AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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Mr & Mrs Ernest Elswick
106 E North St.
Newark, Ohio

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Wed Evening

Dear Mom & Dad & Kids

Just a few lines to let you know I am ok. How are all of you. I just got in from supper, Right now believe it or not I am listening to radio, don't that suprise you. No mom I didn't have to buy any more clothes. We are practicing bayonet now. Boy that is really rough on you arms, it has never rained here since I been here. Mom you said that Patty called which one did you mean. Tell Keith I wish I could be at his weding. I would drink along with him. I guess I should be cleaning my rifle we have to have them spotless every morning

I received a letter from Buck yesterday it really surprised me to get it
Tell Dad I said a big hello and get his chev fixed so I wont run out of cars when I get [redacted] in that will probley make him smile,
I would love to see you all. Give all of the Kids a big hug for me.
Tell Barb I will write her when I get a little more time. Tell all of Grandmas hi for me. Is Brad got called back yet, I feel sorry for one boy in our outfit he has been here a week longer than I have and never has got a letter. That really hurts to standing there waiting next for your name to be called.
We have a physical examination tomorrow afternoon so you

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have you have a total of 300 points to pass it or else. I bet you I pass it to if I have to strain ever bone in my body. We had a class of first aid today. Its ever thing still the same around there. Tell miss ashley & Bill hello for me. Mom one of the boys here is going to buy a camera if he does I'll send you some pictures of a monkey, well mom I can't think of to much more to say so take care of yourself and tell dad to becareful while working. Try to write you tomorrow. So long for now

Love always
Bob

Guess who?

Here is some of the beautiful grass out front of our Barracks

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Thursday Evening

Dear Mom & Dad & Kids

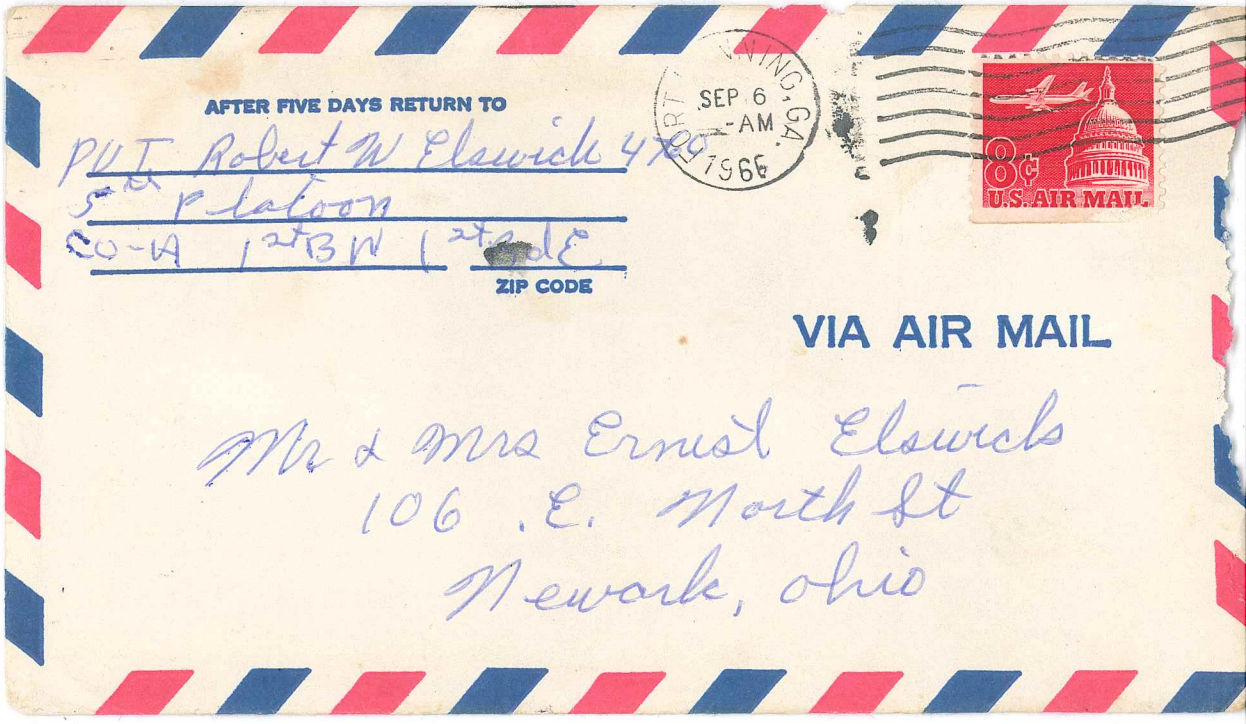
I though I would write a few lines to let you know I am ok except for a little bit tierd. I hand wont hardly hold this pen up. They run and worked our ass off today on the physical training. The highest you could get was 500. I got 478 they was only one higher score than my in our outfit, what have all of you been doing with yourself. Mom I don't know if I have got all of my shots or not but I have already had 7. five was at the same time. They was with air guns. A couple of the really hurt Mom our commander just told us we could go anywhere we

wanted to Monday. Mom I will call sometimes ~~on~~ Monday afternoon but I dont know for sure when. It might have to be in the morning. So if you can stay around the phone Monday. What is dad been doing with himself besides working on his car. Tell him to be good until I get in and we'll pull one together. What does the kids think of starting back to school. Tell Barb & Brend I want to see some good grades on there reports card when I get in. Give mike a big hug for me; I would love to see them. Mom have me some pictures of you all and of my car and send to me. It would be something to look at. What have you been doing with yourself, you never say. The 2 weeks I've been in base

has went by pretty fast. But they have been hard ones I tell you. Tell all of grandmas hello for me, you say harold is learning to drive, I don't guess Keith is going to write me a letter is he. Tell all of frankie hi for me. I run the mile run in our test today in 6 minutes and 50 second that at bad is it. Tell Grandma & Charlene I try to write them sometime this week, I aint harly got time, We have always got something to do. We have a coulpe of fights a night for exsement from other guys from different companys. I am running out of thinks to say and I haven't said anything yet. So I be closing for now so all of you take care of you selfs and be good. So long for now.

love

Bob



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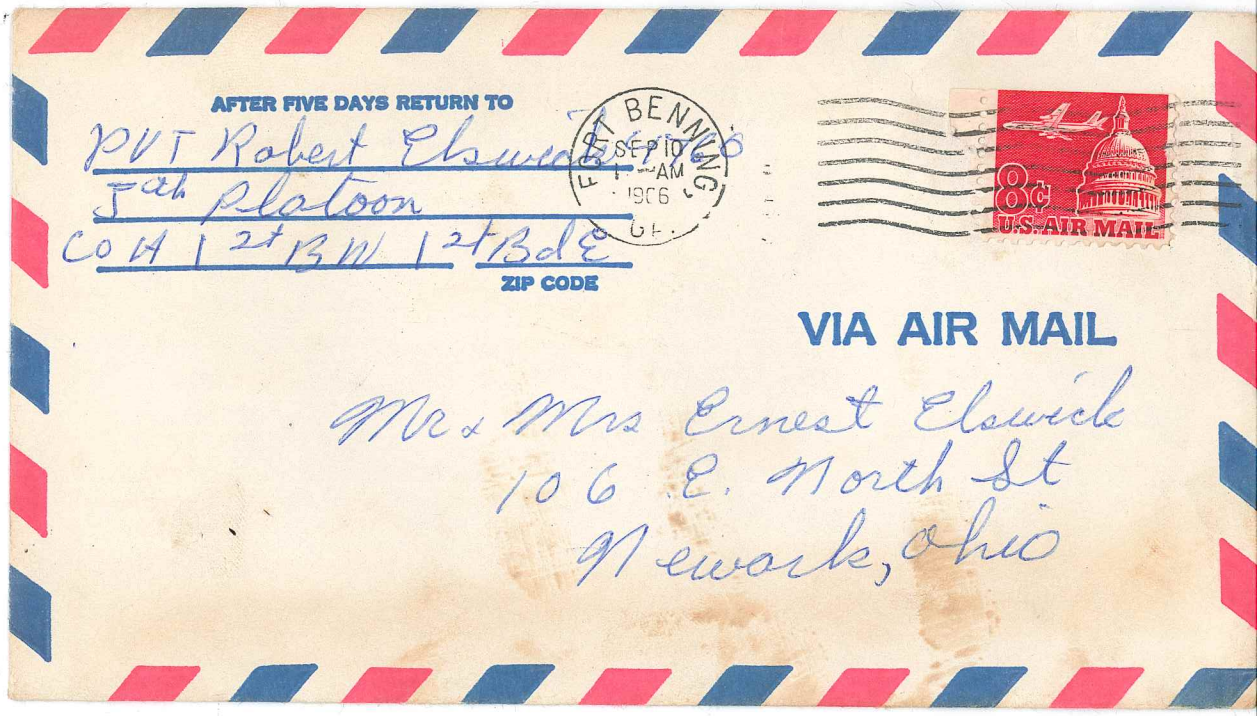
Tuesday

Dear Mom Dad & Kids

Just thought I would write a few lines to let you know I am alright. How is everthing back there. Boy I'll tell you I really got the mail today. I got one from Inula and one from Kathy and 3 from you. I'll tell you mom I thought I was going to die today we had to go thru gas chambers and tear gas. They made us take our masks off and tell them our name Rank, serial number. I thought my eyes were going to come

out. My neck is still burning. Mom that trouble I told you I got in I didn't. Some way they didn't get my name. But that thought me a lesson. What is dad doing. Tell him hello for me. Mom I haven't got much time I had to be in bed in about 10 minutes. So tell the kids hello for me. And you be careful while around home. Tell all Grandma's hello for me. The Boy on my right is the one that worked at the filling station when me and dad was going to Dillon to try out the boat. So I'll be closing for now. Write tomorrow Bob



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Mr & Mrs Ernest Elswick
106 E. North St
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9:30

Fri night

Dear Mom Dad & Kids,
Just though I would write a few lines to let you know I am ok, Hope all of you are the same, Well we went out to the rifle range to day boy I can tell it to my shoulder is about ready to fall off. We have to go for 3 days and on the 9 day we fire for record Mom you probe won't be able to read this I am writing in the dark, What is everyone doing. Tell Charlene & Grandma I will answer their letters when I get time, I think my pen is ready to run out of ink, What has dad be doing

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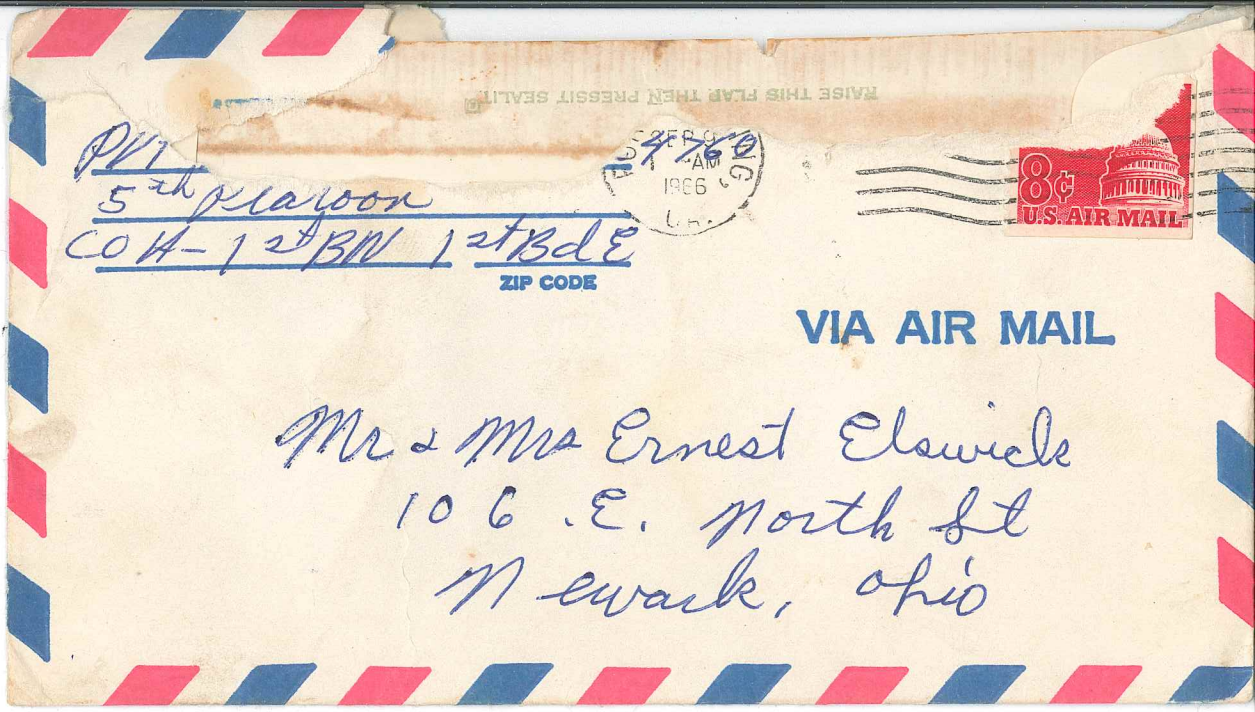
Tell him I said hello, and be careful. Tell all of the kids hi for me. Mom I will get my pictures the end of this month. I got 2-8x10 a 6 wallet size. Well mom I want you to take it easy on your self and dont work to hard. How does Keith like his job. Tell him and Harold Brad hi for me. Tell grandma hello for me. I tell you if Jane joins he won't get what he wants they tell him just like the others here. Well mom I haven't got much time so I hoft to be closing for now. So all of you be good. So long for now.

Bob.

P. S.
Sorry I can't write more but mom I haven't got any time I was lucky to get this much. So for the next week I might not be able to write much



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Thursday Night ~~Thursday~~

Dear Mom & Dad & Kids

Just though I would write a few lines to let you know I am alright. Hope all of you are the Same. No anything else new happening. Mom you probably wont be able to read this cause I only got about 5 minutes left to write. I been so busy yesterday and today I am almost to tired to move. our Sargent got mad at us today and made us get all of our hair on top shave back off. He said he just done it for a laugh.

Tell brenda thanks for the letter. Give Barb,

brenda, mike a big hug for me. Tell grandma I will answer her letter when I get time. Was dad been working anymore one his shiv. Tell him I said to becareful. And I would like to see him for as that goes I would like to see you all. Mom I want you to take care of you self and don't work to hard. Mom I might not be able to write very often the next week, we go to the rifle rangl tomarrow for 13 hrs a day. Don't that sqund nice. Bett I try to write ever other day If I can. I just didn't want you to worry.

How is Keith likeing his job. Tell him I will answer Treas letter when I get time. Mom you don't know how busy they keep you. Its getting worser every day. We haft to walk around 20 miles to the range, I bet thats going to be fun. But I don't want you to stop writting. But I will write every time I get a chance. So all of you be good. I haft to turn in. So all take it easy.

Bob

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Wed Night

Dear Mom Dad, Kids

How is ever thing back home, fine I hope. Things are about the same here. As ever one ok, I am fine. What has ever one been doing. About everone here is siting around writing letters. Well mom today was the last day at the rifle range. We have been fireing for records the last todays. I come out pretty good. I was only 2 points away from being expert. I made sharp shooter. I am sorry I didn't get to write yesterday, but all of yesterday evening, we had to make

sure we had the right zero on our rifles. Well sometime the 1st of next week we go on bivwac. We have to go out in the woods for about 4 days then after that I will be going down hill, I think!!

How is dad doing, tell him I said hello and to be good.

Give all of the kids a big hug for me and tell all of them I said hello. Mom I don't want you to work too hard, take care of yourself.

How is all of grandmas I said hello. Tell Granma I said for her to be careful while working, oh by the way how come I didn't get any mail yesterday. Are you slping?

I was just kidding - We have our 6-5 test Saturday

I hope you wish me luck. I think I'll need it. That is a list about everything we had since we been here. We have to pass it or else. It looks like it's going to rain here tonight

Tell Keith I have never got a letter yet. I know he can find time to write at least one. I have got to write Jack I have never got time yet. Well it's 7:00 clock here now I got 2 whole hours before I have to go to bed. I never had that much time since I left home. We have a night march tomorrow night. We have to go out about 10 miles and walk back, and get up at 4:30 next morning That sounds like fun don't it. Well I am running

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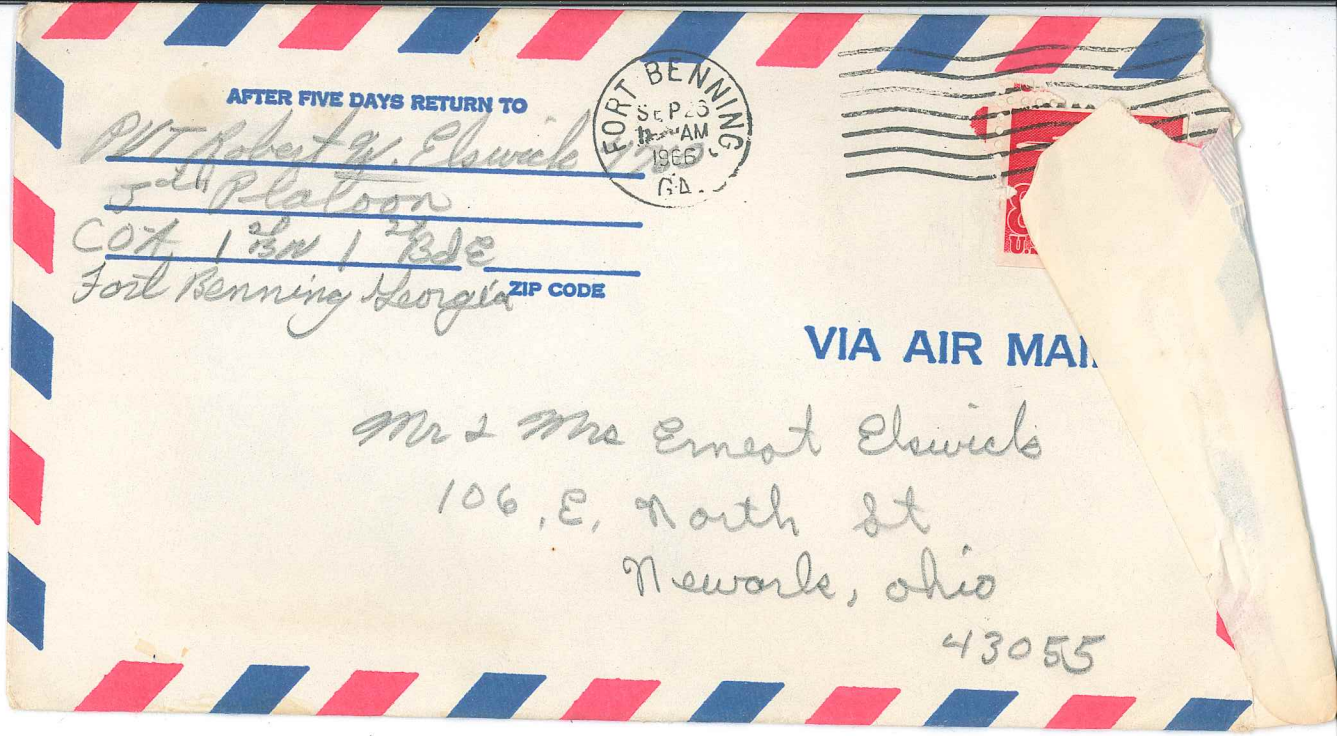
out of words. Did you say it is starting to get pretty cold there. I just got threw polishing my boots before I wrote you. I am about starved to death, we have been eating C rashions all of this week. I have forgot what a good meal tastes like. Well mom I'll be closing for now, so all of you be good & careful write as often as you can, so goodbye for now.

Bob

P.S.

Mom I miss my 4 eggs for breafast I sure wish I had them to eat now, it would taste pretty Good Right! over



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Sunday

Dear Mom Dad Kids

Just thought I write a few lines to see how you are getting along fine I hope. I am doing ok. We had our fifthth week test yesterday I did ok what has everone been doing. Most of everone [redacted] is gone, I'll probly get a weekend pass next weekend Well how does Keith like married life. I hope they get along ok. Tell them I wish them the best of luck. Well what has everone of you been doing. anything new. Tell all of the folks hello for me. I hope dad has good luck on his car

Tell dad that I am going to borrow his shoes when I get home. Asked him if he is going to let me, tell him I said for him to be careful while working and to be good. I went up to the dance club last night and drank a couple and listened to the band awhile. Well after next week is over about all we'll be doing is reviewing. But next is going to be the hardest of them all. And that's saying something. Love to all of the kids. Tell them I said hello and for them to be good and careful while walking to school. Tell Mike I said for him to be a good boy. They are a bunch

of new troops moving in next door, They were over here yesterday cleaning up. I didn't get to see them but our boy told me that he talked to one of them and he was from Grandville ohio, They are coming in tomorrow. Well Mom, I am running out of things to say except for you to take care of yourself and be careful and all be good. So I'll close for now. Will try to write tomorrow

love
Bob

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DEAR BARB,

I THOUGHT d WOULD DROP YOW A FEW LINES TO ANSWER YOUR LETTER. I WAS GLAD TO hear FROM YOW. I HOPE YOW ARE DOING good IN SCHOOL. HAVE YOU got YOU A BOYFRIEND YET. WELL BARb YOW Be good AND MIND MOM AND DAD. Be SURE AND TO PLAY WITH MIKE AND BRENDA. SO d will chose FOR NOW SO YOW Be good.

Bob

UNITED STATES ARMY

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Sunday

Dear Mom & Dad & kids

I thought I would write a few lines to let you know I am alright. Hope all of you are the same. Has anything else happen around there. It is all about the same here. We hafted to stay around the barracks all day Today do that why I didn't call. I would have loved to talked to you & dad kids. But, I aint going to call ever week because it cost to much. Besides you all ready have enough bills without a big phone bill. Tell all of the kids I Hello for me and give them a big hug. What has dad he doing? working on his chev it so what does he like on it. Tell him I said a big hello and tell him I said to be carful while out and working. How does Barb & Brenda like school, do you have any trouble getting them to go. What does mike do all day by himself. Tell him I said for him to be a good little boy. We have to walk out to the rifle range tomorrow it is about 9 miles out there. We

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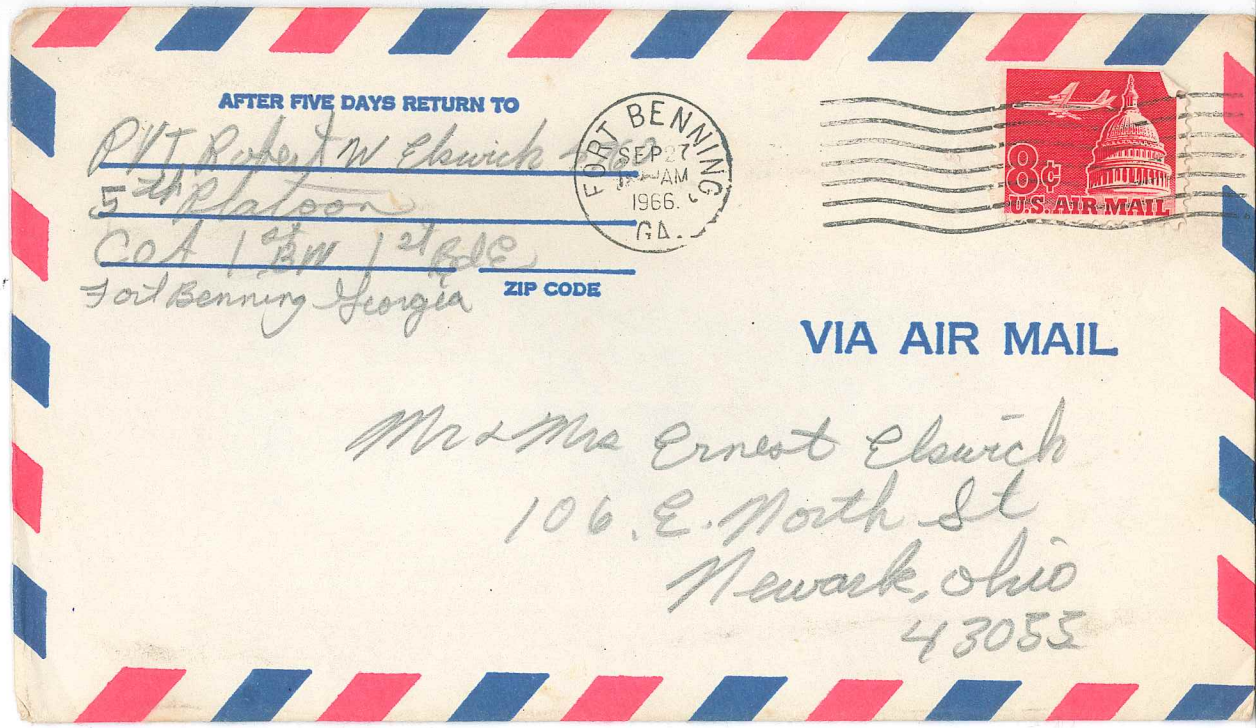
finish up Friday. That is the day we fire for records. My shoulder feels like it is only half there after shooting so much yesterday. Well have you be driving anymore Mom, any time you want to drive mine, you know where it is. I sure wish I was there to put it to use. Has any one called mom I didn't get a letter from you Saturday, you slipping, the only one I got was one from Trula. Tell all of the folks a big hello for me.

I just got threw washing my clothes a little while ago, Mom I don't know when I get to send my old clothes home, nobody has got to send this yet. We had about 3 more go AWOL this week, Trula told me that Roger Kean didn't go back and he is awol. well mom I can't think of to much more to say besides I running out of paper so all of you be careful and take it easy. I will try to write again tomorrow if I can, So So long for now

Bob

P.S
Tell Mike to keep my car in good shape. Oh!



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Monday

Dear Mom Dad Kids

Just thought I would drop you a few lines to see how everone is. fine I hope. I am getting along ok. Was sure good talking to all of you sunday. I have just finished getting my things in my sack for tomorrow. Mom I probably wont have any time to write you any ~~this~~ week. But I will if I get a chance. You better write me. I just didnt want you to worry. Tell all of the kids hello for me! I would love to see you all. Tell Barb to be careful while going to school. Love is dad

Monday Night

doing, tell him I said hello. Was glad to hear he car is doing good. Tell him to be good and be careful while working. They just made us turn out the lights. I can't even see when I am writing. How you been feeling ok Mom. Make sure to take care of yourself if you take any of those headache, we drove out on the handgrenad range today. We had to throw live ones at first I was half scared to death but at last it was fun. Tell all of Grandmas kin for me. well I be closing for now. Got to try to get some sleep.

Love
Bob

P.S. will write again if I get a chance