



FORT OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA

April 24, '42

Dear Mama -

Well, I'm in the Army now, have my uniform and all, but I have had very little close order drill. I'm in a good barrack but it is over crowded, and has to be swept and mopped every morning before breakfast and scrubbed once a week. We washed all the windows day before yesterday, and they had us wash them again today. I think we should do more drilling and less wasting - I guess the corporals and sergeants just don't like the hot sun. I'll be kinda glad when I get an assignment.

The man who interviewed me told me I made a good grade on both the I.Q. and mechanical aptitude, and said I stood a good chance for a rating after I get my basic training. I



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asked for Air Corps ground crew as mechanic or otherwise.

Have you heard from Russell? I would like to get his address - also Johnny's. I know it's McMill Field, but that's all.

Kenneth Jones is a soldier in this camp - he told me he was chalked up for non-combat duty because of his eyes. I've talked with him quite a lot - he showed me some pictures of Uncle Will.

Dorothy was here to see me last Sunday - Harriet (somebody) was with her - I think Harriet is her roommate.

I wrote Bernice when I first came here, but told her to wait until I was stationed to answer. I didn't think I would be at this address this long - I haven't written her any more.

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I may leave here in the next day or two, or I may be here another week. I suppose it would be all right to answer this letter - I think they could send it on to me. Put your return on it 'cause they may have to send it back - I'll write as soon as I am moved.

I've been getting a letter a day from the gal in Maryville - I don't know whether she means it or not, but she is real nice. I have a time trying to answer them all. Gives me something to do after church anyway.

Tell everybody hello - tell Bob and Blanche I'll write them as soon as I get located.

Hope everybody is ok

Love to all

Bill