

CAMP VAN DORN  
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January 2, 1944.

Dear Malley:-

I had two visitors last night - Jacob and Marty Balick. We sat in my barrack and talked about home. Jacob, as you already know, is in this division. Marty told me that he just came <sup>from</sup> home and is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss, which is about 90 miles from here. Both of them look good.

Yes, it is lonesome here without Sara. But she is needed at home now.

We just completed our basic course. However, that doesn't mean that we can sit back and take it easy. The Army Corp tests start on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Our furloughs are supposed to begin on January 9<sup>th</sup>, but only fifteen percent of the men can be away at one time. It may take two months before the last group of men leave. And we are all supposed to be moved to a new camp before that. In short, it's hard to reconcile everything that one hears in



camp. We will have to sit back and wait — and hope.

I feel like a big "shot" now. As a result of my firing on the range, I am entitled to an expert's rating. The shooting galleries had better watch out when I get back.

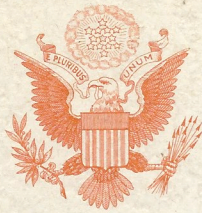
From the description that you gave me about all the changes and improvements at the "Y", I can hardly wait to see them. I sure do wish that we had a place like the "Y" here. The boys in the Wilmington area don't know how lucky they are.

Sara wrote me that she saw Artie Blatman home recently, and that he looked swell:

I suppose that you are busier than ever now with all of your mail. By the way, I have only received two copies of the Recorder since here. I would appreciate your sending me the current issue so that I could read about all the boys.

We are having bad weather lately — cold rainy spells. All we do is scrub and wash our equipment on Sundays — that's where the rub comes in. In fact, our barrack now looks like Mrs. Murphy's yard on wash Monday. Clothes and equipment are hanging all over the place.





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I just filed an application for <sup>II</sup> O. C. S. I hope that it will be approved in the near future.

Well, Mollie, there's not much more that I can write just now. Give my regards to the Board members, Johnny, Senny, + Mr. Solled.

Sincerely,  
Wate Rosbrow.