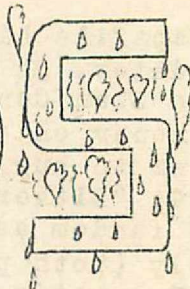
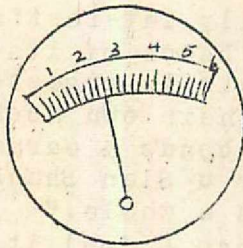
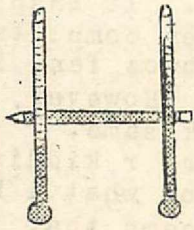
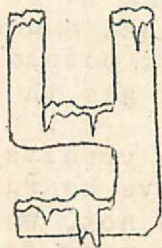


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Which is mainly about me & th army & stf, composed on the stencil at the last minute by virtue of an xedingly lucky break. & so i don't have to skip a mailing with Thos after all.

Th ORL is a GI paradise, no less. No reveille, no taps, no formations, no police-up, no field displays, no bed check, no CS of any sort. A pretty blond dietician instead of an obnoxious mess sgt. Officers who seem never to have heard of saluting or sirring, & come out & play softball with the EMS with no trace of self-consciousness or condesensn. I can hardly bliev it. & besides all that, i'm only a 2hr thum frum home, with evry wkend off, a 3day pass evry mo, & a furlo evry 3mos.

Th only drawback is that some of th tests & xperimts r a litl ruf - such as putting on wet clothes & crawling into a sleeping-bag in the cold room, or sitting stil in a 25mph wind at 20 or 30 belo, or loping along on a treadmill at 120° in th jungl chamber. But heck, plenty of boys r getting that with lots of lead & steel bsides.

***The foloing may appear in "On Dit" so i wont sprangl it out in my usual manr. It regards some amazing coincidences in names i ran into. In my basic co, we had such stf reminders as pvt Stanton & cpl Coblentz, & a cryptic FJA stamp on my springfield, but the really amazing thing was Sgt Saturn! Honest, he was really a sgt, & his name was spelt xactly that way. Then in tec co, I ran into pvt Unger from Brooklyn (no relatn to Julie, howevr) & to top it all off, our CPO instructor one wk was Lt Stefan! Shades of "Barrack Bunk"!

Suspro - I find the same trouble in getting pepl to play Monopoly. They say it takes too long, but what they really mean is that they find the sustained brainwork tiring. Hope we can get together on it sumtym. ***Smata with Reader's Digest? ***I defy anybody to tell th dif tween 18 & 20 lb paper used in last Yhos. ***Regarding th 1st 44 - i'm developing along sev dif lines & confidently xpect to live for a century or 2.

Moo #16 - I had a note down to offer my theory about "cubical" tym, but the note was too brief, & ive forgottn what it was all about. ***Jokes having some conecctn with fecal matter r not nec unpleasant, kept those that restrate filth. In most its usualy loss of dignity that is the lafing point rather th unpleznt stuf itself. Fundamentally th same thing as custard pie slapstick. Dont get th idea that i esp go for this typ, howevr.

Efty-six: Thank for the compliment, Chan, but i didnt quite get what the article was all about. R u asking for a science of syk or mobsyk? Sfar as i can see, both will grow out of the present rudimts. We really have had a social 'science' for a long time, which is nothing morless than govt. The problem is to use the means to a better end, or rather to really apply what we have discovered. ***to those opposed to "fen"; which will be easier to apply - "mans" or "fen"? ***I really wd lyk to find out the avg actifan's IQ, but tis easier sed than done. ***Th status quo of the waiting list at present has one bad fault. It discourages potentially valuabl mems by keeping m waiting for an indef period. Suggest waitym be changed to "til vacan- cy or 6mo".

Sardonix: Fapafile hily interesting. It inspires me to do one myself, yet also deters me becoz of its gen completeness & accuracy. The Savings plan for Slan Centr is sugestd becoz fen, lyk people, can't b trustd to save money on their own hook. However, i ges th best idea is to exhort them to buy bonds & earmark same.

Fan-Dango #4: "Either u Slan Shacklers r kidding yrselvs, or lasfs is not repty of fandom as a whole." From what i have heard about that organizatn lately (both pro & con) it seems that is not, wherefor yr case that fans R neurotix falls down. I know of too many fen who r all ryt, & too many pepl who r jerks. But neithr do i uphold th vu that fen r slen.

Fleeting Moments: The last 2 poems wer by far th best - th rest trite & labored. However, th improvemt is notd with pleax, & i anticipate some really good verse by LF in th futur. One jarring note is th egotistic biog which spoils th overall impressh of something very nice indeed

Xenon #1: Very much ok. Not only shd fen go 2 coloj, but evrybody who myt benefit from it. I intend to folo DB's advice in spite of considerabl dificultys i will no dout encountr. **Stories corner than somewhat, tho.

Horizons #18: Theodore Roscoe is ryting mostly for th slix now. i recall seeing his name in Esquire, Collier's etc. I remember reading a superb voodoo tale of his in Argosy, with really terrific atmosfere & build-up, but the "logical" xplanatn, altho clever & air-tyt, made my disappointmt equally terific, & i nevr read any more of his stuff.

Evans' Tale 2-2: I can't theorize much on th syk of hunches, but i can giv u a litl data. I havem now&then, but the one i remember as outstanding was this: I was listening to a variety radio program & th anouncer was starting to introduce a fem vocalist. At that moment i recvd a very vivid impression, & remarked to whoevr was present. "I betcha she is wearing a slinky apple green dress." & a few soes later th anouncer describd it xactly that way! Getting the color cd b put to coincidence, but th xact shade & type is rathr stretching it.

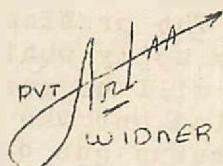
Walt's Wramblings: Alter-hobbies? I dont have any that u cd actually call hobbies, but i hav a great many side interests. Music, & also dislyk hill billy (shake, pal) & chamber music, & "commercial" swing. My contention is that these r th crude forms of their respectv typs, & i don't care for crudity. This also xplains my nose-rinkling at opera & vomaids. Opera is about th crudest form of drama, altho i lyk much of the music. Then i am nuts about ping-pong & monopoly, i lyk a variety of sports, but usually dont get much chance to play, & i'm not th spectatr typ. I also try to "improve my mind" by a hily varied reading diet. Paradoxically, altho i'm not a very efficient person, i have a bug on efficieney, & try to apply to everything from shoveling snow to pubbing Yhos. I love to travel, but mostly as a means to see or meet something or somebody i havent bfor. (Woff! What a sentens!) I collect jokes (in my head) - clean ones too. **Th "typ faces" were intriguing

Blitherings #1: Tom Gardner's point about rockets was brot home to me when I watched a bazooka being fired. I xpected it to go swoooossh, & was startled no end when it went B L A H ! ! !

Yhos #9: After thinking it over, i reckon I'll abandon my nomenclature, & go back to "fen". After all, we hav baseball fen, etc, wch denotes a lively interest in a subject rather than fanaticism.

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Even tho this was done in a hurry & without much forethot, i am depressed to see what a punk effort it really is, & hope i won't b jujd too harshly for it. Sevral dogfaces at th CRL read stf, & thot FAPA an interesting hobby, so I may hav contribs by some of m nextym. If anybody desires a prompt reply from me on anything, send it to Lawrence at the first of the week, or home for the wkond, where i'll be nearly evry.

PVT 
WIDNER JR