

SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LOUISIANA

Tuesday

Dear Cecil,

I just got 2 letters from you today - one written April 8, & the other written April 23. That's the reason your first letter wasn't answered till now.

I guess you get all the news from Pearl & Mama anyway, but here is some news you may not have yet: we are in a measles quarantine for the past couple of days. Last Wednesday, one of the fellows in our barracks got measles, but nothing was done about us until Sunday, when a second man caught them. Even now, however, it's not an official quarantine ordered by the Medical Dept., but voluntary on our part. We go to classes and practically all formations. We are the first to eat in the mess hall & have a special table with as much food for 5 of us, as the other fellows get for 12. The only thing they wouldn't let us do was guard duty.

I was supposed to have it last night & was excused. Was I disappointed! We will probably be out of the quarantine by the end of the week & our picnic will be over.

We are still kept very busy with our classes, calisthenics, lectures, etc. We've completed quite a few courses already, & in another 6 weeks we'll be completing the pre-flight curriculum. In calisthenics, we run a couple of miles every day before doing the actual calisthenics & playing ball. Sometimes, we run for the whole hour all around the post & cover close to 5 miles. It's surprising how quickly you can increase your endurance when you keep at it every day.

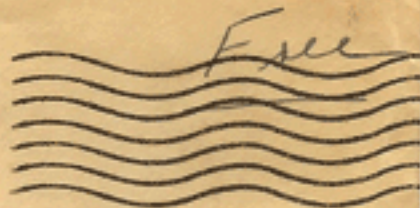
It's pretty hot here today, even though the air is cool & a nice breeze always blows. The sun is very strong & hot, & that's what causes the temperature to rise in our barracks. It's clear here practically every day. Since we've been here, we've had rain only one day.

Well, that's about all now. You know that Pearl is coming here within a week, & I'll sure be glad to see her. It seems like a year since I left New York.

Give my regards to Al & you can let Mama read this letter. I haven't heard from her since I'm here.

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