Chairman, Bryant Service Club.

I am sorry in being so late acknowledging the cigarettes you sent to me but they have a bad habit down here of keeping us busy just about all the time. Things have speeded up since this war started so they are pushing us right through.

I am through ground school and in my advanced squadron as well as Ben Senda who has gone to Miami for his advanced training in fighters. If everything goes the way it should from now on I should receive my commission around the first of July.

I could write forever telling you about the south and this base as well as what I think about them so I'll try to hit a few high spots just in case you are interested. There are six swimming pools on the base and three movie houses, tennis courts, horse back riding, golf driving range, archery range, bowling alley and a cadet club where cadets can bring guests to drink and dance. That's the sports and social angle.

A cadet goes through three squadrons before he enters his final one in which he will receive instruction in the work he will actually do on active duty. Ground school is a pretty stiff course especially the navigation subjects. There are cadets washing out en masse with failure.
in ground school or for flying. Roy Smith had some tough luck but I hope he will like his work in the Army. There are about 1500 cadets here & many more enlisted men & marines in a boot camp here also. The base here is so large we travel around in buses from one place to another.

As for the south well you can love it, possibly it would be nice to spend a week or so down here but for a home I'll take the good old north. The heat here takes all the pep right out of you.

Well that isn't very much but you'll have a point I dear what its like down here.

It's nice of the Bryant Service Club to send things to its men in the service & I'm sure they will all appreciate it. Bryant should be proud of Al Stanford & his encounter with the Japs.

Once again I want to thank you for the cigarettes I sure do appreciate it.

I have been promoted to a bat command & I am now in a new room in the same building.

Bldg 710 Room 143

Remember me to the old gang.

Sincerely

Bob Marshall