



FORT OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA

May 5, 1942

Dear Mama -

I just happened to think of my clothes and Jewells' case - I still didn't have it mailed when they called me, so I left it for another boy to send for me. I told him to insure it - let me know if you get it ok.

I'm in a pretty good outfit, even if the men are all new. Most of them are yankees, but the majority are ok. Our top-sergeant was in the last world war - he seems to know his business. He is real nice to you but he means business. If he gets on somebody, he's really on him.

So far I haven't had any mail I thought I might have some forwarded from Oglethorpe, but no soap yet. I guess they're pretty busy there, though - I may get some yet.

Well, you owe me a letter, so

I, ll make this one short.

This is Wednesday the 6th - I started this letter last night, but the lights went out. They sure are keeping us busy and teaching us in a hurry. I think we're gonna get into something pretty soon. Where, I don't know, but I don't think I'll get a chance to come home.

Don't worry, because our work won't be so very dangerous. We work more than we fight.

Have you heard anymore from Rex Boardman? - tell me all the news. Have you moved back to town?

Hope every body OK.

Love,
Bill

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