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Dear Nannie -

Always I have to bother you in your busy life to do something for me. Now I want more prints of the photos of my Indian heads to give to the news man who wrote the article about me. My amnesia prevents me from remember the address of my photographer. There are two black leather loose-leaf account books in the top of my trunk. ~~Toward~~ ^{Toward} the back of the smaller you will find a page with photographer ?? 41 West 57 N.Y.C. and a list of ten titles with numbers (of the negatives). Will you please copy this page & send to me? Also if you do find more of the prints of the heads on hand I'd like them - for bribery.

As a result of those you sent I am doing a portrait of Colonel Kimberly. he has given me only two brief sittings and there cant be more than one other as he quits this Post tomorrow or Monday for Miami.

On Dec 1st my orders for shipping (to Weather Observing School) came out, but only an hour before that it was officially announced that I had been

transferred "to Permanent Party Headquarters of the 31st T.S.S. to do Special Duty at the Artists Unit of the Camouflage, by order of the Colonel." On the same day our Flight B was decimated, hundreds being shipped to interesting places like New Orleans, Miami, California etc, I've not been able to find out where I was to go. Honestly I'm afraid to ask!

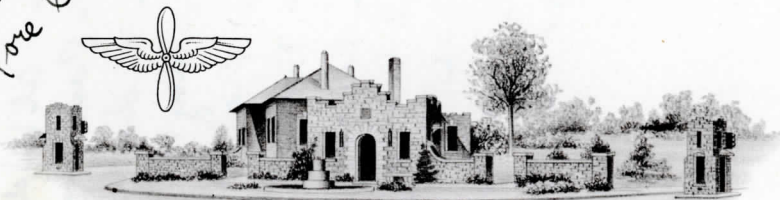
I've been moved into another barracks, less crowded, and more sedate - mostly sergeants & corporals - clerical, and we don't have to get up till 5.30! If I could get into Post Headquarters and Headquarters I could stay in bed till 6! and no reveille at all on Sunday. But that is something else again.

I had to get some drawing material for the Col's picture so went to town for the first time on an army truck. They ^{dropt} dumped me out at the Art Store and came back for me in an hour. I went across the street to lunch in an A.I. cafeteria, - the first outside meal I've had as a soldier.

St. Louis, with a heavy sky, trying to snow, looked very bleak. What I saw of it. That night we had several inches of snow and a 10° temperature in the morning. Now the hilltops and black oaks and red brick buildings are very handsome. I have a grand view from my new quarters overlooking a large section of the post.

I do wish I could be with you for Christmas but I'm feeling stungy, and I doubt if I'd get

Brides I might
be called to Washington
by the M. J. before long!



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a furlough now anyway. That's a swell idea
to phone you and I'll try it. I don't believe
I'll be able to resist opening a Christmas package
in my foot locker, so maybe you'd better
send it to our new Colonel to bring over
to me on Xmas morning. I'm wondering if
he'll treat me to as many whiskey-sodas as
old Kimberly.

How did your Air Raid exams go?

More anon

Tom

Reeds Rainford -

411 - W. 87 St.

Negative (listed under Hudson
water)

209 - Parson's quest

210 - All birds

211 - Redburn Col Brin

212 - arch. T roller

213 - way in canal Dr

214 - clypham cove

215 - Redburn Teash

216 - Caravaners Teash

217 - changing (stair)

218 - change front

219 - hollow front (blue)

220 - Brake stack (reprints)