

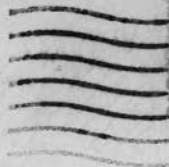


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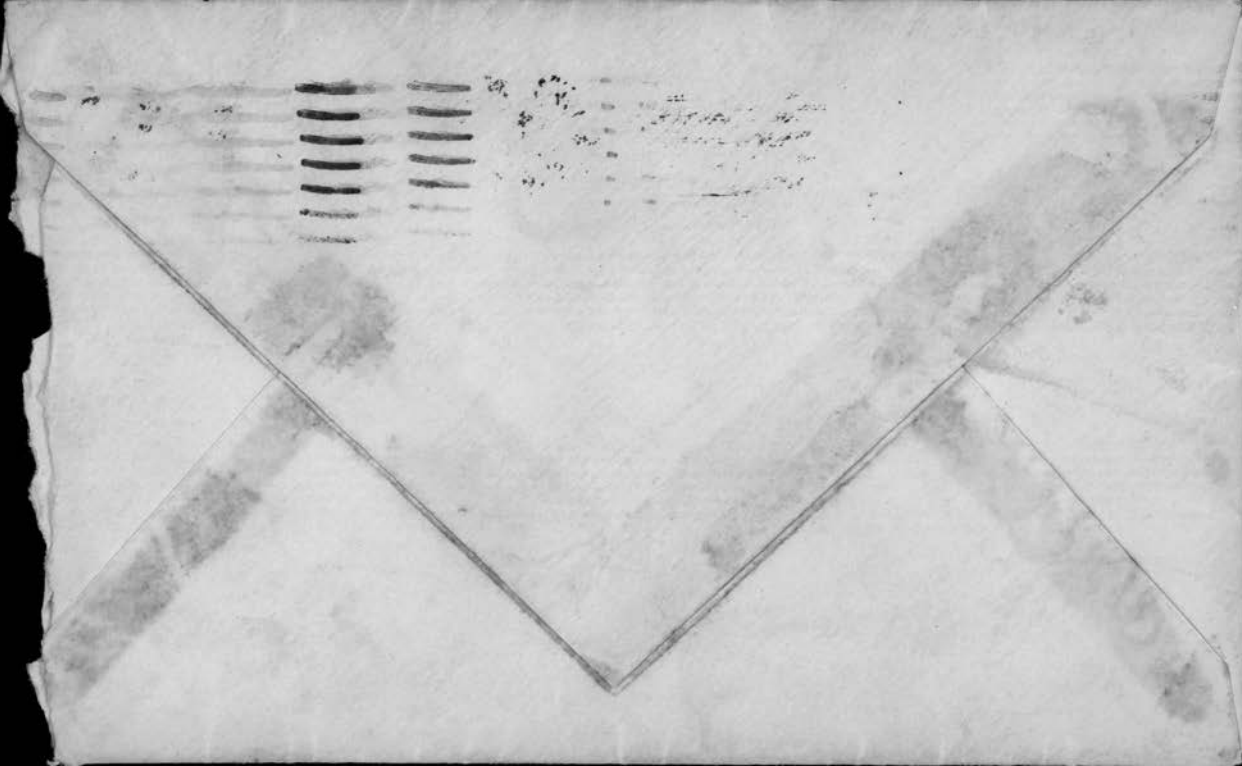
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P.S. Tell Dad I thought about sending
a card but couldn't get at one Sunday —
[June 15, 1941]

Dear Dad

We got into Mph. about
8 o'clock and had supper at the
covered wagon after that we
rode the back end of a G.I. truck
to the front where we got some
stuff and a place to sleep. The
next morning we had our
exam. by at least a dozen
doctors and got by them all,
we were then fingerprinted and
given the oath and assigned
to barracks and bunks — The
guys I came down with are in
the same Co. but only a couple
are in the same barracks that I am

two shots left. next we went
around another corner and we
got orders to take off part of our
clothes and were measured up
for pants, shirts, shoes, hat, etc..
they put you up on a stand
and the guy measuring sounded
like the tobacco auctioneer, he
went over you so fast 2 guys
couldn't make down the size
and keep up with him, (and all
my clothes fit good) I have
a extra size shoe but everyone
got the same, after the measure-
ments we ~~went~~ went into another
room with a counter around it
and all you had to do was
grab the first thing they gave you
and start pushing it around the

This took place before dinner
they got us out of bed about
the first couple mornings. (hope
don't keep it up). After dinner we
were given shots and clothes
and boy are they slick at it
we walked into a room and a
guy took our names and told
us to walk around the corner
and as soon as you get around
four guys start asking questions
you don't get a chance to answer
any of them because when you
take 3 steps you've been swabbed
with alcohol and given 2 shots
all through with them, you know
small pot + Lyphoid, we have the same

enter and when you get around
have all your clothes a guy
tosses a barracks bag at you
check the clothes as fast as you
show them in the bag - the
thing doesn't take more than
minute and a half. then you
out and try the clothes on
a couple guys check the
things to see if they fit right -
you are through with that
tuck your civilian clothes
the bag and you're strutting
and in a uniform - In
between the times you get these
ent things you get an intelligence
talk by the Chaplain,

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each guy gets a private interview
with an officer about the work
and games and hobbies - if any -
that you have been doing - from
this you are classified and if
there is an opening I guess you
get a chance at it. Taking a
long jump back - we didn't leave
Bid until 4:30 - while there we
had our pictures taken and a
WCTU organization gave us a
sewing kit and a talk - I
saw Ben Larson & Fred Blomberg
in town and came over and
said so-long just before the bus
pulled out. - Getting back
to the present - we haven't done

were only in a couple days when they were sent out. - Nobody here knows when they leave or where but I imagine will leave next week. So far the guys leaving have been shipped to quite a few different camps so it would be hard to guess where we'll be sent. The food here is a lot better than I expected and I knew they fed pretty good here - the barracks are new and hold about 50 men.

The trunk nearly got me down the first day & 2, we had to carry our stuff with us every place we went and it was

a heck of a lot besides getting processed, I missed K.P. by the skin of my teeth - I was next one up for to-day and I'm assigned to carrying papers around from one Co. to another they call them runners, so I think I missed K.P. & guard both on the first round. We overnite passes for the week. didn't make much use of it. Buddy & I went over to Mandot for a few hours and came back to camp.

They are shipping about 20 guys out of here every day, some have stayed a week and others

thing heavy towards the end.

I can't give you any address
write to as I don't know where
I be on the number of the Co.,
I am in Co. 3 now but I think
it will be changed.

This letter, maybe, will have
last awhile, I'll send a card
- I find out where I'm going
along the way I'll drop a
card and write another letter
- I get to our destination
Well I hope everyone is O.K.
feeling good and thank I'm going
like this life. Well I'm going
Ball game - (Some Ending)
Love Ben
(Say it Ben comes around show him this, it will
save me from writing it twice - I know - I'm

(Say if Bern comes around show him this, it will

Aug 2-41

Dear Les.

On the card I put that I'd heard Ed Johnson was going to get hitched and wondered whether there was much to it.

I think you're being smart getting married before you get your questionnaire if it will exempt you as a year in here (or more) isn't the best in some ways although I think it does a person good in other ways, one thing tho is that if you learn anything in here it isn't very practical

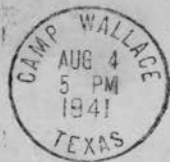
in civilian life.

Boy they sure were pressing us last week, we are supposed to start school next week and we had a lot of stuff to do before that time, we spent the last three days on the firing range, the first day was slow firing and rapid firing practice I did better than most had 109 and 115 pts. out of a possible 150 so it was far from good shooting, on the next day we had to work the targets for other outfits, it isn't a tough job but monotonous, the worst was that we had a two mile

Automatic rifle but think I'm about
the twelfth highest in our battery.

Received letters from Dore, Elaine
Eth. & Ranny and Nina this week
and haven't written any so am
way behind as I didn't have time
to write this week. so will knock
this off a little short, besides that
it's all that happened except that
we had a dedication parade for
this camp this Sat and it is
also open house today so the
camp is full of civilians it was
quite a parade about 9 thousand
soldiers. With a lot of best wishes
etc. and wishing I could be home
for the ceremony. I'll close.
Love
write a better letter next time. Rans

hike out there twice a day -
that makes about 8 miles and too
much hiking. the next day
we shot for record, I had a
swell start shooting but fell
off in the end but made 122
pts. in record firing we have
to shoot 5 slow fire at sitting
or kneeling, 5 slow fire at standing,
10 rapid fire at sitting and 10
rapid fire at kneeling and that's
what was my record. The range
we shoot is 200 yds and at
rapid fire shoot 10 rounds in
60 seconds that include getting
into position from standing and
reloading after the first 5 shots.
the first high ten were to shoot



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