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Perry

Dear Folks:

We came down from Kentucky  
& Tennessee last night. Didn't  
ship the mail in this damn sack!!  
We are now pulling into Atlanta,  
Georgia & still heading south.  
It's a long long way from  
home & some places I didn't  
think I'd be seeing so soon.

We can still cut out & go  
to Texas but I think we're headed  
for Florida. Miami - I hope.  
The M. P. on the train said  
we'd be on the train tonight & all  
day tomorrow yet & that seems  
quite a long time to get to Miami  
& make a short run for Texas.

I hope was not headed for  
Luzerne. I curse you for a  
while now - I want it back  
at least over for a while -  
will finish later

We are sitting here in the  
car in the station yard. We're  
supposed to change trains down  
to here somewhere. We're on  
the Big Four R. R. & I think  
it ends somewhere close. I  
think that's where we change  
trains.

Can't see much of the city  
because we came in thru the  
back of town. All we've seen  
so far is Niggers & junk yards.

Perry

From all appearances I'd say  
Atlanta was the hub of a dirty  
train but as I said before we  
haven't been able to see much of  
it.

Do you remember in the show  
"Long Walk The Wind" how red  
the soil was down here? Well  
it's really that way & it  
sure is pretty when you're out in the  
country. Pine trees, hills, red soil  
& this morning when the sun first  
came up it shone on the red soil  
& it was really beautiful.

When we left Camp Perry yesterday  
at noon (they notified us at 10:00 AM)  
we were shipping & we had to hurry

by 8:30.) As I was saying when we  
got into Toledo about 1:30 we  
were given box lunches containing  
a cheese, a pork, & aologna sand-  
wiches, half pint of milk, orange,  
small pie, cookies, & potatoe salad.  
Then last night we stopped in  
Cincy about 7:00 & went into the  
train station - which incidentally,  
Dale, is really as swell as your guy -  
& were giving a swell meal. I  
called Ruth & talked to her about  
15 or 20 minutes. I then mailed  
~~the~~ you guys & her a letter.

We left at 8:30 & crossed the  
river & went into Kentucky. It was  
dark by then & I saw a fork I had  
bought for quite a while & then  
checked up & tried to sleep. We  
went into Paris Kentucky about 11:00

Perry

We just had a bunch of little  
nigger kids - I was doing an-  
other gag when some nigger kids  
+ I decided he wanted to write  
a letter so that's why they came  
out here jittershuffling + singing  
+ we took them papers + pencils.

God, you know when I stop  
to think about it - I'm getting  
me full of a long way from  
Bee Dee + it's gonna be a  
long time until I get back  
there. It seems so long when  
I think about it.

I'm sure glad I saw you  
Thursday night. I sure  
missed a lot to see  
you.

We're pulling out of Atlanta  
now. If we're not going to Florida  
we'll probably cut over soon.

I'm damned if I know  
when the hell we're going but  
it drives me nuts wondering.  
Every body is wondering the same  
thing & nobody knows where  
we're going.

Well I think I'll write  
Ruth now so I'll be thinking  
of you & praying for you all.

Remember what I tell you  
Pah. I mean a lot to me.

I'll mail  
this as soon  
as possible

Your brother  
John

I'll telegraph you  
as soon as I get  
needed. R.S.