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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 "Cav." 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 "halt," when we led him to the car door, but a rope from his halter, around his hind legs, and ten men pushing, just ~~so~~ 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



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learn either the radio  
or semaphore code.  
It is very interesting  
though.

Well I have biked  
quite a bit today and  
will have to walk  
home so I guess I'll quit.

With love,

Forrest.



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