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Dear Mother -

I have been so busy for the past week or so that I haven't had time to write. I hope you received the telegram in good order. We left Camp Kuler for Midland on Wednesday morning at five-thirty - having arrived at three-thirty. We drove in 34 trucks, I was an assistant driver and drove half the way. We changed off every two hours so it was very nice. The back part of the truck is quite uncomfortable so it made it much easier. We made San Antonio the first day - arriving there about two in the afternoon. That night we slept in some tents at Fort Sam Houston (the largest in U.S.) and it was very nice. That night a couple of us made the rounds of that gay city.

We went to bed fairly early though because the drive was tiring. The country we passed thru was very beautiful and a most welcome change from the flat plains of Nebraska.

Thursday we drove to San Angelo - passing in the way more scenery. It was the real Texas - with sage brush, rocky hills, and clear dry air. We were climbing steadily all the while. At San Angelo we slept in stables. We arrived late so I went right to bed and saw little of the town. From there we came to Midland.

Enroute we stopped now and then to relieve ourselves and to drink coffee. Lunch consisted of sandwiches. But at night we had a warm meal which nearly equaled the one at camp. The driving was fairly hard as you had to follow at just the right distance the truck ahead. We kept our speed always below forty.

Midland is a nice city of about 8,000 people. It is unacquainted with



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soldiers and we have caused a bit of
a commotion. We are sleeping in a ball
park. It is nice except when the wind
blows. Then there is the most awful dust.
The city itself is subject to dust, or it
is right in the plains. I hate to eat +
breathe dust. It gets everywhere in your teeth,
hair, bed and eyes. However for the
last two days it has been wonderful.
The air is clear and dry. The temperature
get to about 80 at noon other drops
to quite cold at night. However we aren't
mind the temperature at all, as it
doesn't affect you like the damp muggy
climate of the coast. The elevation here
is 2800 feet.

Yesterday (Army Day) we had a parade.
That night there was a dance held by
the town for us. We danced in the streets
and had a pretty good time - although I
don't particularly like to dance with strange
girls.

Sunday I went to a very delightful
Episcopal chapel. There is a large church.
Later the Bishop will be there and I will go
again. The people are very cordial & friendly.
Many of the boys have received invitations.
Most of them have to be refused because they
conflict with regulations. Maybe I will have
some good fortune along that line.

As it stands now, we plan to be here
about six weeks. By that time I will be
all browned up. We are out in the open
now.

Well I'll write again. It is harder to do here
because we have no electricity or table. I am
now in the writing room of the hotel - but I
can't have a pen to town all the time.

Love.

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P.S. I'll have some more pictures soon.

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