



CAMP HULEN  
TEXAS

Sunday  
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Dear Mother -

Today is very hot - the sun came up this morning like a fire-ball and when we had first formation at 7 o'clock it was already oppressively warm. This morning the entire battery was forced to go to church before breakfast which caused a lot of grumbling among the boys. It was stuffy when we held the service and consequently I feel lousy and have a headache this morning. This after-noon I go on guard at 4 o'clock for a 24 hour stretch. So all in all today and tomorrow hold little to look forward to.

Yesterday on the contrary was very enjoyably spent. We had an inspection in the morning. In the after-noon I played volley-ball, took a cool shower and then went to the movies in Palacios with Jim. The sun was bright and I got a gentle burn.

Here is the story on the furloughs - even if I took your advice and tried to come home, it would be of no avail. For you see only ten percent of the battery get furloughs. 25 out of 250. Those who had a furlough at Christmas couldn't even try to get one this time. I went to Mexico on my 5 day furlough.



It's a hell of a system and many of the boys are plenty mad about it. Some of them haven't had any furloughs at all. Yesterday we drew lots to see which of the remaining fellows would get four day leaves over the fourth. I lost.

I received a letter from George's wife. He leaves July 9<sup>th</sup> for the Army. Bob. Mac June is climbing mountains in Myanmar. Thanks a lot for the newspaper articles. I enjoy getting the "transcript" every now and then. I sure wish I could have been at Jack's wedding.

Julia was sure fortunate to get the car. I'm sure it will solve a lot of transportation problems.

The other day we received in this battery 18 new draftees. Four of them were Mexicans - the rest came from the middle west. I feel sorry for them.

In the post we I have been working in the supply room. It is nice for a change and keeps me from some dirty work. It may turn into a good position or may not. You never can tell.

There is still no news as to our future movements. I won't bother to tell you all the various rumors.

Well -

Lots of love.

Jim

P.S. I need a stamp or so - thanks



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