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5<sup>th</sup> Student Sqd  
Class 43-22 Brk. 311  
B.A.A.F. (F.G.S.)  
Ft. Myers, Fla.

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I received your nice card & letter all on the same day & it was very thought full of you. Well here it is Sat. & I haven't got a thing for you for tomorrow & it being Mothers Day to. I am very sorry but will try to do better latter. If I did buy some thing, it would have to be at the P.X. because we don't get any time of to go to town except on Sun. & all the stores are closed. At lest I could of sent a Mothers Day card but I didn't. To tell the truth our free time is so short that all we thing of is to get a little rest & study. Boy since I hit this camp my letter writting has fallen way back I am about 7 or 8 letters behind now but I try to answer them as soon as I can & some of them are a week later.

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as much it as I do. The only way I'll know is when  
I get there & one never know where that will be. Boy  
talk about your ~~hit~~ heat here I am just sitting here &  
writting & swetting like a stuff pig would bleed. What a life  
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heat + cold = warm It probly will be some time  
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bunk to me in N.C. is in the next bunk to me & quite a  
few other from N.C. that I got acquaintid with coming  
down to Tenn. Over in the next Sqd. Geo. Silverman is going  
to school & he started out with me from Portland. but  
we was broken up when we left N.C. I cam to Tenn.  
& he went to St. Louis but came here a week after  
we hit here & I guess I'll finish a week or 2 before he  
does. It don't matter much because when your only  
in a place for a month you get to know each  
other pretty fast anyway. You see we are together only  
24 hr. out of the day anyway & for some reason or another we  
get to know each other get it.

Well what do you know they are giving us a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr  
drake this afternoon. But there must be something in the wind  
because they never did it before. Oh well time will tell.

So I will dot down a few lines  
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spring anyway. Did they get as many calls as they  
us to in the spring time or was that just on the  
account of some fire man like Bunny Rutledge that wanted  
to make some money remember. Oh yar by the way  
ask par what kind of Service ~~did~~ did Fred Perry get  
into or is he still hanging around.

Well we had a little shower this afternoon which  
lasted about 1 hr. more or less at last it was long  
enough for us to get out of Calarstantci (exercises)  
to that is a help now but we will fell it Mon. because  
that will make two days with out them & when we get them  
they will fell tatt for awhile but nothing new.

Well we have been out on the 22 cal. range & 50 cal.  
range & tomorrow we start skeet shooting with 72 gage  
short guns some fun. Watch me miss them.

Nothing much more to write about so will have  
to sign of. Love as always your son "Walt"

P.S. Wish you best of Luck with the  
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