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Dear J. Anderson:-

Things have changed around so much from time to time here that it's hard to know whether information is up to date at any period, but I can at least give you a rough sketch at the half-way point. At any rate things are a lot brighter than they've been so far. We hit here just ahead of a terrible spell of weather - assorted but all bad, and involving snow, hail, bitterly cold spells, and interminable rain, which lasted until about a week ago. However now that you can get a good look at it this seems a pretty part of the country. Starbville is a couple of miles from the college - Miss. State - and is a typical small college town. People very friendly. The regular college students have an attitude toward the radio boys that led to someone having to clean house with the football team at least once a week when our school was first started here, but in the past few months so many OCS and pre-flight^{boys} have been brought in and spread around here that what few students the draft has left are fairly well reconciled. However, the uniformed trainees, the radio students and the transcribers seem to get along swimmingly.

The Signal Corps school has taken over the old Textile building here, which gives a pretty roomy place at the until recently we haven't nestled around noticeably. We are the last class here and have gradually eliminated one shift of the approximately 700 in school when we came. Those leaving all the time, either to Pre-Radar courses (at Chicago, mostly) or to Camp Shelby. Ph.D means Post-hole Digger here and is a frequently conferred degree. Very often a pre-graduate one, too. This outfit doesn't take much off of any one and if you don't like the school or are just along for the ride they fix it very quickly. A great many of the class which came up from Tallahassee didn't like the looks of things and went right home to begin with, and several have left from time to time since for various reasons. Personally I'm not fixing to give them any reasons for any thing except graduating to advanced courses.

This is strictly as best cure - our work is still half theory, half hope. But they suggest an equal amount of outside work; the suggestion being accompanied with assignments which virtually enforce it. I'm doing a good deal of work brushing up on my math in hopes of Pre-Radar, which is pretty involved, and between one thing and another I manage to sleep alright when I get around to it. Either work agrees with me or it's a local policy to fatten us for the doom to come, I've put on about ten pounds since I've been here and still going strong. There is undoubtedly a lot to be said for much as a beverage. It's very plentiful and good here and everyone drinks a lot of it.

Genesive has had several bad attacks of neuralgia but has been keeping up with the Thiamin and lately has been taking diathermy treatments which seem very helpful. The university physician and the Army med. officer here have been very satisfactory - the latter has apparently had very extensive experience in treating trifacial and trigeminal neuralgia and has given her a lot of help & relief.

Genesive was very sorry not to have seen you before leaving Tallahassee. I gather she had considerable rushing around just before leaving. Certainly appreciate your friendly interest, your sympathy and your help both to her and myself.

We have been attending the Methodist Church here - a Dr. Count is the pastor. Have not met him but he seems a competent and well-informed man. Had hoped to keep in touch with you Sunday mornings but my radio won't bring in Tallahassee here in town. We have very poor reception generally in this section.

I expect to be finishing up here toward the middle or end of next month - headed north, I hope - and will keep you posted on developments. Genesive is getting a good nest here and will probably wait to see where I'm sent before going back to the tread-mill.

Please remember us to Mrs Thompson, with kindest regards to Mrs. Anderson and yourself.

Sincerely,

Albert Boynton.