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Keesler Field, Miss.  
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Dear Mama,

I received your card written the 13th this morning. I got a letter from Robert with some pictures in it yesterday and the church paper. Robert said they had all been sick and didn't know if they would get to go to the dinner or not.

If you all had the same kind of weather there as we had here yesterday you would not have much of a dinner. When I woke up yesterday it was raining so hard I couldn't see out. The water was a foot deep on the street corners. We didn't try to go to breakfast or even have rollcall. I showered and dressed for church. By 9:30 the rain had nearly stopped so I went and got a pass to go to church. I had to walk two blocks to catch a bus but I didn't get very wet.

At church there was ten there when we started but a few came in late. The men's class all came in and sat in our class. I guess they didn't have a teacher. After church it had stopped raining. I went back to camp and ate dinner.

After dinner I went back to town and went to a studio and had my picture made. I won't get to see the proof until next Sun and if they are good it will be another week before I get the picture. I went to the show after that.

I came out of the show at 5:00 o' clock and walked down to the beach and walked for thirty minutes east where I had never been. There sure was some pritty [sic] homes on the water front. A lot of rich men have their summer home around here. Some of them have yats [sic].

I went back to B.J.V and there was a Biloxi boy there who had been in island in the marines for the last eight month. He told some about island. After church it was raing and I tried to catch a bus but I couldn't so I walked. I didn't get wet at all. The water didn't even sock through my wool cap. It stayed cloudy and damp but not raining.

I made 99 on my final in instruments. That was a tie for the highest grade. We start engines today. This is the sixth phase. The hands are past they all say.

It's about time for dinner so I had better close.

Norman