

Dear Alan:

Memo

I have been getting a tremendous kick out of your letters both because they are interesting + also because they bring back memories to me. In the mellowing of time ^{that has} passed, these memories have become pleasant ones, although ^{at times} they were most unpleasant at the time of their occurrence.

My first days of army life were at Camp Grant where I remember standing inspection (~~of~~ ^{no} cleanups of barracks if you please, but we spent as much time shining our shoes + polishing our insignia + buttons as you do.) Those few inspections that I stood there were the only ones I ever stood in the army. ~~After those~~ ^{After those} 3 or 4 weeks I was supposedly qualified to inspect GIs who knew much more about inspections than I did. One thing is certain - the inspecting officers in a medical battalion certainly had to depend on their non-coms for help - i.e. except for the few officers

who went thru OCS.

Re formations in the dark - while we were
in the desert, ^{as CO} I had to hold ~~formations~~ ^{roll call} every A.M. ^{Single}
before it was light enough to see the men. ~~The~~
Ros lived 90 mi from camp, the nite I went
home (every ^{2nd to} 3rd nite) meant that I had to get up
at 3³⁰ the next A.M. to make reveille. I'm sure
that the boys were smarter than I was & frequently
would have someone else answer roll call for them.
Incidentally - many of the movements made by the
army start at that early hour & in the middle
of the nite.

Now I offer you a suggestion re your cohorts -
^{that in your letters} make sure you write the home address of each man
in whom you are interested, at least on one occasion.
You may never want it in the future, but if you
should want it you'll have it. ~~Since you know~~
I will save all your letters. I have been thru that
phase of trying to run down addresses & it can
be quite complicated & time consuming. In fact I
am still chasing down some of the fellows - located
2 more this week while making arrangements for

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another reunion of my co in N.Y.C.
this June - If I'm lucky there 2 should
~~have~~ a few addresses that will help me

locate a couple of more fellows • It's lots of fun to run them
down - almost like detective ~~work~~ - I've located 73 from
a start of only 1 I have now corresponded with 73 & have
actually personally contacted more than half of that #.

Enough for now -

Best of luck,
Walt.