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Dear Folks:

Boy, am I happy today!
First I got two letters from
Ruth + then I found out I
was on shipboard + am now on
the alert! The only thing is that
Gordon isn't going with me +
neither is Will White. I'll be
separated from the whole bunch.
There's not many of us left any-
how. Smithy shipped out Wed.,
Quinlan left Thurs. And on Thurs,
+ now me. There's 30 of us who
are going - so it won't be quite so
bad because I've gotten to know
quite a few of them + most of
em are pretty good guys but I
sure wish Gordon were going
with me. He signed a paper,

volunteering for aerial gunnery & I
 didn't so I imagine that is why
 we are being kept up. I would
 have signed up but my inter-
 viewer didn't say anything about
 it & I didn't find out about it un-
 til it was too late. I'll still be
 able to go to aerial gunnery because
 I passed that ship. for flying
 duty. Gordon will probably go to
 gunnery school, it maybe &
 then to radio school. They want
 gunners bad so I'm not worried
 about getting into it unless they
 give me another ship. & catch
 me on my way & I don't think they
 will. If some with Gordon were
 going along this. They were hated
 to leave today too. We really
 hated to see him go too. I'm
 supposed to go up for "short term"
 inspection tomorrow at 1:00. That's



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is an inspection for venereal diseases. Don't get me wrong - everyone has to go. It is an old army custom, I guess. We've had it about 6 times since we've been here. I've just wined to death. Ha. Ha. We dress in Khaki for that & when we ship we wear O.D.'s, (winter uniform), which very possibly means I'm going to be sent up north. I guess there's a lot of radio schools in Chicago. That's pretty close isn't it? We don't know when we'll leave but it should be Mon. or Tues. & we also don't know when we're going next. That it's 5-37-T. Know when Julius? I'll tell you is about a week. When I find out I'll try to send a telegram of some kind. When

you get it, it may not sound like anything about shipping. Maybe ask for money but don't pay any attention. When I know for sure 24 hours ^{still here,} I'll send it. Very possibly collect but it won't be very long to cost you much.

Butter's letters - one written before & one of two my phone call on Tues. night - were really swell. I think that girl is actually dumb enough to really love me - I know it's mutual. Enough of that much. I didn't get any mail from you today but I'll probably get one tomorrow - I got two yesterday. I'm sorry I didn't write you yesterday but we all went to St. Pete last night since Leroy was shipping out & we all had a run. The fourth one I've had since I made up with



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Ruth. I wrote her this afternoon + told her about it. I'm always trying to tell her the truth. She won't care about one.

Boy, I'm now glad I don't have to go out to that damn drill field any more. I'm gonna be awfully glad to get out of this ~~school~~ ^{place}. But now that I think about it, I'm glad I have been here because I realize now that this experience is going to come in mighty handy some time + that I never could have gotten it in a haph. I've learned a lot of things in this last 5 weeks + I don't regret learning them one bit.

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If we ain't gotten some kind of
detail will just lay around till
we're shipped. I can catch up on
my letters then. I got a letter from
Grandma today & I've now written
her & thank her for that swell
for she sent me. I'm really
sickened about it but it's all I can
do to write you guys & Ruth every-
day. Soon, I'll write to Grandma
even if it's just a card. Please
tell her I'm sorry.

So long!

All my love
Jerry Jr.