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Dear Mr. Eiche,

Yesterday I received the paper
& your note. I think that it was
very considerate of you & the student
to send them to us. (I'm sure all
of the boys enjoyed them because we
all got together & had a bull session
over the paper & all of the new happenings
of the Center.)

I think that the scholarship for
wounded veterans would be swell.
It makes us feel very good
to know that people are thinking of
us. I'm sure all of the boys
in the service are doing their best
& [] this will be over next
year this time. I'm sure if Steve
Coller gets in with us we can clean
up the Japs real soon.

It sure must be tough to be
a civilian. We get good eats. Let me
tell you what I had for supper.
Steak (almost as big as you hand)
corn bread with lots of butter.
new peas, string beans, French fries,
tomatoes & [] an orange slice
cream & coffee for desert. How
does that sound?

Well on Monday we leave for
two weeks of maneuvers. The only
connection that we will have with
the outside world will be letters
so if you aren't too busy I would
like to hear from you. We will
live on field rations for three days.
The last night there we will have
a beer party & entertainment so

we will have something to look forward too.

I had a nice letter from Mr. Adler, he's still the [] we knew when we were at the Center.

I guess that this week for family did sound a little fishy but that's what our BC. told us. I hope it will [] to the A.S.T.P boys also. They have so many boys coming in here that they don't know what to do to us so I guess that's why we get a leave. The three weeks also means that some will be longer than others because of traveling time for some of the boys that live out west.

Even if I only get a week I'll do my best to come up & see you & the rest of my friends in Altoona.

You sure have a lot of new students. We, Murray & I, are anxious to get a look at some of them.

That "Alumni Chatter" is okay as it keeps us informed about our old classmates. By the way, what is Estelle doing at John Hopkins, is she very ill?

172 is a lot of boys to be in the Service from the Center. I hope we all come back.

Well I have to answer some letters I've received from some girls so I guess I've [] your share of [] for one letter. After all it's my duty to keep up the girls morale since there aren't any men left in Altoona.

If its true what they say
it will be like heaven for a soldier
on leave.

Write soon & say "Hello"
to faculty that I know. Tell them
to drop me a few lines if they aren't
to busy making blue books.

As Ever

Ed

