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Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

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Dear Grandma and Grandpa:

How is you all by now, I am getting along fine and hope you are the same. I just weigh 172 lbs now.

The army is still plodding along. Here lately we've been having a good deal of gas mask and pistol drill and war strength battalion exercises. We have maneuvers two weeks from now. That'll be fun, you know. Camping out in the hills

for two weeks having
a continuous battle all the
time. (2)

You ought to have seen
me riding a mule the other
day. The animals have
to be exercised about every
day that they're not used.
Each man rides one and
leads one. I've rode^d way
out in the country to a
run around and turn them
around that a few times.

1st Lieutenant Teller got
off his horse and climbed
a mule and tried to make
him buck but didn't have
much success. One boy
was thrown on his face
in a rock pile by a
little ol' red mule of
about 17 hands and 1500 lbs.

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But that was at the stables.

I guess I've got off
the spade leading now
I've been a message
Center Clerk on the last
two or three problems.

When you see Uncle
George tell him when
anybody makes fun of his
riding to them them
that's the way the Army
rides. They have some
fine horses here, polo horses
too, and I haven't seen
one with a saddle gait
yet. All officers and mounted
men have to bounce when
they ride. They call it

posting.

They have a certain way to saddle a horse. The saddle has to be so many inches from a certain joint etc.

Well, I guess I have to close.

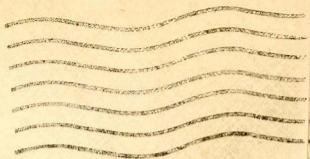
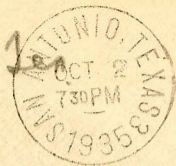
Tell Ray and Karl hello and tell them to write. I would like to see them.

Well, lot of love & hope you're getting along fine

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P.S. We have 20 new men in the co. now.

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