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San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mom & Dad,

Arrived today at about 4:00.  
Had chow and were showed how  
to make up our bunk. It is  
sort of tough, but I think it will  
be a lot of fun. The camp is  
just about a mile out of San  
Diego, toward the sea. It is almost  
in town. There are more planes  
here than flies. There are  
about four fields here I guess.

The train ride out to here  
was terrible. This darn country  
isn't worth walking across the  
street for. The mountains we  
saw were about as tall as  
Rib Mountain. From Riverside  
Calif, on it was fairly descent  
country. Orange and grape groves  
are very thick from there  
on out. The base out here is  
really beautiful. Palm trees &

everything.

I saw the lady of them  
all today — the Pacific Ocean.  
It was really worth seeing.  
The water was as blue as it  
could be. The corp. says for  
you to be sure and put  
San Diego 41, Calif. on the  
address or I am not likely  
to get the letters because  
there are so many camps out  
here. There were 180 of us that  
arrived at the camp today.  
From all parts of the country.

There are 63 in our platoon.  
We go to bed at 9:00 and arise  
at 5:30 A.M. Had to throw away  
all my stuff that was in glass,  
such as shaving lotion and  
etc. I am sleeping in a lower  
bunk. Never saw so much desert  
in my life. It was desert from  
Idaho to the middle of Calif.  
Collect all of our stuff tomorrow.

How is everything back there?  
I'll be very busy for the  
next few days. Don't expect too  
many letters. I'll close now  
and write to June. Weather here  
is fine.

Love  
Bill

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