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Dear ones,

Excuse my writing on the scratch pad but it is much more convenient since as you may have imagined I do not have a desk here. I sent a \$30 money order home; I still have you \$25 money order - I will cash it when I need the money - in a week or so. I just didn't want all that cash on me. It will also be a birthday present to you, mother. I know you understand my inability to run out and buy you something decent.

Tomorrow I will write to Mrs. Korman. (I was very pleased to read her card.) I will tell her my Passover plans and ask her through her son to make sure I get good arrangements. I assume I will be back to home in Petersburg since Dickman is a 2 hour ride. I can't lose anything and it may help. The Rabbi Kalich contact will just have to wait as I explained before in previous letters about the difficulty and inconvenience of leaving



camp.

(There are plenty of us)  
In OCS, have a meeting with captain  
mason. so that my next letters should  
contain some news about my possibilities  
in future advance. I'll let you know  
the whole story.

In my letter to Uncle Harold I  
happened to mention the fact that  
boxes of cookies are especially welcome.  
(I believe special pound and 2 pound  
boxes are prepared for "soldier snacks")  
But I don't want to be deluged  
with food. I have very little space  
for such stuff. So please coordinate  
your food shipments and make them  
small - just an occasional cookie or  
two. I repeat - no deluge of food.  
Don't send anything else registered  
mail since it is very inconvenient  
to have to go and get it. <sup>I need nothing of any great value anymore.</sup> If you do  
send me any cookies enclosed just one



set of underwear, that will give me a  
good margin in the laundry and I'll be  
all set.

It will be good to hear from Culetas.  
I was very remiss in writing to him.  
as I said in the card: the birds all  
went home. I wrote Aunt Eliza a letter  
at home - I hope Uncle Ned forwards  
it as I asked him to. I will try to  
write a letter to Montgomery street while  
she's there. I got two cards from  
Uncle Sam at Laurel, Mississippi.  
I guess he's on the move again. I sent  
him a card in answer.

I have received many letters from  
Helen Babey and thank it. I certainly  
do appreciate them.

I hate to disalluse you but I  
don't think I'm losing weight. I maybe  
toughening up a little but I eat a lot and  
my work is tiring but not really so physically



exhausting that we sweat a lot. I guess  
my posture is improving but I'm sure you'll  
recognize me - if I ever get a leave, which  
may be in 4 months if I'm lucky!!

well, lights go out in a second and  
I want to mail this. I feel fine.  
rifle training uses muscles never  
used before and is tough on knees and  
elbows. will be firing 30 caliber bullets  
in a week - we have 3 days on the  
range.

Sincerely,  
Lumney  
Regards to Doris.