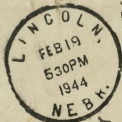


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Saturday Aft.

Dear Folks:

Well, I guess by now you've heard.

the dismal news; they're going to shut down
AST, and no foolin'. By April 1st. Most of
us have accepted that we'll go, but the picture
still isn't too dark. Our Co. Commander told
us to keep on the ball today, because if we
were in good standing scholastically when we
left we'd get our credit, and probably be
used as translators just the same. In other
words, he doesn't believe we'll be sent back
to the troops promiscuously, which was what
we all dreaded. So it seems that even
now we'll get some kind of a rating

and special berth out of it. We have
six ~~more~~ weeks more 'till April 1st, and
by then will have finished 2 terms of our
~~term~~ program. There are other things that give
us hope. The Major told us this afternoon
that two weeks or so ago. you know when
I wrote you - they found out that A and L
would finish here in July. That is they know
of the appropriations made up thru' that time.
And some of the news announcers have
said that nothing was said of A+L. So its
very possible that they'll let us finish,
and change our name. For instance,
before the ASTP¹⁰ program got started, the

Japanese schools were known as

Japanese Interrogators schools, but since the

ASTP, they have been incorporated into its general body. I think this has been done

for administrative reasons, and I don't think

that the ^(our) program is going to be scrapped

at this stage of the game. My guess is

they'll change the program's name, but keep training us.

Well, so much for that. I found out

I made a 95 on my last week's exam in area. This gives me three week exams

of 95, 96 and 95, and a mo's exam of 90. I'm

not sure if I've written you since Thursday.

[They sure aren't going to dismiss the Japanese schools.]

We changed German Conversation (4)

teachers (Once a mo.); our new one is a real
german gal - Austrian I think, Fran Matt. She's
very good with her expression.

Thursday evening I had a coke date for
awhile before study hall - after dinner. Last night
the Fagans had a dance; I took a new
little girl I just met a week or so ago -
Joan Hutzinger, from Omaha. Very & clever
kid, has studied 4 languages and is taking
flying, has 62 hrs. in the air. Our Phi
gam prof. and his wife chaperoned the dance
(Prof. Champe) and Larry and I
double-dated.

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Last Tuesday nite someone in our platoon spoke out of turn and we had to double-time 8 blocks in slush to atone for it. Then yesterday at noon same thing happened again, but I was marching back from chow in a small group. I just had to double-time 4 blocks this time. A total of 12 blocks for something I didn't do. The army's idea of justice.

Then I got one gig last Tuesday, for leaving a map tube "projecting from barracks bags," which was where

(6.)

I'd had it for two months, plainly
visible with no word said. But it
takes two first class gigs to keep you
in a week-end, (you're "allowed" one.)
and I passed inspection this afternoon
in flying colors, so I'm ok. Harry and
Geo. Cummings (Dartmouth boy) are going out
tonite, to a show I guess. No dates.

Don't you all worry about
this report. Whatever happens we'll be
all right and together, and there's a good
chance nothing will happen.

Love,
Bob