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Perry

Dear Brother?

I got my uniform today & it's
really nice. The guys all
say it looks swell on me. I
don't like it in getting conceited
don't I? I guess we got more stuff
at our new camp. We got a dress
overcoat, a regular coat, 2 dress,
2 summer, & 2 fatigue pants.
Some number of shirts all the
way around. A toilet kit: tooth
brush, 2 hand towels, sewing kit,
toothbrush & case, razor & blade,
razor case, comb, shaving brush,
shaving soap, ~~shaving~~ tooth
paste. Two pair of big shoes.
A rain coat, flannel jacket, winter &
summer fatigue caps, summer &
winter blankets, caps, & sun helmet.
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Two pair of 2-pie long underwear
& three handkerchiefs & shirt. Six pairs
of socks, 2 ties, 4 handkerchiefs. A
certain guess kid. I guess that's
about all I can think of right now.
What luck? I'm sure glad I
finally got it cause I felt like
a shit walking around in it
in civilian clothes when damn
nearly everyone else is in uniform.
You can hardly recognize the faces
when they're in uniform. I'll
send some pictures of myself as
soon as possible.

I just got back from "Chow"
Lunch (which I didn't eat), coke
shao (which I did eat), tea &
I drank wine, cold potatoes, bread
& butter, & tomatoes. I said
I can't eat anything over here.

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I've got to put away some stuff
now & then go take a mental walk.
I'll finish when I get back. So
bye.

Back now. It's 5:10 & I've had
3 meals & supper. Had a pretty good
supper. 2 pork chops, sweet potatoes,
peaches, bread & butter, green beans, &
cream. It was pretty good.

I sure wish you were in the army
with me, Dad. It would do you good
& we could have a lot of fun together.

We get in tomorrow & get our
shots & vaccination tomorrow. Will
thoughts eh? It won't be bad.

If I'm not shipped out by
Thursday, I'll probably get some
K.P.

If a guy joins the Para-Troops,
he ships out quick!

Remember what I told you, Dad.
Don't sweat more like I did some
of the time. If you do you'll never
forget it. I can't. But as long as
I live I'm always going to try to
make up for the things I've done
& what I left to you & Dad.

Train for football because
I want you to be a damn
good football player. It's depending
on you to play the football that
I want you to play for. You've
got what it takes if you'll
just work like hell.

Your brother
C. F. Perry