



CAMP CROWDER  
MISSOURI

Friday Afternoon  
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Dear June,

Received your letter and was sure glad to hear from you. Keep up the good work.

As for spare time, you must not be aware of the fact that they don't give you time to breath on your own while you are in Basin. We start at 5:30 and when I get through at night it is time for the lights to go out.

We went through the gas chamber yesterday to gain confidence in our gas mask. We went in the room with the mask on the first time and you couldn't notice a thing and the second time we had to go in with the mask off. You have to go across the room & touch the wall and then go through the Drill. By the time you get it in your eyes are watering and it burns the hell out of your face. We then had to take the mask off, count to five & then walk out of the room. We then went out in the field under a smoke screen & tear gas and had to

put them on again. Those masks really  
protect you and there isn't any joke about  
that. The latest report says that Germany  
is going to use gas in Russia so these masks  
will come in mighty handy.

When the days is over I will have  
completed 1 week of my basic with 3 more  
to go.

The C.S.C.R.T.C stands for Central  
Signal Corps Reception Training Center.  
Isn't a lot isn't it.

Well James I am going to close for now  
as it is about time to get back to work.  
I don't write my letters in jerks. Let me hear  
from you when you get a chance

Love  
Owen

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