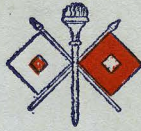


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UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS

OWEN M. HAMILTON
LEXINGTON, KY.

Tues. Evening,

Dear Jim,

Received your letter today and was sorry to hear you have been under the weather.

We have had quite a bit of snow here and it has been pretty cold altho it has let up the last few days. As for myself things have been going along pretty good. I passed the test and got a \$15 raise in the month and am on the day shift so things are fine with me. If nothing happens and I make the grade alright, I should be in Lexington for 14 more weeks, which will put me in the army about the latter part of March or first of April. That will be a good time to go in as the spring of the year will be about there and it won't be too hot or too cold for basic training.

This school I am in is really fine and you have to have a badge to get in so I am now wearing a badge. It is a school in field radio and I will be there for 10, (I guess) and then 4 more in Frequency Modulation, if you know what that means.

(Over)

I have signed for so a leave at Christmas
so I will be off the 24, 25, 26, 27.

I was just thinking about what I wanted
for Christmas and since I am going to
be around quite awhile yet, I thought that
if you and mother could just give me a
money ~~order~~ that way, I thought I would
buy some a sport coat. I can get one in
Levington cheaper than I could at home so
I thought I would by one here. I don't want
you to give me ~~cash~~ so I think I would
really get a lot more out of pooling my
interest and getting something that I want.

I am going down and look at them
and if I see any I like, I think I will
lay it away.

I have been busy scouting around up
here for present for home so if you think
of anything you want just let me know.

Well I am going to close for
now so I will see you the 24th. Ted
Morgan tells.

Love
Jesse