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Dear Folks:

I wanted to write last night but I didn't have time. I may not get finished now but I have a few minutes before breakfast. As you can see I am at Ft. Benning, Georgia and that I am in an A3T P unit. I will first get 13 weeks basic training and then will be sent to school somewhere if everything goes off right. Our 13 weeks does not start till a week from Monday so I will be here a little over 14 weeks.

We started from Ft. Ben. at noon on Thursday and got here about 1500 Friday. This made us about 27 hours on the train. We were on the train just about all the time except for about a half hour out for supper in the terminal at Cincinnati. We changed trains too in Atlanta, Georgia but we went straight from one to the other.

We came through Indiana, Ohio,
Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia.
I slept through most of Kentucky and
Tennessee so I never saw much
of their scenery. I did see the Ohio
River though. I looked about as wide
as from the north side of the yard to
the water tank (only a rough estimate).
We slept in a day car. The seats laid
down and made a solid bed the whole
length of the car but it was so crowded
that it wasn't very comfortable.

When we got here we had several
forms to fill out and were issued
more equipment. I will tell about
it when I have more time.

I now have a permanent address
so you can send anything you want.
Write whenever you can and I will
write a long letter when I have
time.

address

Love

Donald.

(Tell
Shandra
Cawer)

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