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Fort Bragg, N.C.
June 30, 1942.

Hello Jo,

I'm glad to know
you had such a good
time on your birthday

I have an awful
lot to tell you so I'll get
on with it.

Yes, I heard from
Barrie.

We are leaving Fort
Bragg for good on July 5.
We are going on a three
week maneuver, and from
there we wait for further
orders. However we will
still be in the "states".
It is known that we

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will be stationed at a
camp somewhere near the
coast, probably in Virginia.

Now for that proposition
I had. I'm going to make
either a ten or fifteen
dollar allotment to you.
Now this is what I want
you to do with it.

First of all take
out of it any amount
that you need and use
it for yourself. What is
left I want you to buy
negotiable defense bonds
with it. Be sure that
these bonds are negotiable
at any time. I'm not
very well informed on
these bonds, so you use

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your own judgement. If
you can't buy negotiable
bonds, then put the money
in a savings account.

I believe to simplify matters
you had better use your
name.

The reason I'm doing
this is because, when we
go over it will be
almost impossible for me
to send you the money
or save it myself. Therefore
by making an allotment
you will get the money
without too much red
tape.

When this ^{mess} is over
I hate to come back to
nothing without a penny
in my pocket. So by

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saving ten or fifteen dollars
a month I will have
a little something to come
to. As I said before I
can start a savings account
now, but when we leave
it will be impossible, so
you will have to do it
for me. I hope you
don't mind? I think
the best investment would
be savings stamps & bonds.

Remember, if and
when you need the
money don't be backward
about taking it out. Also
if the worst should happen
it is yours.

From time to time
I might be able to send

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you more money, I want
you to do the same with
it. Don't tell anyone but
I might ~~so~~ find some
little girl and I don't
want to be flat when
I do, ^{find the girl} and this thing is
over.

You embarrass me
with your question, "how
clean are your barracks?".
No, I ~~don't~~ didn't think it
would be necessary to
tell you that our quarters
are really very clean. I'll
say that I believe our
barracks are a lot cleaner
than a lot of homes I
have seen. Especially
where wash bounts, toilets

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etc. ^{are concerned} Surprising as it may seem to you everything has to be just so. Everything has to be uniform, everybody's ~~a~~ bed and equipment have to look alike, even the shoes have to be just so.

While I'm on the subject of cleanliness, I will also go into the cleanliness of our kitchens and garbage racks. Our kitchens are cleaner than most restaurant, and cleaner than most houses. They have to be you never know when some big shot will come in and jump all over you because he finds a little dust on a shelf that

7/ hasn't been used and probably never will be.

In the pantry every single dish is taken off the shelves, and washed every Friday night.

Does that explain it to you? What made you ask such a question?

I think I've already answered your question about when we are moving. But as far as we know it will just be somewhere nearer the coast for more training. Where we can get to the water a little easier.

Say —! How come you cut my picture out of that one you sent me.

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What is the matter, ashamed
of me?

Because of the insistance
of the fellows I found out
that my I. Q. is high
enough for me to go to
"officer's training school".

Of course I'm not seriously
thinking of going, but
what do you think of me
as a "second lieutenant". Of
course I'm quite sure if
I tried, ~~I~~ mean really
tried, and managed to
get past the board, I
could make the grade at
the school.

The hardest part
is getting past the board
here at the Post. But I

9/ just can't picture myself living with a bunch of College graduates. I'm afraid I would be out of place.

I'm afraid I couldn't get passed the board because I can't handle myself in public. That is, when they stand you up facing a flock of Captains and Majors, and shoot a lot of questions. They expect you to handle yourself ^{with} poise, and it takes someone with a lot of nerve and practice in public appearance.

Anyway what do you think of the idea. It would be nice. I've thought about it, but I come to the same conclusion, I don't

10. / think I could make the grade. Not the scholastic part of it, but the social or shall we say companionship part of it.

You know me as well as anyone, what do you think of my chances, socially I mean? For instance when I was home this ^{myself.} last time. How did I handle ^{myself.} It really is immaterial anyway because I'm quite sure I'll just leave it alone. I just wanted your opinion of it. I made the qualifications with seven points to spare. This is the examination given to us when we were inducted

11 / last year.

I think I've said quite enough. Let's have an answer soon. I'll drop you a card just before we leave, and whenever we know definitely where we are going I'll let you know. For the present the address remains the same.

If we move to the camp that has been suggested, we will move to an old camp near Washington D.C., and we will probably have to clean the place up.

Bye now
As ever

(over)

Pete.

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I was speaking of our
garbage rack. I'll tell you
that it is much cleaner
than most back porches and
cleaner than a lot of kitchens
I have been in. It is
really quite clean.

Concerning the I.G.
examination we had
a sheet with 150 questions
on them, with a given time
for us to finish them. I
answered 120 and got a
grading of 117. It takes an
I.G. of 110 to qualify for
officer's training. That is
all now for sure.