



UNITED STATES ARMY
AIR CORPS

Thursday night
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Dear Dad,

Well I got out at last but too late I'm afraid by about two hours. This morning all of old flight 629 from J to Z was placed "on shipping" with all of 612 (a Maryland bunch). I wasn't there and so they took the last H — Hyde, Bill. I loose all my roommates and Springer and Towell as a result. But then all go with the rest of 629 I guess and they should go soon as all the A.T.C.'s are in B.T.C. #9 are preparing to leave.

I'm glad to hear that you're not a holdout this spring. With you and the Dovenor on the same team combining two methods of attack the Blue Rocks should win in a walk.

Relay my thanks to mother for this writing paper. It comes in very handy although I won't be able to write after this until I get where I may be going. That rule is for those on shipping (soon me) so don't worry please. Also don't worry about my comments for I am just writing the situation as it is and certainly you know that I like to criticize.

Did you get my pictures yet?

I wish you would give one to Grandmother Minker and one to Grandmother Jones.

Everybody is just laying around waiting now but I have to make up

some work tomorrow - get last tetanus and typhoid shots (Bill Hyde is knocked out today from his of yesterday and many others say its the worst yet but so far they havent bothered me after the first few minutes), get paid, get a uniform from the cleaners and prepare my equipment for shipment.

my pay arrangement -

\$ 50.00 a month minus \$ 6.50 for insurance and \$ 12.50 for war bonds. In five months when I become an Air Cadet my pay will increase to \$ 75.00 a month and the government will pay my insurance.

I had a letter from Billy Jim Taves. He's in Fort Wheeler, Georgia, with the infantry, doesn't like it, but is okay.

I still don't know what ailed me or what caused the stiffening of my legs but am okay now and will write you as soon as I get resettled. Boy I'd like to return to Pennsylvania again!

Love,

Lee