CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA

June 23, 1942

Bryant Service Club Chairman,

For the past few days I have been trying to find some way in which to interpret my feelings and gratitude towards the kind and generous acts being performed by the Bryant Service Club for its former students, of which I am indeed fortunate to be one of that select group. After much thinking, I decided that to express myself in my own simple way and not delay this letter any longer would be the best thing to do. So, thank you so much for that swell package, I sure did appreciate it. The mere fact of hearing from you, knowing that we weren't forgotten means a lot to the boys, but don't get me wrong, the contents are also very much appreciated. Again, I say, thank you.

I might as well inform you as to what I'm doing at present, and also about some of the other Bryant boys, who are also down here at Camp D. At present there are only six of us left here out of the original group that was here when we were first sent to Camp Lee, but after our five weeks' basic military training, the majority of us were sent to Georgia or Mississippi, if the few left behind, why and have stuck together and in the future a few of us still hope to be together, because of the following circumstances.
a few weeks ago the Army Personnel section called every one of our group of six, and interviewed us, and offered us the opportunity to go back to college and continue our education, a different course from the one we were taking at Quant, as all they have need for in the Army is Engineering, Psychology, Medicine, and Language Study. Well to make a very long story short, we were all accepted and began competition of our schooling due at Camp Lee, which terminates July 2, we will be sent to Georgetown University, Wash. D.C. at that place we will be classified, as to what course we will undertake, and then we will be sent to some that approved college, for a period of one to two years. The boys who are accepted are as follows. – Leon (Pinkie) Pinkel, Mickey Novo, Mario Rosque, Leo Blair, and myself; and when we start our new task, we will all live up to the high standards we were taught while at Quant. When we get to Wash. a few of us hope to visit you all, as we expect a short leave at that time.

As for our social life here, I think I'm very safe in saying this for the others as well as for myself, we have been treated splendidly by the people of Petersburg, Va. especially the feminine part of the population. We all had trouble at first, in understanding the southern people, but we are now accustomed to it. For instance, you all it pronounced as one word down here, also the famous expression “bless your Yankee,” is pronounced as one word, but all holding aside, everybody is so hospitable.

Well I must bring this letter to an end.
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As my instructor is beginning to glance in my direction too often, I think he suspects that I'm not taking notes, you see, at present. I am in school and the subject being taught is Property Accounting and Finance, and I have had this before therefore it's quite easy. I am attending "Army Administration School" and I have had many subjects being taught back at Fort...

In closing I'd like to thank you all again, and I'd appreciate hearing from any one of you, and I promise a quick reply, as a soldier likes nothing better than to receive mail.

Until next time I remain

Yours For Victory,

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