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Dear Anne

I really am sorry that I delayed answering your letter for so long. So many people made me promise to drop them a card and I have been trying to write to Mom regularly. Of course, I get a letter off to Ike once in a while.

I suppose you have noticed my return address. We shipped out of Atlantic City Tuesday and arrived at Seymour Johnson Field at 7:00 ~~PM~~ this morning. We don't expect to get any flight training here. This is a basic training field and we probably will finish our basic here but we never know. They say we will be here until there are places open in schools for us so we may be here for a week or two months.

We aren't living in hotels now. We are sleeping in regular Army barracks and they are plenty alright. We have had three meals here and it was very good too.

We are quarantined again for eight days. There seems to be a lot of measles going around. It is so warm down here that we don't have to wear our coats and we stripped to the waist for our measles exam right out in the open. I think I'm going to fight the war in quarantine.

It makes me feel good to know that they
kind of miss me around Maher Bros. They
were a swell gang of fellows to work with and
I don't think one could find another office where
you could work or fake just as you pleased.

I haven't run into this Paul Tartaglia yet.
He had a different mail call than I had and
I had so many things to do that I didn't
have time to look him up. Maybe I'll run
into him yet.

If you haven't already done so, I'll leave it
to you to send any of the clothes home that
you think best. I sent the others home and
I received a letter saying that they had arrived.
The American Express provided us with boxes
and stung right at the hotel but they had
to be sent "Collect." Just be sure and save
my other junk.

I didn't get a chance to go to church while
I was in Atlantic City but I think I will
be able to go here. I saw a church on the post.

Guess that is all for now, Anne. Tell Peg
I'm not a pilot yet. I haven't even had a
chance to grease one yet. Give Paul and
Antoinette my regards.

Col.

P.S. I did get Expert on the 200 yard
rifle range. Anything over 139 was Expert
and I shot 142. I don't think Morn
will appreciate Marg's surprise. I think
she should tell her beforehand.

I'll be sure and answer sooner the
next time.