



U. S. ARMY AIR CORPS

Sun. Man.

7:40 a.m.

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Dear Family -
Just got back from 4 mi.
bike - & on my morning ~~to~~
sleep - ha ha. We also had to
run over part of an attach course.
I wasn't bad tho.

I studied from 1 till 3 yes-
terday. I just don't go & tell till
I'm all done studying. That way
I know I'll get it done. I got a
90 on a paper Tuesday night, & a
100 on a paper last night & heard
the papers we handed in last night
were very good. Boy, some hope
I can make it. Some means a
lot to me. If I can get any kind
of a good score I'd like to let Dean
Haskman & Conklin & Doc Gurnett
know it. I'm in Class 46-E-8 &
there are 100 of us. That means
that we will be selected for the

O.C.S. That's not very many but I'm
 trying. If I don't make it I won't
 be surprised or too disappointed
 'cause I really don't expect it & I
 can apply for O.C.S. later than
 because of my I.Q. Test.

I was planning to go to Church
 this morning but I'm on detail to
 help bring the laundry back & I
 don't think I'll have time. Damn it!

This pen is really swell. It's
 a really expensive pen. Parker. I
 got your box after I had written
 & sealed my letter to you so I
 couldn't thank you for it then. I did
 send the camp newspaper to you &
 made a note of having received the
 box on Oct. The paper is quite
 interesting. I didn't have time to read
 much of it - just took it over but what
 I did read seemed okay. I sent
 one to Ruth too.



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We are now working on D-C
 (Direct Current) at school now
 & will continue to do so ~~until~~ for
 about 4 more weeks & go to A-C -
 Alternating Current. We have every
 type of Radio communication, telegraphy,
 & flasher (Flashlight) signals, & others I
 don't know about. Besides all that
 they teach us how to tear a radio
 up, repair it, build one, & be a radio
 mechanic & communications operator in
 general. If I get it all - and I should
 I'll really have something when I get out.
 It usually takes a year for this whole
 course & we do it in 100 school
 days. If we get stuck & can't catch on
 to anything, they just hold us back &
 we go into another class & continue
 with them - it is called working back.
 I'm not planning on that tho!!

Everything seems to be coming
much easier now. It'll probably be
bad luck cause I said that!! We
have learned the entire mouse code
except for the numbers - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
6, 7, 8, 9, 0. They gave us the last 8
letters last night & we don't have
them very well yet. Same time.

I guess church is at 10:30. I
may have time to go at that. Probably
won't get started to study till about
1:00 but I'll get it done by 10:30
tonight. That's all that matters.

I want to write Ruth yet so I'll
write tomorrow if I can find time.
I'm getting my time a little more
organized now but I sure have to
crowd a lot of things into 24 hrs.
I don't have any trouble sleeping at
any time!!! The next thing is to find
time!

Love your son
& bro.
Alfred

P.S. Please don't
forget the hangover.
Thanks a lot.