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Monday P.M.

Dear Margie,

Just a note to tell you I got the registered letter from the post-office today and thank you for the trouble of sending it - I got ten from Dad too. I tell you there's no better feeling in the world than being well healed here.

Today was a regular routine day and we added military map-reading to our repertoire. We also started a series of three shots for titanus - wow! - no time off for them ~~any~~ because the effects wear off immediately. I'm glad to hear your classes aren't going so bad - maybe

you just hit a bad spot
in the generation — the 14
business sounds alarming —
let me know what you find
out about it.

Today I again failed
to pass ten words a minute.
I guess I was just a flash
in the pan. The funny
thing is I have already
taken 12 words in practice.
But remember that the
average man goes out of
here with just 7 words per
minute after the 13 weeks.
10 words is considered
acceptable in regular army
work and 15 words good.
Private licensed operators for
telegraph companies take
from 20 to 30 — that is seldom
achieved in the first year.

War and Peace is going very slowly. Most days go by without my even having a chance to look ^{at} it. That makes the character problem really difficult. as time goes on the officer added concerns seem to go easier and easier on us.

Before I close I must tell you Lieutenant Jambotest at rifle inspection he had cause to be disgusted, so he gave us a spiel about how we may have come into contact with unions in our civilian life. "well," he said "I wouldn't know much about them but there ain't

no ~~such~~ such thing around
here. You are in the army
24 hours a day. Clean your
rifles for two hours every
night if necessary." He
then proceeded into the
contradiction that we should
do all our cleaning up on
our own time. What the
Hede? Did I tell you about
Corporal Debellis calling us
~~fools~~ "irresistible" when
he wanted to ~~say~~ say
"impertinent"? He's really a
case - I'll tell you more
about some of these boys
when I see you.

Sane,
Robert.