

Dear Folks,

It is a very nice day today in South Carolina and I am wondering how it is at home. I hope the weather has cleared up some by now.

I went to church this morning and no doubt you did the same. We had a larger crowd than usual but I think it was because of the nearness of Easter. I spent the evening last night at the library and the service club so I think that I'll just take it easy this afternoon. Reading, writing, sleeping, etc. I got a book from the library so I'll have plenty to do. I am now acquainted with the library and so I don't have

to worry any more about some-  
thing to read.

I got your box yesterday eve-  
ning and it is swiftly being  
consumed. It sure helps a lot  
to get a package from home. The  
excitement of getting and the thrill  
of opening it is almost as good as  
the actual contents.

The first of my mail from  
Ft. Benning also came yesterday.  
I think that I have received just  
about all the mail that has  
been sent to me now.

I am beginning to get just  
a little more into the swing  
of things around here and am  
feeling a little better about  
my lot than I did. I might  
as well do my best and get  
as much from it as possible.  
Even if I never get to enjoy



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it, I will be a lot less miserable if I don't hate it. Since this has fallen my lot, I am glad that the ASTP basic was an infantry basic.

I wonder how football practice is coming by now. I hope the sore ankle is coming O.K. Once in a great while during our physical training classes we play football and I at least have learned the difference between the line and the backfield but that is about all I know. I often wish I knew a little more about the game.

By the way how did the state tournament come out. I missed that entirely during my move.



About my K.B.F. medal - It was supposed to be sent in about the middle of April. If you should happen to be in Marion in the next 2 or 3 weeks you could drop it off or you can send it in. I'll send you the letter so you can get the address, etc.

6. PM

I have a couple more things I want to tell you before I close this letter. One is that I found a scales <sup>in</sup> one of the PX's and at last I know approximately what I weigh. In my shirt sleeves but with my heavy shoes on I weighed 158 lbs. That means about 18 pounds gained since I have been in the army.

I am going to start the letter to Dady's room and I'll let you know later how I come out.

8:30

I got the letter finished and am sending it at the same time



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as this letter. It isn't very fancy but maybe it will serve. One thing I want you to remember is that it is for your room and not for public exhibition. I think you can see what I mean.

If you would rather I'll write the letter to the Marion company.

Love  
Donald.