

I got your letter after I
started this as you'll see
I don't blame the Gunnery
girls for running Manning off.
Camp Bullis, Texas

August 25, 1935

Dear Grandma and Grandpa-

I don't remember getting
a letter from you in about
a month so I thought I would
write again.

We've been out here at
Bullis for over three
weeks now, training reserve
officers. Some of them
are pretty dumb too. The
first week is pretty easy,
just close order drill and
specialist training in the
morning. The next week
is field maneuvers though
and that's pretty hard for

its morning and evening
and sometimes ² all night. I
After that week we rest
a day or two then start
over again with a new
batch of officers.

As you know I'm a mule
leader. I have to water
and feed and lead a 1500
lb red mule called Cubank
on field maneuvers. I also
have to wash his harness
after every meal and groom
him. That's just during
long hikes.

We stayed out a whole
day and night last week.
It was just like war times,
air bombs dropping flares
by night and flying low
by day, machine guns, auto-
matic rifles and rifles.

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popping and rattling and
artillery booming. And I
was leading a red mule
around following up the
advance and stringing wire
over mountains, cactus,
mesquite and hell holes
etc. We saw deer rattlesnakes
and armadillos. I didn't
sleep all night because
we were advancing or
retreating all the time. We
strung miles of wire and
took it up after night.
What a time!

What I've told you is
just a little of it all.
I was in the 2nd Battalion

section which means our
section followed up the
2nd Battalion and kept
communication by telephone,
radio and Buzzert phone.

We done some roamin'
around the hills here, going
in caves, etc. - I took a
bunch of pictures of
scenes and another boy
shot some of me. I'll
send some when they're
developed.

Did the money get to
you? There is no way of
insuring anything out
here, will be in the post
next payday (I hope) and I'll
insure the letter.

Tell Ray and Earl to
spend 3 cents and a
little time and write

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me I'd like to play
Ray a nice game of
pitch. I know I could
beat him.

I got another letter from
Bee and Florence and another
from Aunt Lucy last week.

When Uncle George
comes next time tell him
I'm getting along fine and
hope he's the same.

I weigh around 170 now
and feel fine.

I hope this reaches you
and Grandpa in good health.

Love

Smith

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P.S. Wasn't it too bad
that Will Rogers and
Wiley Post were killed &
don't know what will do
without Will.

We heard about the
accident over a radio a
few hours after it
happened.

I saw some article
in the San Antonio light
written by Bill Murray.
He was kidding about
the Raw Deal.
Long live Bill.

P.S. Aug. 27. I forgot
to mail this letter
until now.

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Aug. 30, 1935 Fort Sam Houston

I got your letter the other day and decided not to mail this one until pay day which is to-day.

We sure covered ground in the past few days. Thursday we went on a maneuver that lasted all day and night. We strung wire that day and took it up under cover of darkness. Certainly had a time and walked about 8 miles back to camp in the wee sma' hours. Two weeks ago Thursday we went on

one that lasted all day
and night and part of
the next day.

When we go on
maneuvers with the
Regular Army officers,
we'll be out for weeks
though without coming
to camp.

I hope ^{that} your letter
reaches you both of
you are feeling fine.

Well I guess I'll
do e.

Smith
P.S. you should have
seen me this morning
when we came on. I looked
like a top disguised
by the best.

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September 4, 1935

Well it looks like I'll never end this letter. I went up to the P.O. ^{today} to mail this letter right after payday, but it was closed for some reason. And of course it was closed Sunday and Monday.

I'm on dining room orderly for a week. Everybody has to do it when it comes their turn. It doesn't come often though I have to scrub off the

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tables, set them, take
care of the silver ware,
sweep the dining room
three times daily and
mop or scrub it once
and several more things
I'll be glad when this
week's over.

well I hope I can
mail the letter this
time.

Lots of Love
I hope you're feeling
fine.

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