quite a bit of mail -

You probably think that I'm quite a fellow - for thinking the way I do but I like to get away from the busy life & tune in on a good evening with friends occasionally.

Well the evenings rolls by on wings so its best that I sign off & get to camp & bed so that I can arise in time for

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church-

Well so long for now - with
a thousand & One kisses for
you & the boy -

Remember Smile.

Leland

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