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Fort Sam Houston, Texas
July 4, 1936

Dear Grandma & Grandpa,

I hope you are having a great big time as I am writing this. I have been laying around all day, not doing a thing but eating and reading. I've had a pretty good dinner. Fried Chicken, cake and Ice Cream were the main course for me. of course there were lots of other things but I didn't care for them.

Its pretty pretty hot here for the past

month and still is for ³
that matter. This last
week we've had rain. In
fact, we had several
floods. Maybe you've read
about it in the papers.
A good many people
have drowned, not right
around here but in this
part of Texas, a little
farther South.

It suits me to wait
until September to go
to Kentucky. I could
have gotten a furrough
now but I can get
it in September just
as well.

The weather will be
more ideal than

Our Trip to Dallas
was called off. We are

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going to do Military Police
Duty for a week beginning
next Friday. You can bet
we don't exactly love
that job. M. P.'s are not
liked very much by the
rest of the soldiers, and
the M. P.'s are very much
in the minority. I guess
we can struggle through
it for a week though if
the regular M. P.'s have
been doing it for years.

How would you
like for me to go to
the Phillipine Islands
for a couple years. I
would like to go very

much and I have an (4)
excellent chance. All I
have to do is to apply
for it and I can go. I
after I get there it will
be very easy to get a
place as Radio Operator
and an advancement.

Promotions are very fast
overseas as two years is
all anyone does at a time.

Advancement is very
slow here because it is
a large post and so many
soldiers are married and
stay on the job.

If I go, I will have
to get Grandpa's consent
because I am not of age.
When I apply for a
transfer a Consent Form
will be sent to him to

be filled out. After the transfer is made, I will get 30 or more days leave to visit relatives before I go. Then I can come home and make the trip. And when I go to Frisco to make the boat I can see Virginia and the rest. And then I can get a lot of travel and experience that will help me when I get back. The boat makes one day stops at Hawaii, Guam and sometimes goes by Japan and China. And it is at Government expense.

So please think it over
and let me know if you
care. As I would very
much like to go. A
very good friend of mine
is going also and I
know some boys already
over there.

Tell Irwin and
Lurline hello for me
and anyone else you
may see.

Well, I can't think
of anything else to write
about so I may as
well close.

Write soon and tell
me that you will consent
so I may submit my
application.

Lots of love
Smith

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