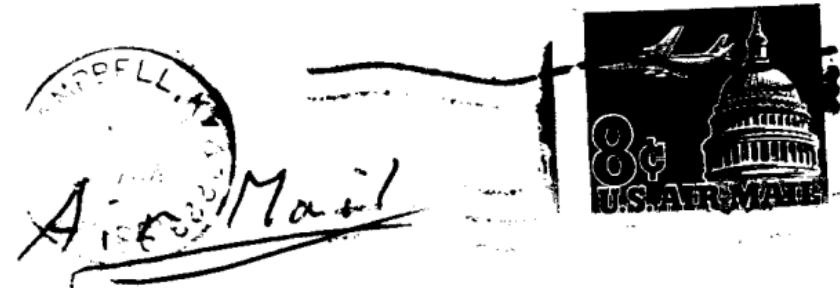


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Dear Folks,

I just finished up the first full day in the company and I have a little time off so I'll try and get a few lines off to you.

They let us sign out of the 20th yesterday morning about 10:00 and I signed right into the 188th - number nine on the list. The barracks here are a mess - dirty and equipment stacked everywhere. The mess hall had ~~chairs~~ tables but no chairs or food so we've been eating out at the Air Force mess hall - we will eat supper here tonight tho. The duty ~~roster~~ roster was made up as we signed in, therefore I have KP tomorrow and Sunday - I don't really mind as I've gotten by without it for almost nine months now. We had to put our own lockers together, the beds and bedding were scattered all over the building and it took us until 10:30 last night to get squared away. Today we all just put lockers together again and tried to get things squared away in general. There are everybit of 15 men in the 188th but our support unit (the 603rd) is in the same building ~~as~~ with us and gives us a grand total of 36 men ~~plus~~ plus about nine officers with more expected in soon. Before its all over there are supposed to be four units in the building - the 188th and the support unit. Almost everyone here (except NCO's & officers) ~~is~~ in from the 20th and we all get along good and things are going fine. The NCO's & officers are a good bunch of guys and they're damn near human - they'll even stop and shoot the bull with you! There should be right at 300 men here all totaled up

but no one knows when that will be. ~~No~~ No body has found out just what the company will do yet but it's looking good. We are aviation unit and might do some flying - will have the helicopter like the one on the bottom of this paper. I'll know more Saturday and will try and get a letter off to you Monday morning or so.

It started snowing Tuesday night, snowed all day yesterday and cleared off last night. We had about two or three inches this morning - it sure was pretty. Most of it is gone by now tho and it's getting very cool outside right now. We were only issued one blanket here but I "found" one from the 20th and plan on sleeping warm.

Well that's about all I can think of to write about for now - everything is fine and it looks like it will be a good outfit and I'm happy - for now anyway. So I'll close this one out. Love & miss you all and will ~~see~~ see you before to long & hope

Love,
Bob

