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"Attention!" bellowed the commanding officer, all men in the barracks, (more or less a tarpaper shack) were standing at attention for the morning inspection.

"Shoelaces untied, towels hung lopsided, clothes on the beds,"...

These were some of the things that were expected to be perfectly in order at five or six in the morning almost every day.

Mr. Fredrickson gave me the impression that it wasn't easy being in the army, living in temporary tarpaper shacks and getting only \$50 a month to live on.

"I was glad to answer the call of my country," Mr. Fredrickson said, and he gave me a feeling that patriotism is important and we all should be glad to live in a free country, doing anything we please.

In the camps that Mr. Fredrickson trained at, they had to take endurance tests and exercise daily, "They were hard for people who were not used to any type of physical activity," Mr. Fredrickson comments on the physical strain of the endurance tests. I sure am glad I don't have to take those kind of tests.

The consequences of failing an inspection were usually along the line of kitchen duty. Mr. Fredrickson said he hated kitchen duty, although others liked it. He also described the guilt that they felt if their wrong doing such as their untied shoes caused them to fail the inspection which could mean the whole barracks had to suffer through kitchen duty.

It was a long day for the kitchen crew, they had to get

up at 3 or 4 o'clock (even before the bugler arose) to get ready for breakfast, staying until after the last of the men were done with supper, cleaning up after them and sometimes not getting to leave until 7 o'clock. They all were very worn out after a day of kitchen duty.

When I asked Mr. Fredrickson about the mail speed he replied, "Well any serviceman, when he is waiting for mail from home will think it's slow. So waiting for mail from home sure didn't seem easy."

I personally feel that the army is not really the place for me, and Mr. Fredrickson sums up his experience and feelings with, "Not really, no, I didn't like it but I learned a lot of things I would not want to exchange. I'm glad I went, and I'm glad I had the experience... but, I wouldn't seek it out."