



UNITED STATES ARMY
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

October 10, 1943 (afternoon)

Dear Folds,

Well I don't know how I will spend my Sundays after this but today at least I am being lazy and thus getting ready for tomorrow. I have been wondering how much harder basic training will be than what we have been doing but I guess that tomorrow I will find out.

Since I last wrote you I spent one day doing K.P. and one night on guard duty. I did KP Friday and guard duty last night. Guard duty (at present at least) is not as hard as it was at Fort Ben. It is only at night and then we only do one stretch of 2 hours. This makes it so you don't have to have any time off the next day.

I think that I am lucky to get

these extra duties done now because I have them overwith now and won't have to do them till it comes my turn again.

I guess that I have got everything that you sent to Fort Harrison. The bunch of papers came the other day, yesterday I believe. I have already got everything read in them but one story in the Sunday School paper.

you asked in your letter what part of the state of Georgia I am in. I told it 2 or 3 times in my letters but I am not sure whether or not I told you. Fort Benning is right on the Alabama line in fact part of it is in Alabama. It is about half way down and near Columbus, Ga. if you want to locate it on the map.

About using navy time: well we are supposed to use it but it is only used in writing official papers and things). In conversation, as far as



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I have heard, the regular time is always used.

The revival that you mention in your letter has me puzzled. I guess I must have missed it in the papers. Is it at Lily Creek or at Orestes.

I have been thinking about Duane Cook. Do you know whether or not he is at this camp. Even if he is I don't know how I could find him except by accident. There are about 2400 square miles in the whole camp. There are infantry outfits, field artillery, paratrooper, ASTP and what all else I don't know.

We are located very close to one of the places where the paratroopers train. Almost anytime of the day you can see them jumping from

the towers and once in a while we see them jumping from airplanes.

I forgot to tell you that this time when I did guard duty I carried a rifle. I don't know what good it would have done me because it wasn't loaded but I suppose it was just to help get us used to a gun.

I have decided that I want you to send me my fountain pen. I might as well be getting some use out of it and anyway I will want it when and if I go to school.

I hope you are still keeping on the lookout for a watch for me. I have looked in the largest post exchange on the post and can't find any so I don't suppose I will be able to get one down here. I need a watch pretty bad and my old watch only works right about



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half of the time. I never know when I can trust it and when I can't.

You don't need to go out of your way but keep your eyes open for one.

If my graduation money hasn't been spent for bonds, I have decided that it would do me as much good in the form of a watch as it would any other way. Be sure, of course, not to spend the 2 dollar bill. I think that out of my first two or three pays I will be able to finish paying for a not overly expensive watch.

I went to church again this morning; and although it may be impossible for me to attend every time, I have not had to miss yet.

Well write me whenever you can. I am always anxious to get letters. I

guess you can see that I had to get
some more writing materials.

Love,

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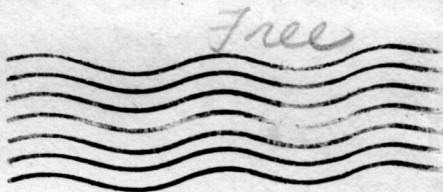
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