

① Fort Sam Houston Texas  
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Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

I received your letter the other day and of course <sup>we</sup> glad to hear from you. I am sorry to hear that Grandpa is sick and I hope he gets well "my pronto". It won't be long until spring and then he'll be all right.

I'm kinda glad I'm not up there while it's so cold. It's warm down here. We had a little rain this morning and it is cloudy this afternoon looks like it might clear up. we sweat with just our shirts on. The farmers have planted corn.

we had some exams



at the radio school the other 2  
day. I made pretty good on  
the written exam and passed  
the 18 word per minute code  
test. I could have passed 20  
words but they didn't give it.

I knew the house where  
uncle Charlie lived didn't burn  
but the one where Orbin lived  
was burned.

I'm glad to hear that  
Lurline's operation was successful.  
She will have something else  
to talk about now. Tell Orbin  
hello for me.

No. I didn't say for certain  
that I was going to join the  
Air Corps but even if I did  
there wouldn't be a chance of  
me getting killed because only  
college men can fly the planes.



of course a few enlisted men go  
up in the planes but there  
very few killed. Enlisted men  
are "grease monkey" or other  
members of the ground crew.  
only officers fly the planes!

It was too bad about Limp  
get caught by the "revenue".  
Do you suppose he will have  
to go up to the big house again?

I might have known there  
would be some killings in  
dear old Mc Curtain County.  
I don't believe a week goes  
by that someone doesn't get  
bumped off.

a week or two ago we had  
some practice load and unloading  
on trains. We took our carts  
trucks, wagons, and mules aboard.  
The we got on, sat down for a



while and then unloaded. This <sup>(H)</sup>  
morning an 'alert' was called  
and we rolled packs, loaded our  
barracks bags with extra equip.  
and was ready to go. Then  
it started raining and it was  
called off.

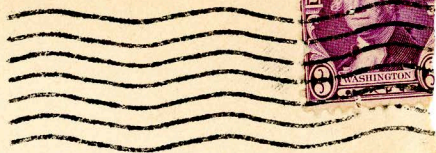
I got a letter from John this  
morning. He is getting along fine.  
He won his weight championship  
in boxing at the College.

Virginia is getting along  
fine. She is still keeping  
house, that is, she helps!

Grandma ~~d.~~ spilled some boiling  
water on herself and was  
burned but is getting better now.

Well I can't think of  
anything else to write about  
so I'll close. Write soon  
Tell Grandpa to hurry up and  
get well. Tell Uncle Ed Hello.  
Love  
Smith

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