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Sneaky mine -

Now we're in school again - arrived last night and started to drill at 8 this a.m. And we're with full field equipment too - no more ready made barracks - just a roof and some clean mud for a floor. A fine bunch of officers here tho' the eats are excellent, and the training is great and to the point.

Was ashamed of a half dozen or so of our fellows. They had no pots. Believe me I enjoyed mine - it's so warm and comfortable. And candles too - 'member how you worried

about those candles - well several days ago, when the fellows had nothing to talk about, one of the bunch discovered my box of candles. Everybody took up the joke(?) - just like we kidded Van Etten about his <sup>3</sup> trunks, only this was more good natured. Last night when we hit here the very fellow who started the laugh had to come and borrow a candle. I loaned two then found they were hard to get so cut it off. This fellow had no eat either - more earned fun and good natured. So you see again your loving care saved the situation.

all that was issued to us here beside the necessary literature was a rifle to keep clean, and a pair of gum boots. The mud is thick, deep and sticky and from all reports - always with us.

Tales -

Have been out to a signaling class, and it's the most interesting stuff we've found yet. See I like it and more and more I'm glad for the branch I chose. The search

of signal officers makes early  
assignment assured, and well be  
in on the ground floor. Every-  
thing is lovely kiddy, and still  
my optimism doesn't wane.

Maybe I'll get mail in three  
weeks now - Say! - I should get  
a "Pyle" of it - and what's more  
I need it. I want to know that  
you are getting mail regularly -  
Military mail goes slowly, but  
I guess we can put up with it -  
oh sweetheart. I long with oh lots of love  
Put a.p.o. 703 on my mail. X X X L.T. X X X X