

P.S. I'm sending the shoes and shirt
after so long. Wasn't enough room
for the pants. I'll send them later.

Fort Sam Houston, Tex
July 2, 1935

Dear Grandma & Grandpa:

I rec'd your card last week,
I certainly was glad to hear from
you all. I was especially glad
to hear that you are well.

I know how it is about
the rains. It has been that
way here all the time I've
been here until about a
week ago. It stopped then and
we've had some pretty hot
weather. It was awfully hot
when we went out on hikes in
the evenings with a little nine
lb. rifle and a pack. We would
march steadily for an hour, rest
10 or 15 minutes and march back,
some fun, eh! It must be pretty
good for us though as everybody
has gained from 10 to 20 lbs. I
haven't weighted but I know
I've gained at least 10 lbs. My
face has filled out so badly

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know myself.

I have been turned to duty now, so I drill with the Co. We have 45 minutes close order drill every morning, which is marching and executing movements such as squads right and left, to the rear march, right and left face, right and left dress, etc etc. Then we have about an hour and a half of specialists training. We been started out in the communications section. I've already learned how to splice wire and something^{about} field telephones and switchboard operation. Then comes about 45 minutes of stable work. It kinda makes me feel at home, curring and breaking those big donkeys. They sure are big and fat. They are gentle and good workers, too. And next comes 15 minutes of marching to music. Then we're off for dinner. After dinner we fall out for fatigue at 1:00. So far though I haven't had any of that. For Monday Evening we were paid, this evening there was a ball game (23rd-2; Brooksfield-0), and tomorrow is Wednesday which is the regular afternoon off, Thursday is the

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Fourth and Friday is another ball game. The 23rd Infantry has a good ball team. About half the team is in H.q. Co. Also the 23rd boxing team was champions of the 2nd Division. The Heavyweight and lightweight champions of the 2nd Div. are in H.q. Co. So you see it's a pretty good Co.

I went to the ball game this afternoon and went by a studio and had some pictures made. I don't expect they'll look very good though because I had on my drill clothes and they don't fit as good as dress uniforms. I can't send you one this time because I won't get them until tomorrow night and I'll have to mail this letter tomorrow if it gets there by Saturday. I can't mail it the Fourth you know. And I know \$10 will come in handy by Saturday.

I guess you will go to Uncle Charley's the Fourth. I hope they have plenty of goat ~~for~~ and ice cream for Grandpa. We have ice cream every Sunday and Holiday and sometimes on Wed. We have meat of some kind

P.S. I see by the San Antonio⁴ Papers that
"alfalfa Bill" Murray has moved within about
3 miles of you. Distinguished neighbors, huh, haha

every day. Sometimes turkey, sometimes
chicken, sometimes ham, sometimes beef
and fish every Friday. Pretty nice, huh?

I wrote a letter to John a while
back but haven't got an answer yet. I'm
going to write to Aunt Lois and Uncle
Chasley sometimes soon. I write to
Virginia regular and she's written once
to Grandma's. And the kids once and
have got an answer. They are all well.

Paul Anderson is back from Mo.

So Nannie and Mac are going
to get hooked up? Just as I expected.
Well, good luck to them.

Day Hello to ol' Ray for me and
remind him again to drop me a line
I'm too lazy to write first. Also if
you ever see Robert M.G. tell him to
write.

I'm awfully sorry about W. and
M.G. having to plant again. They're having
some tough luck 'arrin' they. Have they ever
caught Blondie Taylor? I met a boy the
other night that I knew well in old B.B. His name
is Jake Cade and he's in the 15th Field Artillery here.
Well I guess I've rattled enough. I'm getting to be like Lurline
Lots of love - Smith

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