



ARMY AIR FORCES
TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND
Group C
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

February 7, 1943

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.

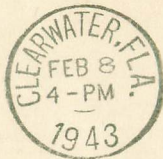
I expect to get in as an instructor on blind flying instruments but maybe as a mechanic or photographer. I won't be here at clearwater very long I don't think. Should be about two or three weeks and then I should have my basic training and be ready to go to school.

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 6th 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,
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