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### Letter from Philip Mitchell to Christine Smith; December 22, 1941

Philip Mitchell

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Phil - replaced  
by Woody in 1944  
wounded in throat

Phil Mitchell



Miss Christine Smith  
Columbia, Mississippi  
% W. P. A. Office



PVT. PHILIP D. MITCHELL  
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December 21, 1941

Dear Sweet,

This may be the last time I will be able to write before Xmas. I have been extremely lucky in the fact that I've been put in a platoon for instructor training. This means that after about six weeks of intensive training I will first be made private first class, then Corporal, sergeant and then, if qualified and if not sent abroad will likely get commissioned officer training.

We have excellent meals here and fine quarters (brick) with needle showers etc. All or most all of the fellows in my platoon are pretty good college men. Arguments rage and the Civil War is fought time and again as we have men from every State east of Mississippi river. It is quite possible that (over)

I won't get away to send you  
a present but I'll be think-  
ing of you and will send it  
later so don't think I've  
forgotten. We can't as an old  
nigger said "Go anywhar, ter  
see nobody, do nothin', no how!"  
It is going to be fun 'though,  
I think and I'll try to keep  
you informed. As I wrote  
you I was in charge of (3)  
men coming down and on  
our transfer of trains in Atlanta  
just as we got on a pullman  
one of my men who was drunk  
came very near getting in a  
fight with a negro porter  
After calming him down etc  
the superintendent of the rail-  
road told me he certainly  
appreciated manner in which  
I conducted situation and  
said he thought he should  
write a letter of commendation.  
Ahem! Haven't received any  
letters from you as yet.  
much love, Phil

P.S. writes me addressing letter as shown.