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Dear Marie,

Glad to hear you liked the pictures. I guess we say our final "Goodbye" to our Shorses this week. Yesterday ~~the~~ we saw our motor radio set. It is for the main station and is set up on a "White" motor truck. The motor class I was in was discontinued at the end of the month. (Jan.)

Stock leaves for Urbana, Ill. tomorrow or Tuesday. He will attend the "ground school" and



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then go to some aviation field to learn to fly, later. I wish I were going to Urbana as it is only about 160 miles from Beloit. Stock's final success in getting his transfer has stirred up quite a spirit of unrest among some of the more ambitious men in the Co. Serg'ts Ryan, Carr, and Ward are going to try for a transfer but I doubt if they can "put it over" in the way that Stock did. Maybe Stock will go to Beloit some time before he leaves Urbana.
Friday night and Pat.



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We were on guard again. The "Officer of the Day" was a pretty strict one and about fifteen minutes after "retreat" was blown he came around to look us over. I was on duty at the Guard House (Post No. 1.) and he criticised me for not turning out the guard when he came in sight. Well it happened that I was right because the thirteenth special order, applying to Post # No. 1, starts out "Between Reveille and Retreat, turn out the guard for --- etc.", but it got my goat anyway. The A.D. came around again on an inspection



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Tour and Cpl. Abrams told me to be very sure to challenge all persons and to advance no one without calling the Corporal of the Guard. I was on duty from 10 to 12 P.M. and believe me I halted everyone strictly according to regulations. At midnight I was relieved and went to bed. Just as I was dozing off I heard Corporal Clayton make a remark about "Bassett walking him up several times by calling the Cpl. of the Guard to advance men coming to the guard-house. Finally he



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said, "He's a d-d good kid,
but bullheaded as f-l."
I thought that was about
"nufficed" so I cut loose
with a few remarks on
the subject that cleared
the atmosphere considerably.
I knew he was pretty
unpopular with almost
every man in the Co. so
I didn't leave very much
unsaid. It's a gay life.
I have only been to
one "movie" since Thanksgiving.
I saw one of the "Bibi's Diary"
pictures last summer.
It was the one where her
mother wouldn't ~~let~~ let
her have her new party
dress made with a low-



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neck. She scared her folks into thinking she was going to run away and marry, and finally got her dress. It sure was a good story, was it, the one you saw?

Well I must quit for tonight. Would you like to learn the radio telegraph code and the Semaphore method of signaling?

With love,
Forrest.

The radio code is the same one we used to use with the buzzer in my desk.



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