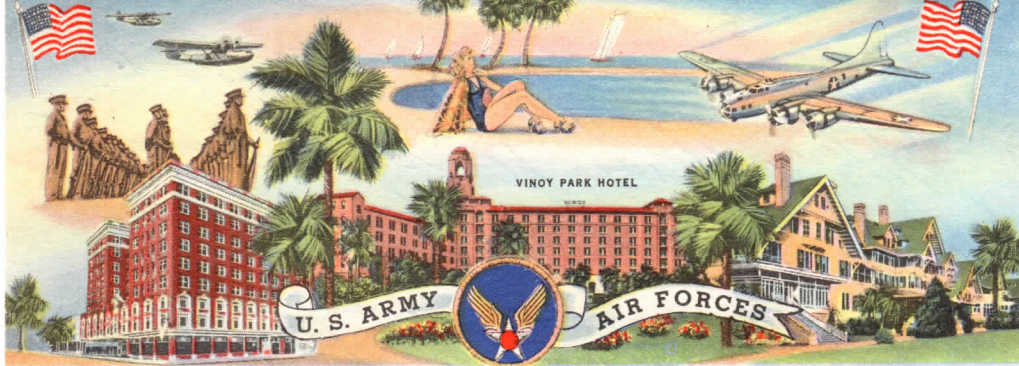




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Dear Dad: (Lucky) Fri. noon
12:00
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Thanks a lot for the two
letters. Still some come in
handy.

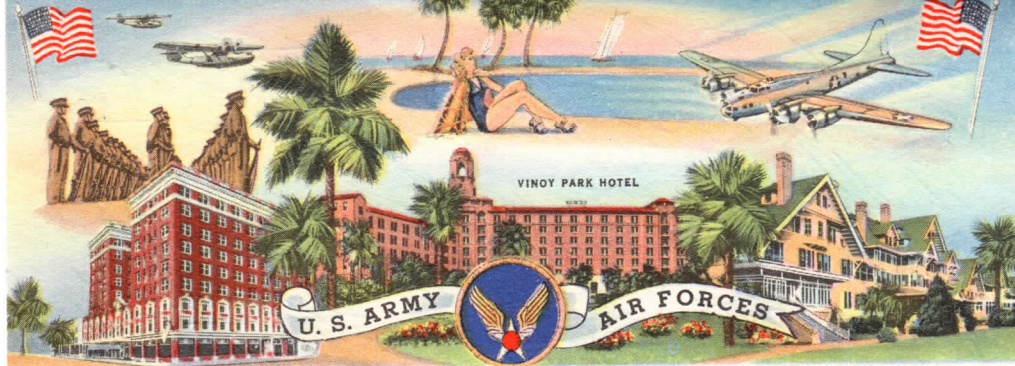
We just got in from the drill
field & this pretty as hell but
I don't have time to write while I have
time. I got two letters from
you guys today but none you-
terday. I got my first letter
from Ruth yesterday - she says
her folks don't approve of my
writing her or her writing
me every day. I wrote & told her
I'd write every day & send them
all over a week & for her

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to write ⁱⁿ every day. My God,
that's all we think about around
here is mail call.

You've got a swell job up
there at the show, kids. - the
can of it - it'll be useful to
you in many ways. Money - mis-
ing with people - etc. And for
Crying out loud get a date
for the 4 formal & all
other dances. I've got
a taxi & all that goes with it
- make use of it. at the
last day work around here
I'll be too filled out to wear
it when I get out of here.

We fall out at 5:30 for
roll call & have to have
our tanks made up then!
After that we have soup which
takes at least an hour - waiting
is half of it. At 7:45 or 8:00



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we start for the drill.
 This morning at 8:30 we
 had marched 3 mi. out there
 & were doing calisthenics
 when you were just getting
 up. At 11:30 we quit after
 soon doing as the calisthenics
 only last 1 1/2 to 2 hrs. & are
 really tough - they include a
 mile & 1/2 run with gas masks
 & containers - we don't have the
 gas masks on our faces but
 in regular bags with straps
 & they weigh at least 10 or 15
 pounds. We got back about 11:50
 & have mail call.

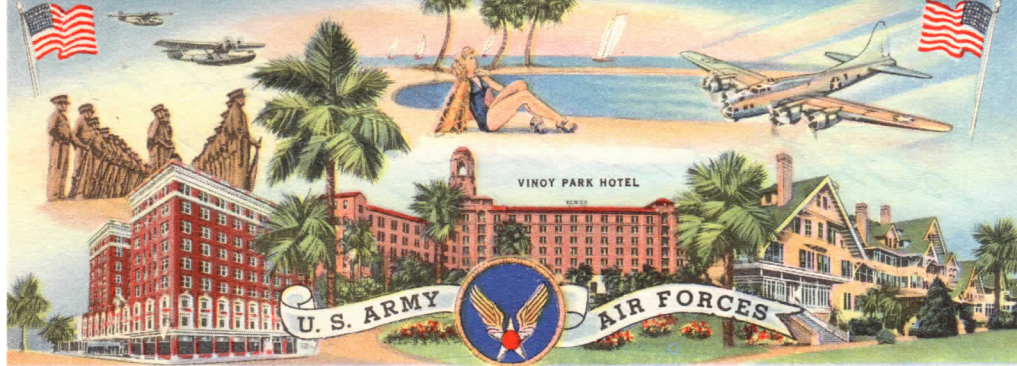
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We have mess start 12:30

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+ head backout at 1:30 or
1:45 for some calisthenics &
drilling - we will be taken in
about 5 or 5:30 tonight. Buddy
if you think that's soft - I'll
do a lot of hissing!!!

Tell Dad that we can
tell any thing we want to.
~~about~~ this morning they
taught us extended order drill
I going from single file to a
double line. When it came to
four men ahead the guy in
charge said we wouldn't do it
from a single file. Told him
he was full of s--- 'cause I
was never telling any way & he
asked the corporal who said
I was right - it starts from
a double file. (Ahem) He's
nothing but a goddamned
fuck private!!!



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I bought a whole box of
Beck's - that gun yesterday + will
send it to your camp as soon as
I get some heavy wrapping paper.
You can't get it at home can you?

We still haven't had any
passes. We're gonna be
wild as hell when we do get
them.

Mus call - will finish
later!

What I hadn't eaten - stew -
old soggy lettuce - fresh bread -
white oleo - peas - good cap cakes
+ some weak ~~of~~ line ale.
Oh, this food is awful.

I saw Bob last night but
didn't get a chance to talk to
him! I'm going to look them up -
~~don't~~ ~~going to~~. Haven't seen
Jim or Ted yet. Send me
their address so I can find 'em.

Lee's about out of stationery
- only one sheet left.

Well we'll have to go out pretty
quick.

Tell some by all means to
send some gals. Tell Grandma
& Aunties I could use some
cookies - I'll write Grandma
straight if possible.

Ym further & truly

"Perry" W. Purke

P.S. I wrote Ruth last night &
told her I call you guys once
in a while - OK ² Perry" Glen