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Friday, Feb. 8, 1918.

Dear Marie,

George Stock left Monday for Urbana, Ill. A young fellow from the Wisconsin University is in his place. He is a A-1 recruit, drafted, I guess, as he came here in his civilian clothes and knows absolutely nothing about military life.

We shipped all our horses to Ft. Riley a few days ago. "Ten" is in the Cavalry as his tag was marked "Car." A few of the horses were tagged "Artillery." We



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Kept most of our pack
mules. One mule executed
a perfectly good "Talt,"
when we led him to
the car door, but a
rope from his halter,
around his hind legs,
and ten men pushing,
just ~~un~~ naturally
changed his mind.

Yesterday at 4:30 P.M.
we had a formal
"retreat" with a review of
the whole 5th & 6th
Battalions. It sure
was some fancy.

Today we had our
first Battalion maneuvers
in the field. We had
telegraph and radio



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stations set up in a number of places between Leavenworth and Wichita. Our new radio tractor is showing itself to be some machine. I copied a message from it for the first time yesterday afternoon.

Tuesday I passed the semaphore test without an error. We are going to be tested in radio, wig-wag, and acetylene lantern later in the month. Those that fail these tests are not allowed to leave the Cantonments.

I doubt if you would find it worth while to