



ARMY AIR FORCES TECHNICAL SCHOOL
CHANUTE FIELD, ILLINOIS

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Dear Grandma,
Today is mother's day &
I have been thinking
of you & of home. Tell
Charlie Hello & that I have
been thinking of her
and I have been thinking
of the past & I know that
there will be peace again
soon. I haven't been in
the army very long yet
it seems so long ago
since I saw you, perhaps
because I have traveled so
far & done so many things
and been so much away
from the ones I love.
Anyway I guess it
won't be long till I'll
be moving along again.

If nothing unexpected happens I should graduate about June 2nd & then what goes is a military secret & so secret that no one in the Army knows yet.

I had a lot of friends here but I'll probably say goodbye to most of them before long. Some of them have been shipping all along so saying goodbye is merely army routine.

I have advanced from one trainee to another & when I started out the end seemed so far away but it is coming in sight with 3 weeks & 3 days to go. The boys are all talking about where they would like to go but I wonder how many will get such a good break.



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Tell Aunt Roxie Hello
& I hope she is better.
I have been going to
write to her but I just
don't seem to get any
more letters written
than enough to answer
the ones I get. In fact
by the time I answer the
few I get and study my
lessons & clean up the
parade & all the things
the army requires I am
kept on the go.

We had a G.I. party
and scrubbed the floor,
walls, lockers, windows
and everything else in
sight. Then yesterday
we had an inspection

and the C.O. came through & told us we were poor soldiers & had better get on the ball & get our lockers fixed up uniformly.

That's what they want in the Army is uniformity and not individuality as we are most of us accustomed to. Well it's almost bedtime or I should say time for lights out & I'm getting sleepy, seems the more sleep I get the sleepier I get. I almost went to sleep in class. Boy it is hot & the drone of the motor is very conducive to sleep. However I managed to stay awake and take notes.

Well love to all of you
& I hope you are all well
Your loving Grandson
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