



UNITED STATES ARMY

regretted to see the hour arrive for his departure. Am now looking forward to that time when we can again be together for an afternoon of reminiscence.

In your last letter you ask about my job here. I will try to color this note with a greater degree of egotistical reflection but I feel that my experiences here are not significantly new or novel to add to the usual or typical life of an army soldier. Fundamentally I am participating in a course of basic medical training being a repetition of that eternal sameness of work experience at Barnes. Men who have been in the army for 15 years including master sergeants are included in the group so am wondering if possibly it is not a matter of temporarily hold us with this basic training unit until time arrives when they can place us with proper units. You can readily imagine how these men who have served for years overseas are taking to this new order of basic training. There is unquestionably a reason but just what it could be, I confess, I do not know. Nor do any of the officials appear to have an explanation for the logicality of it all. However, if you feel well enough disposed to listen to a rehash of army life (please avail yourself of any shortcuts that you would like to make) will expose it in all its unmitigated reality. But first allow me to preface this account