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Dear Ones -

I will have been in Boston and back by the time you receive this letter - my plans are to get a ride to D.C. tomorrow evening and catch "The Federal" to Boston. I only hope that I have a pullman - The [Penway] R.R. doesn't have an office in Richmond and I am depending on the Southern to get a reservation for me. I'll get to Boston and I'll get some sleep by hook or by crook. Last night we played some handball - good sport but I prefer squash, I think.

There does not seem to be much to write - we have a "comprehensive" test tomorrow - so I'll read over my notes before going to sleep. I think I'll wander over to the club tonight and read a while - then I'll pack for tomorrow. I cashed another check tonight - this month (March) will be my first normal month and we will see how close I come to staying within the limits of the \$80 odd I draw. After Santo - money seems to go quickly here in little things like chit books, pressing and cleaning, bus fares, etc.

First day of spring - I hope this good weather continues.

The rain broke on Wednesday and today has been fresh and clear. Just to fill up this letter: in this course, as a student, we have a Lt-Col [Malny], who holds almost every award up to and including the Congressional Medal of Honor. He

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is a young fellow and a pretty good fellow. We also have three colored officers in the class - and when we went into the swimming class in the pool at the YMCA in Petersburg, Virginia, they could not come along, because of the strict color line - [brother]! A good many members of the class are from the 82nd Airborne - all paratroopers - they are an exceptionally fine group of junior officers. All the others come from nominally combat organizations - except the three of us from Aberdeen. I think that 100% of the class has been overseas, but I am not sure - not more than one or two

at most didn't see overseas duty.

Well, that almost exhausts me for tonight -
my best to all in Boston, be well, Mother,

All my love,

Sumner