

Take any music you want

Wed. Aug. 29, 1917

Dear Marie,

I am waiting to be surprised with your "bright idea". Let it shoot. Some fancy dress and ribbon, I'd say. If you had one of these bugles tooting in your ear every morning at 5:15 you wouldn't need Andy to pull you out. A large megaphone is set up on a post and a bugler puts his music box up to the mouthpiece of this horn and sounds the different calls. The one that sounds best is "taps" at ~~9:45~~ 10:00 P.M. First one bugle away over the hill will sound then a nearer one, then one still nearer. Finally the bugler in back of

our barracks will blow. The  
"soup & beans" call sounds  
good, too, in a different way.

This morning we had the  
usual hour of foot drill, an  
hour of heliograph practice,  
an hour of wireless, and an  
hour & a half of grooming  
horses. The heliograph consists  
of mirrors and shutters  
mounted on two tripods.

The shutter is opened and  
closed by a key and  
makes the dots and dashes  
in the telegraph code. The  
mirrors reflect the rays of  
sunlight to the distant  
station thru the shutter  
when it is operated by the key.  
Under favorable conditions  
it is possible to send a  
message 120 miles at the

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rate of 8 words per minute.  
(40 letters). We have  
been having it pretty soft  
this week in the afternoons.  
We go to the corral, get  
our horses and feed them  
on the grass by the roadside  
in the woods. We have over  
100 horses for our company  
and it keeps us busy  
watching them. I like to "monkey"  
with these horses; they are  
beginning to show the results  
of good care and feed, too.

I was talking to Sergeant  
Williams today and he said  
I could feel sure that I will  
be transferred to the photo  
section pretty soon. You see  
they are simply waiting  
to get enough men to ship  
together and meanwhile they

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Give us the regular Signal  
Training as photography  
is a branch of the  
Signal Corps, the same  
as telephone, telegraph,  
radio, & visual signaling.  
You see the Signal Corps  
is the information depot  
of the Army and the photographer  
gives his information in the  
form of maps and record  
photographs. All this  
will have to be enough. I  
wish I knew if I could  
plan to come to Beloit for  
a day. You can bet  
Lyle & Ethel would have  
nothing on us. I can't help  
but think of all the good  
times we had.

Yours,  
Forrest.

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