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Dear Blanche,

Don't think
that I'm not glad to
receive your letters.
I want to hear from
home as often as I can,
but for a couple weeks
I'll be pretty much on
the jump. This morning we
had an hour of dismounted
drill and the rest of the
time in the field with the
wireless pack sets. These
sets are carried on two mules.
A generator is on one mule,

and the wireless instruments is
on the other. A company
has 80 men. There are
four sections of ten men
each and a fifth section
of 20 men. The fifth
section has a high
power set carried on two
two-wheeled wagons
hitched together and
driven by four horses.
The generator is run by
a high speed
four-cylinder engine.
The aerial mast is sections
like a fish pole and
can be erected to a height
of 80 feet. The mule
pack set has a fifty
foot pole and the
generator is run by four

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men. There is a Warner speedometer on it and it has to be kept at a certain speed. Each of the ten men take a hand at it. Believe me it's a gay life running that "grindstone" under a hot Kansas sun. I wish you could see how a station is set up in the field. This afternoon five of us run a field buzzer telegraph out over the hills. We hooked on to a fence and then connected on to the fence again

lates on. The field buzzer
is like the buzzer I
had in my desk only its
very compact. When

we finished this we
came back and the
company ~~when~~ went over
to the stables and groomed
horses. ~~The~~ Three men
have been sent to the
hospital so far. One
was kicked in the chest
by a mule when we were
leading them out of
the cars. Another fellow
was gently pushed half
way across the barn but
not hurt bad. Yesterday,
a sergeant mounted a
green horse bareback. When
they picked him up his

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hence was knocked out,
and his jaw badly
bruised. The horses and
mules are treated pretty
decent in the army. It's a
courtmartial offense to
abuse any animal. The
maximum ~~offense~~ punishment
for hitting a horse with
a stick or even a curry
comb is about 3 months in
the "mill." They had a
rumor about that Co. A
would go to Ft. Omaha
Wed. but I guess it was
all bunk. We are
pretty sure to go east

by Sept. 15th at the latest.
I am going to get
me a vest pocket camera
that fits in a good leather
belt holster. Several
"ham" photographers have
them. Marie is going
to have her picture taken.
I suppose she will wait
till after seeing Rockford
now. I sure do wish I
could see her again.
Mother wrote me that she
couldn't come. I think it
is best anyway well
I guess it's chop this.

With Love,
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