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Fort Sam Houston

July 14, 1935

Dear Grandma:

I certainly was glad to get your letter. I always am though. I'm glad you had a good time at Uncle Charlie. I wish I had been there. I probably will be next 4th I'll get my furlough so that it will be in July and August if I can. I had a pretty good Fourth too. We had ice cream, cake, turkey, English peas, etc. We've had watermelon and cantaloupe and tomatoes for over a month. We have watermelon three or

four times a <sup>2</sup> week, we have  
meat every day such as ham  
pork chops, chicken, turkey  
or fish. We also have a pint  
of milk every morning and coffee  
if we want it and cereal and  
fruit etc. We have either lemonade,  
orange punch, cherry punch  
buttermilk for dinner and  
supper too.

I'm still going to school  
two hours every day. I've  
about learned how to climb  
a telephone pole without coming  
down faster than I went up. I  
And I've learned oodles of  
code names, type names, signs  
and symbols also. And we've  
had manual of the pistol  
how to field strip it etc.

I hear we're going to  
have extra long maneuvers

P. A. In sending the picture. It not much good. It was made in dull clothes. They don't look so good because they're made for action and comfort instead of looks. I had my shoulders drawn back to for too.

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this year. Some say 6 weeks. They will be held at Camp Bullis 20 miles northwest of here. Then some say this regiment and or part of it is going next month to give practice to Reserve officers. It doesn't make much difference to me.

I've found out all the ways of communications this company has. Here they are: ① Radio, ② telephone, ③ telegraph, ④ runner, ⑤ mounted messenger, ⑥ panel strips (strips of white cloth for airplane signaling), ⑦ pigeons, ⑧ blinker lights (for night signaling).

I'm going to take up Radio later on. That is I'm going to try. There will be more ratings

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When the increase comes. We had  
about 60 more men in this one  
company.

Hazel's death came as quite a  
shock. She was always so full  
of pep and life. But so is life.  
And so was Bill Skelton's death  
a surprise.

I wrote to John a good  
while ago but have never got  
an answer. I wonder if he  
got my letter or is just too  
busy. If you see him ask  
him.

Tell Ray I don't care whether  
he can write or not, to write  
anyhow. I wish I could see him.  
Tell him hello. Give Bruce  
my regards and a handshake. I  
wish he was here. I sure  
would like to see you.  
Lots of love, Smith.

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Fort Sam Houston Texas  
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Dear Grandad:

I certainly was glad to get a letter from you. I am getting along fine here and having a pretty good time. Of course we have to work but the hours are not long. We get off when we have baseball games and we get off wed evenings, Saturday evenings and Sundays and Holidays.

The rains have stopped here too and its been pretty hot. I'm sorry the cotton came up bad and hope

the ground makes <sup>(2)</sup> lots of  
feed stuff. I'm glad Grandpa  
has lots of stuff put up.  
How are the tomatoes and  
watermelons. We've been having  
them here for a month. I'm  
glad you get lots of milk and  
butter. I have all the butter  
I can eat but just a pint  
of milk a day.

Tell Bruce I certainly  
would like to see him and  
play with him. I bet he's lots  
of help with the horses and  
cow. Tell him to be good and  
make a good squirrel dog.

Have you ever got Marnie  
goat back yet? Bruce would  
like to play with her I bet.

Don't work too hard and  
don't worry about me being good.  
I will. Lots of love Smith.

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