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Fort Sam Houston

July 19, 1936

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

I was awfully glad to hear from you. And I'm glad you didn't object to my going to the Philippines. I got a letter from a friend of mine who went to the Philippines and he likes it very much. He says there is no fatigue and no K.P.'s as they hire Filipinos to do them. And his company is only a block from the theater and swimming pool. He said the only thing he didn't like was the lack of white people. Lots

of China, Java and Philippines<sup>(2)</sup>  
and what-nots.

However, I've changed  
my mind about going to  
the Philippines at present.  
I have a good chance to  
go to the West Point Prep-  
aratory School here and  
compete for an appointment  
to West Point. I'd rather  
stay here and take a chance  
on that. I've written Mr.  
Massey for my school records.  
They must be here by  
August 1. It's not certain  
that I can go to the  
Prep School yet, and if I  
go it's not certain I'll  
finish it because a good  
many wash-out. And if I  
finish the school it's not  
certain that I'll finish high

enough to get an appointment  
but I think its worth waiting  
a while for, don't you?

Tell Mrs. Robey, I think  
I will be home in September  
and to have a great big  
party waiting for me and  
the more fights the better.  
They have a few fights here  
too.

I'm glad John has got a  
job. I suppose he will  
go to school this winter

Virginia's address is  
1656 Leavenworth St,  
Apt 11. She has a better  
job now. She would be  
glad to hear from you.

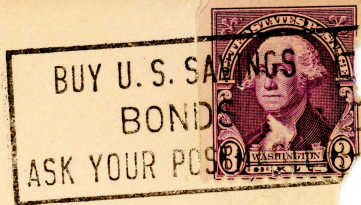
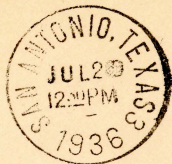
Grandma Smith and Doris  
and David still live at (4)  
253/ Harrison.

I hope you still have  
watermelons when I get home.  
We have watermelons here  
but they're nothing near as  
good as they are fresh  
off the vine.

We have just finished  
10 days of M.P. Duty.  
I was a Mounted Patrolman.  
I kept people from fishing  
on the reservation, getting things  
from the dump, hunting, cutting  
trees etc. Sure was glad when  
it was over.

Well, I can't think of anything  
else to say. Tell Uncle Cad  
Hello for me. Take good care  
of yourself both of you.  
Love  
Smith

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