

Head Quarters Co.  
Fort Sam Houston  
San Antonio Texas

Dear Grandma and Grandpa:

At last I'm in the Army.  
So far as I've seen of it I  
think I'll like it fine. I'll  
kinda write in detail my  
adventures since I wrote the  
postcard in Dallas.

As I said before, thirteen  
of us left for San Antonio at  
9:45 Friday night. We arrived  
at San Antonio about 8 o'clock  
Saturday morning after an all  
night ride in a slow, dirty  
train. We were a pretty looking  
bunch after lying and sitting

all night across two seats, we had  
lots of fun though. An Army truck  
met us at the station and took  
us to Dodd Field, a bunch of old  
wooden barracks used to house new  
comers or recruits until they were  
assigned. We ate breakfast there  
and waited around for about three  
hours and then were loaded on  
and taken to Regimental Headquarters  
of the 23rd Infantry. There  
we were distributed to the various  
companies. Four were sent to  
machine gun companies and the  
rest to various line companies.  
Another boy and I had the good  
luck to be assigned to Head-  
quarters company. Its much  
easier than line company. After  
our recruit drilling we we won't  
have to carry a rifle or go on  
such long marches. Headquarters Co.  
has charge of the regimental

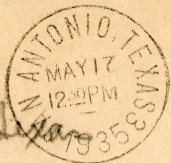
communications such as runners and telephones and radio. They carry a .45 automatic pistol.

As I said though another boy and I were sent to H. L. Co. we were issued fatigue clothes to lounge around in until Monday. I didn't do anything until Monday but eat and sleep. And did we have good eats. Fruits and cereals and toasts and other things for breakfast and turkey cake, ice cream and numerous other things for Sunday Dinner.

Monday morning I was issued a rifle and went to the parade ground for recruit drill. I had to drill in civilian clothes Monday morning and was fitted for uniform Monday evening. They really are giving us the

works so they will be done with us  
when that big bunch comes in July.  
we've already had gas mask drill,  
grenade drill, bayonet drill, rifle  
drill and marching. I didn't  
get my uniform until Tuesday  
afternoon. They surely give plenty  
example: 2 hats, 1 cap, 1 overcoat, 1 rain  
coat, 3 pairs shoes, about 6 pair socks,  
2 fatigue suits, (jumpers like swim's and blue  
pants) 2 sets summer underwear, 4 sets  
winter underwear, 2 pr leggings, 1 pr. summer  
pants, 2 pr. winter pants, 2 shorts and  
a bunch of winter coats etc. and a  
bunch of toilet articles. We had  
to draw five dollars canteen checks  
to buy some necessary articles ~~articles~~  
such as shoe polish brushes, polishers  
brass polishers etc. and after laundry  
and hair cuts, came out I won't be  
able to send about 4 or 7 dollars this  
month. I also was issued a full dress  
suit. I have a cot and foot locker and  
wall locker in a good barracks. Say hello  
to everybody in a good barracks. Say hello  
same. Good bye and hope you are the  
same. Good bye Smith (love)

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