

Here's one little detail I enjoy—



Aug 29.

Dear Talke:

Sunday once more and my chance to write letters. I went over to see Henry about Oal and got half of the box you sent. I really needed the socks for I hadn't a single clean pair left.

Today we were given our steel helmets, the wouldn't let us go to church this morning for we had to wait until they had all the helmets checked out. I guess we start practicing the machine gun course pretty soon. It isn't long now and they won't use ~~real~~ real bullets for 3 or 4 weeks. They generally don't issue helmets until the last week of basic, I guess because our basic training is now 21 weeks instead of 12 they decided that we may as well get used to them. They told us for sure that our basic training was to be 21 weeks. Page 1 of 4

it was 12, then 17 and now 21. The war will probably be over before I ever get out of this place.

Grace wrote me 3 days ago and she wants to come down between the 6th and 13th of September. School starts the 19th so she would have to come then, however I wrote to her and told her that I would write and see what you thought about it. I don't think it would be very wise to try and make it. In her letter today she said she was going to write you and try to talk you into it. I just finished writing her and in the letter I advised her to stay home and get ready for school. I don't know where you would stay and I couldn't see you only about 5 hours a day. Then if we would have any work at night I couldn't even see you that much. I don't know what either Keating or I have that week so I couldn't tell you for sure what was coming up for that week. You think it over, it would cost about

If you don't have time to write—just drop me a box of cookies.



\$ 35 or \$ 40 for a round trip ticket
on the train and I doubt that you
could get enough gas for the car. You
may be able to work something out
but I know she couldn't afford to
come on the train. I'll be home
before too long so there's no use
in spending any money to come down
to this hot place. You can tell
I mean, that there isn't much chance
of trying to come down. It may sound
like I'm trying to discourage you,
but I'd rather you'd save the
money and buy something you
and Dad need, or put it in
~~the~~ the bank for Kenny and I.

Tomorrow starts my 8th
week and we have a hike
early in the morning so I'll
have to get up at 4:15.

It is still hot down

here, but it did sprinkle a little today and cool things off.

There's a Lieutenant Colonel down here who was a K2 at Wyoming. As soon as my ring gets back I'm going to look him up and talk to him. He ~~could~~ could probably help me in A.S. J.P. or O.C.S. My ring should be back this next week sometime, I don't imagine they had to do much to it.

My foot is feeling much better now and I'm feeling pretty good. Henry looks fine to me so don't worry about him. His face is much clearer than it has been for quite a while.

How are you and Dad making it all alone. I've had about the girl you told me about. Hope Gloria is feeling better by now. I don't need a ~~thing~~ thing and thanks for the food and things. Love
Bob