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Dear Folks,

I am a little proud of myself this evening having accomplished in a day in a half what I thought would take at least four.

Tuesday evening when a fellow popped in with my forgotten papers I was caught flat-footed. never was anything so exactly ill-timed. my laundry wasn't. my jacket & pants had not arrived yet. my clothes were practically all in the potted condition. money was a touchy subject. I'll it was one of the wisest things I did in the army. of the few other fellows who applied for money I think I did it at the commence pay day. and at a mix up it seems pay day this next month will be around the turn so they will not be able to take advantage of a full paycheck unless they don't want to be there come discharge time.

Finished up some unfinished business took practically every thing & piled in in my duffel bag and the next (Wednesday) morning started out - duffel bag on shoulder. I started out very early. I don't recall the last time I got up that early though I remember many times getting home at about that time. I arrived in L.A. about noon time having hitched my way in got a room. ~~and~~ washed up & ~~was~~ sent a job. About the best thing I could see immediately was American Express who paid slightly less.

then one dollar per hour, you come in anytime you
wish to, once a month, every day, twice a day, when
you come, you work & get paid on those basis.
The procedure is to be around come shift time &
if they need anyone, they give you a membership & hire
you, once you get a membership you come when
you wish to. But first you go to work or get the
job the first time. Come there in the afternoon
I was reluctant cease hiring I was still on line, so
I was determined to be first on line, the midnight
shift (which explains briefly in yesterday's letter
Bought New socks P.M. here & was first on line,
got to work (gave a phoney social security number,
but they take out 20% which I shall recover
come income tax time so that is the reason I want
my correct number as it means (if I go in every
day) almost forty dollars. At eight I finished work
took the U.S.S. Got a towel, soap, shaving equipment &
took a delicious shower which made me feel
like a million bucks. And although I hadn't slept in
twenty six hours was not in the least tired.
Come to this place which is on town side,
got a hold of the washing machine & washed
everything out. They found a dry cleaning place
where I got one day service, it was over a mile
away. — Yes I ate breakfast again, the first time
was at six on their time & they had such a
good breakfast here I ate here again.
I was about done & ready to go to sleep when
they grabbed me to help feed potatoes (they are
very informal here and never saw a scale like
it) I spend a half hour at that & then went to
sleep (3 o'clock) — 33 hours without sleep) although
(mostly) I wasn't tired (I spend a half hour
reading before I could fall asleep. Woke up
at seven ate, read a little, pressed out a
sweat shirt (one woman necessary — Yes
& now it is nine thirty & I believe I will go to
work tonight. Love. Ed.