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Hello Mr. Bishop:

I am well and hope the same of you. I was moved again about 2 weeks ago. So here I am at Lakeland, Fla. which really is a swell little city.

They have beautiful homes which goes for most parts of Fla. Henry Ford and the late Thomas Edison had homes in Fort Myers, Andrew Melon has a home here, also a lot of other people from the North.

Lakeland is about 7 miles from the field. We have to walk about a mile and a half to the bus. And a town by the name of Plant City is about 5 miles in the other direction. That is mostly a farmers' town. They really raise a lot of large bell peppers. They pack them there. They also have a large tomato packing plant, and a few orange and grapefruit plants.

This plant is built around among beautiful pine trees.

I am still with 5 boys that I came with from Fort Sam. There are a few more on the field, but in different sqdrs. I get to see them once in awhile. We were lucky when we got to this field they put in for a 10-day furlough and it went through. Mine went through, but somehow all of the passes in the sq. were cancelled. I may get one some time soon.

I am really glad I got in when I did, because I really got with a swell bunch of boys.

People here are really nice. They take us riding, but can't afford to too much because they just are allowed 3 gallons of gas a week. But the school teacher and a few other people get about 56 gallons a month. There are many service stations closing here. Some are closed until the first of June because they have sold all the gas that they are to sell. I guess the people in Texas are still lucky by getting to buy all they can afford.

I am still a clerk and that's where I will stay. I like the job fine.

Lakeland has two colleges. There were a lot of young people there for the first week we were here, but the schools closed, so all the students have gone home.

I will close because that is about all the news I know.

Sincerely yours,

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