



**ARMY AIR FORCES**  
TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND  
Group C  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

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Dear Grandma,

Well here I am in the Army Air Forces and it looks pretty much like I'll be going to school after I get through with my basic training.

I have been here at Clearwater 10 days and it has been nice and warm all the time. It has rained two or 3 times in the day time but the sun has shone every day and last Sunday I sure got a beautiful sunburn. Then the next day I had drilling exercise and shots in the arms & that night N.P. I peeled about 300 lbs of onions quite a pile. Well that lasted till 6:00 the next morning

when I went to bed and slept  
until noon. So don't let them  
tell you you can't sleep till noon  
in the army. That's the only  
time I've slept that late though,  
usually it's 5:30 and Sunday  
it's about 6:30 when we have  
to crawl out. Well I got a  
pass after chow and looked  
the town over. Not much  
here. a couple shops. 3 or four  
drug stores & beer parlors.  
several laundries & a few  
other stores. It is a nice  
place streets are brick paved  
but not solid just clay. The  
vegetation is luxurious.  
Palm trees, pine trees, elms  
vines and lots of other  
varieties. Some of the nice  
big trees have a gray moss  
hanging down and they  
are sure beautiful. The  
buildings and grounds are  
well kept and it makes a



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nice looking town. The sky is blue and the gulf is about 1 block away. The water is salty and bluish-green. The drinking water here is worse than that of Long Beach. It sure has a stink to it but I get so thirsty that I drink it anyway.

I expect to get in as an instructor on blind flying instruments but maybe as a mechanic or photographer.

I won't be here at Clearwater very long I don't think. Should be about two or three weeks and then I should have my basic training and be ready to go to school.

How is everybody down  
there? I hope you are all well.  
I don't think too much of the  
food here but I'm gaining.  
I weighed in at 155 stripped  
and last night I tipped the  
scales at 180 but I had my  
uniform on. So I guess I have  
gained almost 15 lbs since  
the 6<sup>th</sup> of January.

We work hard, lots of drilling  
exercise lectures and lots of  
cleaning house. I am in the  
Hotel Fort Harrison and can  
look out over the Gulf from  
my room. The only trouble  
is that we haven't much  
light to clean up our room in  
the morning. Oh, yes, 4 other  
fellows are sharing the room  
with me and we all get  
along pretty well. We all  
take our turns at the different  
jobs without complaining.  
Well good by for now.  
I'll write again soon  
Sincerely,  
your loving Grandson,  
Jean

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