

Sunday, Oct. 28, 1917.

Dear Marie,

Just finished the hardest days work I seen for a month. My turn at stable police came today after I had planned to do a lot of picture work. Jerry Berry and I worked steady from breakfast till 1:00 then I saddled my horse and went to the Barracks (a short mile) for an early dinner. This was only the second time I had been on a horse, and the first time alone, so had to watch my step. The most trouble I had was when

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we passed motorcycles and autos. He's no city bred horse by a long shot and sure I does hate those little three-wheeled bugg-wagons.

When we came near an auto he slowed down from a trot to a walk and as the auto passed he laid back his ears and stopped short.

We sure had some dinner. Pork-chops, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cabbage, bread pudding, & cocoa.

I guess Ten was hungry too, for, on the way back, when he caught sight of the stables, he lit out on

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a gallop. This is easier riding than a trot so I let him go to it. I am mighty glad we have horses, for the riding is sure great stuff. We are allowed mounted passes from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 on Sunday. When I got back the other fellows went to dinner. At 1:30 we bedded the stalls and put out the hay and grain. I took a few pictures and then it was time for me to go to supper, so as to get back before regular mess.

Ray, would you

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Whether let you use my
.25 cal. automatic? If ^{you} want
to shoot, and your folks
don't object, you're welcome
to it. Of course the gun
has to be thoroughly
cleaned right after using,
and I will have to
show you how to take it
apart & remove the barrel.

Don't you think it
would be better if you did
go to these parties even
if you don't care very
much about them? I
wish you would - I don't
like to hear of people
noticing that you only

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go with me. Please don't
misunderstand me - I
simply think you ought
to go just for that one
reason, Don't you?

I can't get the goods
nor the fine olive drab
silk floss for the chevrons
so will have to give it
up.

Here are some cards.

Yours
J. J. Orrest.



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