

Dear Sam and Cecil – Transcription - 1942-06-21

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Sunday P.M.

Dear Sam and Cecil.

I just received your letter with the money order. To a certain extent I guess pop is right but when I get home I will be able to explain everything. In the first place Pop did not give me money everytime [sic] he came out to upton. I told him that I would not need it and he gave me a couple of dollars once because I had my money in the barracks when I was in the hospital. I also explained to him that the reason I needed the twenty dollars was because my laundry got lost. That is something I couldnt [sic] help. so really all I needed was the ten dollars I got from you before. and the ten now. As for other fellows getting along on their service pay for the first four months. I don't know anyone around here who hasnt [sic] sent home for money. In fact I received less than most of them. The reason pop thinks that they all get along is that their parents don't usually go around telling everyone when their sons send home for money. They expect it and send it out, the same way I thought pop would send it.

I don't want to write anymore about the money. I just wrote Al a letter before I got yours. That kid must have the run of the house at home. from the way he writes a letter you would think that he was my father ordering me around. I am sending his letter to your house. I don't want pop to know what it is about.

As for acknowleging [sic] letters that he writes, Sometimes I write the letters to everyone he writes, and vice versa. All the packages I have received from home were acknowleged [sic], so, i don't know what to do about it. It seems that pop always exagarats [sic] everything. As for my insurence [sic] I cant [sic] do anything about it yet. At first I was in a training battery. Now that I am in a regular battery I have been transfered [sic] to the air corps. and I am waiting for an opening. Pop thinks that because I haven't written about it I haven't done anything about it. You know what kind of a letter writer I am. I will explain it all when I get home.

Speaking of home. I don't know what I should do. There is a very good chance that I will get a fifteen day furlough within a couple of weeks and I don't want to ask pop for the money. I don't know weather to take it or not. Dora has some money that is supposed to be mine, for the car. She said that I should always write to her whenever I needed money. I don't see why pop is afraid to tell her about it.

I am kind of disappointed in you people. The only one who has congratulated me on my pfc. has been Al. No one has said anything about my getting into the air corps. You know that is the only thing I was looking forward to. I guess it is kind of a surprise to you. You didn't think I had enough brains for it. Out of the twelve of us who took the exam, three passed. Average score for the average man is 75% The First Lieutenant took the exam with us just to see how he would make out. I found out from one of the fellows working there, that he got a smart 90%. I got a 98%. What do you think of me now.

I received a letter from Ed the other day. It isn't half as hot up there as it is down here. The mosquitos are so big down here we use them for anti aircraft target practice. You know this is

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the tropics, one of the fellows here has Malaria. There is quite a bit of it around here. We wear head nets and gloves when we walk guard at night. I guess you know that I am not in the U.S.A. now, but on a island off the coast. We have a fine array of alligators, crocodils [sic], rattlers, and moccasins. The other day one of the fellows got a rattler four feet long, about eight inches around with sixteen rattles. We walk guard with sixty rounds of ammunition on us and five in the chamber. I hope this isn't censord [sic].

How are you, Cecil and the kid. Does he ever ask for me? How does Cecil look? I got that recomendation [sic] from Mike. I already had one from him. I didn't need it though as the board took Eddies recomendation [sic]. The one he wrote for the R.C.A.F.

I recieved [sic] the glasses, boy do they come in handy. I can't get a good pair down here. Did Eddie break his also?

This is about all now. Write soon. Regards to all and

Love
Harry