

5TH COMPANY
THE STUDENT BRIG.

3 April 1957

Col. Zimmer,

Haven't had too good a chance
to find out much about Colonel
Sisson and Townsend but had
better luck on Townsend than Sisson.
Three members of my class are
members of the school (2 Capt's + 1 Major)
One of the Captains had worked pretty
closely with him (immediately under him)
but the other two knew him quite
well. They shared generally the same
opinion of HARD BUT FAIR. The Capt
who knew him best went a bit further
to say that he was at times dogmatic.
He went on to say that he was
"strictly G.I." and believed in doing
everything "according to the book". He
quoted Col Townsend as once saying,
"There is nothing optional in the Army."
It seems that a Major made a statement
to Col Townsend to the effect that the
wearing of a uniform or use of a piece
of equipment was optional which prompted
the Col's remark. Neither of the officers
remarks indicated any disrespect

now criticism but seems to reflect
a high professional respect. While
this evaluation could be made in
more conventional terms, I hope it
gives you some ideas as to the type
of man you'll be working with.
You know the type. This type of man
could work to your advantage or
disadvantage, as you will know, depending
~~on whether or not~~ on several factors.
I'll keep inquiring but I'm convinced
that we'll keep running into the
same impression from others in view
of the fact that the three officers with
whom I've talked shared exactly the
same opinion of him.

Haven't been able to find out one
thing about Col. Dison. The 29th Reg
is kind of remote from the Student
 Brigade and I haven't seen anyone
yet who knows him. I'll keep trying
and let you know as soon as I
can find out anything.

Hope to see you again before
leaving the States. I finish this
course on 23 May and was supposed

to have reported to Ft Dix on 27 May
but I've applied and have had
concurrent travel approved. So now
my orders will be amended to coincide
with my wife's ~~report~~ post call date,
which should be in early June. I'm
going to 7867 AM Depot in METZ, FRANCE.
Will probably be seeing you in that
area of the world in the next couple
of years shouldn't I?

Again, I'll keep trying to find
out all I can about these ~~files~~
and particularly Session.

Sincerely
Jimmy