

Fort. McPherson ^{GA}
Panama Recruit Detachment

10-21-36

Dear folks

The reason I havent
written is because I didnt
have any money to get
stationery and stamps.
I am getting along ^{ok}.
I have to drill about
2 hours a day. There
is about 100 recruits here
and we sleep in tents -
(5 to a tent). When I got to
Knoxville the Recruiting
officer had me to drink
water until I was ^(heavy)
enough and then we were
sent to Ft. Oglethorpe.

when I took the physical examination there I was 2 lbs light and I stayed there about 3 days - went back and weighed again and weighed 5 lbs more.

Dick left Oglethorpe 3 days before I did. I was sent down here to Meperson with 4 others. Meperson is about 1 mile out of Atlanta. There is a radio station here - WVR - but I haven't been to it. I am going to build another transmitter when I get to Panama if they will allow me to operate one. I think I will be here about 3 or 4 weeks.

I will send bills suit
when I get a pay day.
I will have it cleaned
and pressed before I
send it. hope he is'nt
needing it. I also will
send my shirt - socks
and underwear - my
shoes were clear thru
before I was issued my
clothing. They issued socks -
underwear - belts - one wool
shirt - shoes - overall pants
and jumper. I guess that
burn that alicie got just
before I left made a bad
sore - Hope she is alright.

I would like to hear from
some of you and find out

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how everybody is. If Clayton comes over let him have any of my radio junk that he wants as I wont have any use for it - I wont be home for about 3 years. If they will let me operate an amateur Radio Station I will make a regular sked with Clayton.

I guess thats about all here - hope everybody is ok.

Love

My address: John
FT. MCPHERSON, GA
PANAMA RECRUIT DETACHMENT

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10-22-36

Dear mama -

I received your letter today and was sure glad to hear from home. Thanks for the money and stamps - we all got \$2.00 in coupons good at the post exchange here at Mc Pherson but I can use the 1.00 to get Bill's suit cleaned and pressed. I wrote Clayton a letter yesterday. I don't know yet whether or not I will be allowed to operate an amateur station in Panama or not but if I do I will

build another one - Tell
Bill or Russell to Take the
tubes out of the transmitter
and put them in a drawer
or something as the xmitter
is not supposed to be in
operating condition if the
operator is absent. Clayton
can get any of the parts
there if he wants them
and I may want some
of the parts sent to me
but if I want any of it
I will write him and he
will know more about what
I want. Was glad to
hear that Alice's burn is
getting along alright.
and hope that Grandma

doesn't have any more
bad spells.

I think I will be here
3 or 4 weeks but I am not
sure. I sure will be glad
to get the Morgan Co. news.

I will write Aunt
Cunice this evening. I can
get a 3 day pass but
don't think I can go
home and get back in
3 days - I may visit
Aunt Cunice. I can't think
of anything else to write
about so I'll stop and
answer Alice's letter.

Love
John

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Dear Alice.

Thanks for the nice letter. Was sure glad to hear from you. Sure glad to know your burn is better and hope it gets along ok. Yes I like to drill - I can do right and left face - about face - squads left - squads right etc. I drill 3 or 4 hours everyday. I will be in the Coast artillery when I get in Panama. I have a red hat cord. I'll have to close now. ans. soon
Tom John