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Dear Sam and Cecil,

Well, one more week and my basic training period will be over. Then I have hopes for the air corps. I spoke to my B.C. yesterday and he told me it was O.K. to try for the air corps. If I don't pass the physical for that, he will give me a recommendation for officers training school. Not that his recommendation will get me in, but at least I will have his blessings. By the way, I wrote to pop the other day and told him that there was a rumor around that I made one stripe. Well, it is official, it was posted on the bulletin board yesterday and as of today I am a first class private. To tell the truth, this is the first time I have

head of a fellow getting an official stripe before his training period was over. There was twenty of us made out of about two hundred. Ciel I told you that I could do more than that if I tried, and you doubted me. Well, this is what I did without really trying very hard. I am now in charge of a squad of eight men^{now}. What do you think of your brother in law now? Thirty six dollars a month without the new bill. I guess I am still the same on pay day though I received my pay this morning \$21 for the last time. I only received \$11 though as I owed the battery \$10. You know how it is. Pay day nothing to do. Wuff said?

How are your people? how is Arthur? Is he getting any bigger and fatter? What does he think of the prospect of having a sister? When is she expected. There isn't any doubt in your mind about it being a girl, is there? After all, there has to be one pretty Ostrave, besides you.

There isn't much more to write now.

Have you heard from Eddie. I haven't, is he
still at Marshall field?

Well Regards to all good

Jack
Hayes

Editha Smith next time

Harry