



25th Company  
2nd Student Training Regiment  
Fort Benning, Ga.

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Dear folks:

I'm almost ashamed to write home because it's been about 3½ weeks since I've written and I imagine that you are pretty well disgusted with me.

A cat has happened the past month, we had our 12<sup>th</sup> week board, I didn't have to go before it however. We lost 13 men that day, Monday we have our 14<sup>th</sup> week board and will probably lose 10 or 20 more. We have 127 men now out of our original 200 so I'm pretty lucky to still be here I guess.

We had our last physical achievement test 3 weeks ago, I received a superior rating and was 1<sup>st</sup> in the company I think. We haven't been told how we rated yet but I know that I was pretty high. Majors are getting better now too. I have a "B" average now but we still have 6 more tests before graduation November 18<sup>th</sup>.

I went to town last week and ordered my clothes so they would be ready if I do graduate. They allow us \$250 for uniforms and believe me that isn't enough to get started. My blouse was \$52.50, shirt coat

\$55.00, pink shirt and pants 35.00. Green shirt and pants 35.00, Garrison Cap 17.50 and a few other things that finally added up to \$227.50 which leaves me \$22.50 to buy the rest. I want to buy a trench coat and some work clothes so don't be surprised if I have to write a check. The clothes I bought are being tailor made so they should fit me pretty well.

Received the package Monday "Mom" and everything was as good as usual. The picture of you is really nice, now I have a girl to set on my book shelf. I haven't had one since those was married. Tell "Dad" not to forget to have his taken too.

We have been on Invarian the last 4 days. We had 2 night problems that started at 3:00 A.M so I haven't had much sleep the past 3 nights. I still have a little cold I guess it will leave gradually. We have one more 6 day Invarian our 16<sup>th</sup> week and then we are through with the wide open spaces for a while.

I haven't been to town to see Pie for 3 weekends or I haven't seen Phil since that first night he got here. Send me his address so that I'll know where to look for him. I imagine that he is pretty lousy and probably doesn't have time to do anything but worry from one day to the next.

I did go to town last Sunday and had dinner with a friend of Taylor's.



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Floyd wrote me about <sup>Fort Benning, Ga.</sup> him and he also wrote  
to to Capt. Bruce. He called me last Saturday  
and insisted that I come in for dinner Sunday.  
We had fried chicken, etc. It was really good.  
I may go an again next weekend if  
I have time. Capt Bruce's wife is Norma's  
sister.

I'll try to call Ned at weekend if I  
can get a call through without waiting  
all day. It took me 8 1/2 hours the last  
time I called.

How is "Butch" getting along, I hope  
he is there when I get home so I can see  
him. I haven't figured out how I can  
get home yet. I don't know about the  
plane situation but if I take a train  
it will ~~take~~ take me 2 days and nights to get  
home. I want to get home the fastest way I  
can even though it costs a little more.

Well folks I've written everything  
I can think of. Thank Norma Jean for  
~~wrote~~ writing me, but tell her I haven't  
time to write her right now.

Write me any news you have

and let's try to get the weather written this  
week - I hope -

I haven't forgotten about your coveralls  
"Dad" but I haven't enough cash on hand.

I just heard that K. U. beat Nebraska,  
the first time since 1917. Pretty good - eh.

Goodnight

Love

Bob.

27 more days to go -