

Dear Sam and Cecil – Transcription - 1942-06-10

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Dear Sam & Cecil;

Well; the inevitable has finally [sic] happened [sic]. I have been transferd [sic], I knew that I couldn't stay here and train for the duration, but I didn't expect it so soon. Now don't get excited. I am not going to war. I have just been transferd [sic] to another battery and I guess I will have to [work?] for a change. I have been transferd [sic] to battery "G" which is an anti aircraft battery. I guess now I am going to have to pull guard duty as this is an alert battery. By alert I mean that you are on duty twenty four hrs a day. The only bad part of it all is that I will live in a tent instead of barracks. Also this battery is on the island across the bay from here and on the Gulf of Mexico. Also it is just one big white sand dune. you sleep in sand, eat in sand, and walk in sand all day.

I can't get a good pair of glasses down here so, see if you can get Joe to send me the old pairs. Try and send them out as soon after you get this letter as possible.

Also, I would like you to do me a very big favor. I want you to get me a very good recommendation from either Morris Klausner or anyone who can give me a good one on important looking stationary [sic]. I need only one immediately [sic] but I guess I could use more. You see, I took my air cadet exam this morning. It took from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and as far as I know I passed. All I have to wait for now is my [intelligible] report. The Air Cadet board meets this friday and if everything is in order, I will be transferd [sic] to the air cadets, attached to my battery until they find an opening for me. That means that if my battery is shipped out. I stay here as I will no longer be a member of the C.A officialy [sic] There have been fellows here who have been waiting for three months to be placed. Their battery's have been shipped out to the theater of operations but they were left behind.

That is about all the news now. How are you all at home? How is Cecil? How is Arthur? When should I expect to be an uncle again?

Tell pop that I won't be able to write to him or you for that matter untill [sic] I get settled. So regards to all

Love  
Harry

P.S. Please send those glasses and recommend as soon as you can, as I need them immediately  
Harry