



FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA

27 July 1943

Dear Sister and Brother,

I wish to thank you very much for buying the box of candy for Shirley. You don't know how much I appreciated you doing that for me. I know that Shirley was glad to get it and she said that you got a very nice box of candy at that. Thanks again, sister.

You should be getting a pillow cover from here in a few days if you haven't gotten it by the time that you get this letter. I hope that you like it. I wanted to get each of you at home something nice, but with my finances limited as they are and the choice of gifts very limited, I could get only what I got.

We don't know a thing yet about furloughs or about shipping. We may be here a few days or a few weeks yet. I can expect to get my last mail tomorrow or the next day, though, as I told everyone to stop writing. I may have to go several days without any mail, but I didn't want to have mail coming here after I left and possibly not get it for several weeks.

I may be home on furlough shortly after you get this letter, but really I do not know. I may be in some other camp even before you get this. I may be shipped tomorrow or any day after that without so much as a couple of days notice. It is customary to have one day's notice though so that one may have a chance to pack his clothing and equipment. As soon as I do find out anything I will let Shirley know.

This week I am working in the office of the Defense Command Officers' School again. I worked here last week instead of going to school, and they like my work so well that they got permission from my battery to have me come back this week again instead of drilling with the rest of the battery. The lieutenants also put in a good recommendation for me with the Clerical School. Incidentally, I tied with another fellow for the highest honors in Clerical School out of our class. So far I am doing all right, eh what?

I am all caught up with my work here today and I have already written to Shirley. It is pretty nice to get time to write letters while on duty and especially so when I can get to use a typewriter to write them with. I can write about twice as fast on the machine as by hand.

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Well, kids, in another few days I will have completed my basic training and will go on to my advanced training and will be assigned to a permanent organization.

However, the lieutenant told me this morning that he was trying to get me stationed here at the school until I ship and possibly until this school closes down. The school is to be closed down in about four weeks. I don't mind staying here until time to ship or go on furlough, but I want to ship out of this camp or go on furlough at the same time as the rest of the gang. Not that I will go with them wherever they go, but I don't want to stay in this camp and don't want to be left behind.

Only time will tell what I am due for next. As soon as I know anything I will let Shirley know, so you can keep in touch with her. Maybe I will see you soon, who knows?

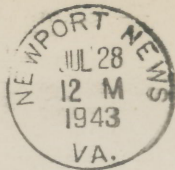
But for this time, kids, I want to say goodbye now. I'll be seeing you. May God bless you with health and happiness. Lots of love.

Your brother,

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