

U. S. Army Air Forces

Fort Myers, Florida

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Dear Mother,

Don't worry about me getting your letters, I think that all your letters have got caught up with me. I've got all the money you have sent anyway and that's what counts. I also got a carton of Chesterfields from Fanny today also. Pretty nice huh! Jana has got so she writes quite often now almost twice a week.

Did I tell you in my last letter that 40 of the boys most of which qualified in Feb. went to Nashville to be classified today. There is another bunch of I don't know how many going to Tyndall Field tomorrow morning. I guess they are going to do just general duty the same as they were doing here, so I'm just as satisfied here, as we signed the payroll again for all our back pay today so I don't want to go anywhere until I get paid. The rumor is that cadets who are left here will have to get out by the fifteenth, that is supposed to be when the gunnery school opens here. That also contains the rumor that we might get extended furloughs until we get our calls as cadets. Remember that this is only a rumor so don't put any faith in it. Well I'm going to knock off till morning.

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Well the boys left for Tyndall Field this morning and I'd love to know what they going to do with the rest of us. They boys are cussing the Army out in good shape this morning here in this corner of the barracks. They thought that they would join the army to help fight this war and now they say that if they were working at the jobs they were working at at home they would be doing twice as much for the war effort, and I guess their right.

We are supposed to get paid Wed. all of our back pay which will amount about a hundred dollars, and I'll probably send fifty home.

Well I'm going to call this enough for today and hope I can find another rumor for the next letter.

Your loving son

"Bill"