

Dear Sam and Cecil – Transcription - 1942-10-03

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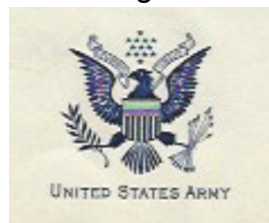
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Saturday P.M.
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Dear Gang;

Well this is a fine how do you do. I have been in this god forsaken hole for the past two and a half weeks and still no line from you. I wrote to you from the train on my way down here. I also wrote to pop and told him to give you my address. You know that in a place like this a guy has very little time to write. I you ain't taling physical or psychological exams, you are either on K.P., guard or some other dirty detail. This place is being run by a bunch of privats [sic] who were just drafted within the past two months and they were 1B before that. Well, they seem to take advantage of the fact that they can push us around as if we were never in the army. You see, quite a few sargents came down with us and as soon as ey come into this place their stripes don't mean a thing. We are now cadets, the only rank lower than a yardbird. And boy do those 1B's take advantage of it.

I started out to give you holy hell but it seems like I strayed off the line. I still think that if you wrote to me at Barrancas I would have gotten the letter by this time. I am especialy [sic] peeved at Cecil. In every letter she writes to me she says that she would write more often. I have yet to get a letter from any of you more often than once a week. I realize now that you have a maid, that you have quite a few social affairs to take care of. But, just try to write a little more often. If you saw how I have to sit to write this, you would surely write more often. being that you have tables and chairs

I think that I had better start this all over, now that I got that off my chest.

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Dear Gang;

How are you and how are things at home? How are the kids? What's new?

Well, it's happened. After taking over two weeks of physical and psychological exams I have received my classified. I have been classified as a pilot and will leave for pre-flight within the next couple of days. (I hope) I think in fact I know that I will have to work hard now because they have cut the pre flight course from 9 weeks to 18 days. If they keep it like that I will solo within two or three months

I haven't drawn any cadet clothing as yet. In fact I don't think that I will draw any. you see, they stopped making cadet clothing and from now on they are going to issue us G.I. They still have some cadet issue but they are giving it to the civilians. The only clothes we get is a hat and lace shoes.

The food here is swell but that is the only good part about this place. Boy would I like to get out of here.

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There isn't anything else right now. Please try to write more often. Tell Arthur and Mich that I was asking about them.

Love
Harry.

P.S. Have you heard from Fred and Evelyn. Regards to all in Bnai-Brith. H