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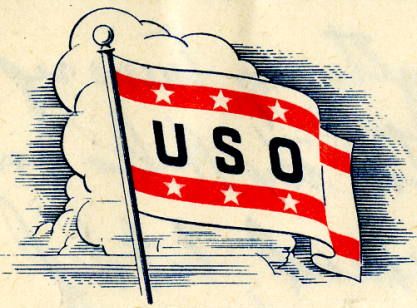
Dear ones,

Bill Sumner came through in fine style for me again - I called him last night but didn't reach him until I tried again this morning at 7 A.M. - he got me a room at the Y and I am all set until Monday when I leave for Lee. Now to go back to yesterday - a complication arose when I discovered that this course is not "I + E" (Information and Education) as I had first been told, but rather "A and R" - athletics and recreation which is quite a different story. However, after I thought about it I realized that in a way it was just as well - Heaven knows I need a lot of physical conditioning! I found out what I could - it is four weeks long and the day is spent as follows: no hours of class

then three of exercises, sport, etc. each morning and afternoon. It sounds very healthy. I went around and got myself some sneakers (size 13) and other athletic items of dress as required. I spent the evening playing bridge.

I got up early (to call bill) and I packed. I packed about half my stuff in a haversack bag and the '5TB' suitcase at the office. I cleared the Club and then cleared the Post and finally cleared the Training Center when I picked up my orders. There were a number of complications in this since officially I am in the Post until the office of the Chief of Ordnance in D.C. issues orders on me - so actually the Training Center had no authority to cut the Camp Lee orders on me. But we were a less straightened thing up.

I was happy to leave Aberdeen - the place depresses me - and the weather turned bad during the middle of the week, too. Hope when I get back that I find everything more cheerful. My field jacket did not come but I added to



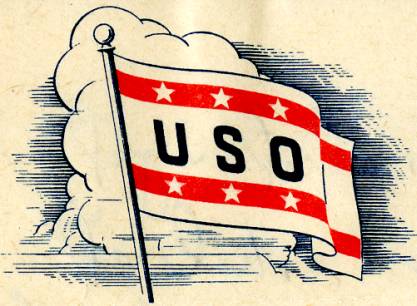
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have them forwarded to me at Dec. By the way - the title I am about to earn is "Director of Physical Training and Athletics" (!!!) - maybe Dave M. will help me when I get out! My address will be: officers athletic and Recreation Center Q M school, Camp Dec, Virginia. That should do it. I am due in there on 11 March and due to leave on 10 April.

I left Aberdeen at noon but the first train to D.C. left at 3:10 so I sat down and read TIME and today's NY Times through. I got in at 4:45, called Bill, and came here. We had supper together and are to meet again in an hour and a half. I have no plans except relaxation for the weekend - I will call the Nales (and perhaps

Jim Abrahamson) and if anything turns up
all well and good. I wrote to the Hales and
to the 2nd Folletts last weekend but did
not hear from them. I have definite
plans for Richmond - I will see Mrs. Bowman
of course, and then there are the Great Nick
gals - Sherry Black, Rosemary Dauran, and
Betty Black (it was Betty's mother who
entertained me in NYC that evening I was
with Judy Hatchfield) all in all, I
plan to make the most of the common
month - both the weeks and the weekends!
There are also some people in Petersburg who
entertained me at Passover, 1943 - yes, what
a long time ago!!

All indications are that I will now
be athletic officer of the Regiment upon my
return. I hope to also find myself the I &
E officer despite my lack of I & E school
attendance. We shall see. My address upon
return to APO will undoubtedly be: 2nd
Tng Regt, 8th Bn, ASFTC. But that is
a month away.



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I owe a million letters and I will
have to do some writing this weekend.
I sort of miss the pastime with available
typewriters that I enjoyed (?) at Santa!
as yet I have not been able to sit down
and put on paper my various thoughts
on foreign policy, domestic affairs, and
what have you - I'll be stable again in no
time. Oh well - at least I should have the
"corpus sano" part of the Latin standard.

OK for now - I will have called you
by the time you receive this, I imagine.
all my love,

Samuel

Regards, Dms.

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P.S. I forgot to mention that I get
a \$5 a day allowance while at
see - W.W.!! will I be repaid next
month!!

I also should have mentioned that
there are no strings attached to my trip to
see - I am in no way committed to
stay in the camp against my desires
if and when I become eligible for
release - My guess now is August.

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on March 11th I have 36 months
June 11th " 39 months
August 11th " 41 months