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St. Sam Houston, Texas  
October 31, 1935.

Dear Grandma, Grandpa, and Uncle Cad -  
Hello folks, how's  
everybody by now? I hope  
you all are as fine as I  
am.

I got your letter  
while we were at "good  
ol' Camp Bullis" on the  
Regular Army Annual  
Maneuvers. We left here  
Sunday morning, Oct. 20,  
at 8:00 A.M. for the Leon  
Springs Military Reservation  
on which Camp Bullis is  
situated. We went to the  
far side to Openheimer

Ranch which is about  
30 miles from here. we  
camped there until Monday  
morning and started manuminting

We hardly stopped  
from then on until the  
rain and cold weather ran  
us in. I never got to  
sleep until 2 or 3 o'clock in  
the morning and sometimes  
we didn't eat until then  
either. I was a lineman  
and I had a test phone  
hung over my shoulder  
about half the time chasing  
off in the dark trouble  
shooting on some lines.

It rained and turned  
cold Tuesday night and  
of course I got wet as  
well as everybody else  
and so did all my equipment.

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We managed to get along until Wednesday evening when it started raining again and the temperature dropped to about 40°. We pitched pup tents in the rain but we were already wet and the tents leaked too so finally we got orders to move out. We threw our stuff together and started out. We walked about 3 miles through mud and water from ankle deep to knee deep and the mud here is really muddy. We finally got to the trucks and came

in. As there were (11)  
about 500 Army trucks on  
the road it took us 2½  
hours to make the 27 miles.  
There were 16 enlisted men  
and the captain in the truck  
I was in. We were so  
cramped and cold we could  
hardly walk when we got in.

But the unfortunate  
ones who brought the animals  
in caught it worse than  
us. They rode the horses  
and led mules 30 miles that  
night in the rain and cold.  
But it's part of the Army  
life and we can take  
it.

There was a bunch  
of anti aircraft from  
Ft Crockett up here  
for maneuvers. They

of course you may wear  
my sweater. But the letter  
with my other junk. (5)

put on a demonstration one  
night. They had four  
3 inch anti-aircraft guns  
4 anti-aircraft machine guns,  
4 big searchlights, etc.

They could spot a plane  
before we could hear  
the motors and put all  
four searchlights on it. Then  
they would start shooting  
with the three inch guns  
then as the plane came  
nearer the machine guns  
would put loose. The searchlights  
were of about 5' in diameter and  
had a range of about 7 or 8  
miles. It was a good show.  
don't let anything

happen to Bruce. I want to see  
him when I come home. I  
can't come at Christmas, but I'm  
sure I will by the Fourth of  
July.

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Tell Jack K. he may use my  
books. Tell him hello when you  
see him.

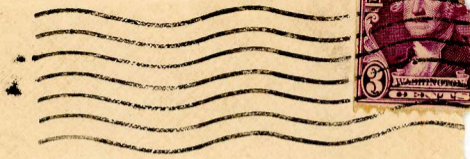
I heard Geraldine and  
Helen got married a day or two  
after they were married. Yes, Natalie  
and Louis have separated several  
times. The last time, Natalie cut  
Louis's all to pieces.

When you see Helen Walden  
tell her hello.

It don't look like I can send  
but 9.00 this month, as a boy that  
I loaned money to couldn't pay  
me. I'm sorry. I had a dime  
for myself. Well I must  
close. Lots of love, Smith

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