

The best man in the class and  
is in Mexico. I had read a good  
many of the books already and so  
thought I wouldn't take it but  
after going to two of his lectures I  
decided I wouldn't be wasting  
my time. My father is Philip  
Chace who seems like a good guy.

I am not sure of my thesis  
subject yet. Right now I'm looking  
into some American - Mexican stuff  
but it may not pan out. I am open  
to a good ~~old~~ suggestion.

Saturday The Army and  
navy units here at Harvard are  
to parade in the stadium in  
place of the Cadets. I am taking



Dear Mother and Daddy.

This will probably be a  
pretty short letter. Before I forget  
it, mother, the socks were beautiful  
and let me ~~take a few~~ to  
A.T. I am really settling down  
to some serious work now.

I have taken on another course -  
History 75. I had intended taking  
only four but ~~it~~ seems as I  
will probably take only three  
this spring I thought I'd take a  
last crack at fis. Moreover, it is  
given by Prof. Haines who is one of



to the game Margaret Forsythe the  
girl whom I called on at St. Louis  
last summer. I don't know her very  
well but asked her name and  
from what I've seen & heard she  
very attractive. I'll let you know  
later how it turns out.

I've asked Ellie definitely  
to the Michigan game but haven't  
heard from her yet. ~~She~~ <sup>I may ask</sup>  
Maisy to Yale and then go down  
with her & some others to ~~John~~ John  
afterwards. He (John) got back  
last Monday and in fine.

Last weekend I went to two  
engagements viz: Phoebe's to Hugh  
Lawrence and Betty Draymond to  
Ann Haydock. Phoebe did not

surprised<sup>me</sup> as she had told me  
about it <sup>very privately</sup>. Samuel  
early and stayed late and had  
a fine time. Mrs. Ricket and Mr.  
seemed very glad to see me —  
probably sorry I wasn't the me (then!)  
— and introduced me around  
to the family. Phoebe looked ~~very~~  
very pretty. Sat. afternoon. I saw  
Dwight with Rumpel 15-7 in a very  
exciting game. Bill's team was big  
and good but Dwight was better.  
He passed very well but to no  
avail. They left immediately after  
the game so I didn't see much  
of Bill. I got in Bonnie in coming  
up for the Yale-Harvard game.



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I wonder if Grannie's  
sharp eyes saw this — Boston  
 Herald of Nov. 13. (Friday).  
I'll write Sunday. Certainly enjoyed  
our weekend. New pair of socks  
is doing fine. All I need  
now is a pair of gloves — same  
color.

Yrs.  
Henry



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Dear Mother and Daddy,

I am one of two class C. O.'s this weekend which means that I stay in the orderly room from noon Saturday to noon Sunday taking telephone messages, delivering telegrams and otherwise making myself useful. Frankly it is one of a way to spend a weekend, and I think you can see now what I meant when I said that although Saturday afternoon and Sunday are theoretically free you generally have some official duties to perform. So far out of four Sundays here I have had duty three of them!

We finished up material yesterday and honestly it went so fast I hardly was aware it had begun. We had four exams in six days and I got my first - and I hope my "U." It was on the second unit which ~~was not~~



counted only fifteen out of 100. However,  
I was sorry to get it. As a matter of fact  
about half our section were unsatisfied  
on this particular unit and boys ~~who~~  
~~had~~ in classes ahead of us said  
it was the trickiest one in the whole  
course. It was! Incidentally, my two  
other companions from Section 7 in the  
first compulsory study hall were Stella  
who was in the 4th manner at Shanghai  
for four years and Heinrich who is a PH.D  
~~student~~ from Cambridge (England) and the  
University of Bonn (Germany), so you see  
I was in good company! By the end of  
the week about the whole section was  
in study hall. The material was very interesting  
even though it did go very fast and I  
guess an old horse - artilleryman like you,  
Paw, would be quite non-plused by  
the arsenal of weapons <sup>the F.A. now</sup> ~~they~~ throws at  
you! ~~He~~ He had quite detailed instruction  
in the cal. 30 carbine, 50 cal. machine gun,  
75 mm. ~~howitzer~~ howitzer, pack and field (for horse  
artillery), ~~and~~ 105 mm. how. and 155 how.  
As far as I can find out the 75 mm. M 1897  
is no longer a standard weapon for  
field artillery!! Aside from the above weapons





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The F. G. now has <sup>a</sup> 4.5 inch gun (only  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch bigger ~~than~~ in the line than the 105 but it looks big as a house), 155 mm. gun, 8 inch gun, 8 inch howitzer, and 240 mm. howitzer. All these are now mounted on new type carriages so there wouldn't be much <sup>stuff</sup> that looked familiar except the tubes. The 37 mm. Anti-tank gun ~~is~~ has now been taken out of artillery but it is still an infantry weapon. As far as I can figure out though the 37 mm. is no longer <sup>of</sup> much use against any but the lightest tank — just a flash in the pan during the Spanish war that's all. At present they have a very tricky gadget called a rocket propeller which is being issued six per firing battery and which they say has really ~~the~~ played havoc with tanks in North Africa. They claim it will penetrate 3-4" of armor plate at 300 yds. but is most effective at 40-50 yds, so you can see it calls for pretty close-in work!



The thing is fired from the shoulder and ~~but~~ literally looks like one of those toy pop-guns you buy at the "five-and-ten". Of course being a rocket gun the force exerted by the propelling gas is exerted against air, ~~so~~ hence there is no kick and one man can handle it. They have evidently also developed some very powerful new explosive ~~which does~~ to do such a job on armor plate. All very hush-hush.

Thursday morning we went out on the small arms range, ~~which incidentally was~~ ~~also~~ to ~~fire~~ and really had a fun. First we fired the 30 cal. machine gun on 50 cal. anti-aircraft mount at a barrel, then at a balloon and finally at a little toy glider. Each man fired 35 rounds at each of these three targets but 35 rds. in a machine gun is gone before you start. The A.A. mount has a big rubber ring that fits around <sup>the small of</sup> your back and you fire by moving your whole body. You don't have any sight but direct your fire by the Trace Stream. ~~which~~ Every fifth bullet is a Trace and once you get the hang it's not too hard to get





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on the target. However out of 30 men (i. e. 1050 rounds) not one touched a balloon. After the machine gun we fired the 30 cal. carbine at set targets. This is really a beautiful little gun. It fires 16 rounds without reloading and with practically no recoil. The cartridge is just about half as long as a regular 30 cal. rifle but they say it will really 'tear you up.' After this we went over to ~~the~~ ~~an~~ another range and ~~first~~ <sup>did</sup> what they call "combat firing". This is the latest thing that has been developed through experience from the Pacific & North Africa, and is designed to get you the jumps on your opponent, e. g. parachutist, sniper, or a ~~guy~~ <sup>man</sup> playing dead, in other words it's for quick action when you have to get the other fellow before he gets you. The general idea ~~position~~ is to fire from a slightly crouched position with the <sup>butt of the</sup> rifle, carbine or Tommy gun planted in the middle of your stomach at right angles to your body. You then jumps to whatever position you hear danger from and fire. In this way you always fire directly the way



you are facing and can get your shots  
off fast. He fired this way with the  
.45 pistol (of course this is not held to the  
stomach), the carbine and the Tommy-gun  
(Thompson sub-machine gun cal. 45.)

It's not hard to see why they discarded  
the .45 <sup>except</sup> at close range it is almost  
useless and the kick is much worse than  
any of the other weapons.

Tomorrow we begin the 5½ week  
gunnery course which is supposed to be  
the real ~~the~~ tough baby ~~course~~, and  
they say around the third and fourth  
week they start putting you back in bunches.  
However, I have <sup>no</sup> ~~not~~ intention of being  
put back. I received your glasses, daddy,  
and I was very much touched that  
they came as a present. Many, many  
thanks and I will take ~~careful~~ <sup>the</sup>  
<sup>best possible</sup> care of them. He don't ~~go~~ fire until week  
after next, but after that we go out regularly  
where from two to four times a week. <sup>of any</sup>

I had a nice letter from Alberta  
Allen last week but I have not been  
able to get to a phone to call her up.  
Now I have lost the address and phone  
number and information at Leiston hasn't  
got it so won't you find ~~it~~ out from  
the Allen's what it is and write me.





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Incidentally, if you ever have to reach me in an emergency here you can do so by calling class #64 Orderly Room and asking for me by name. They will send and get me. The number is 7159 (Ft. Sill exchange).

This past week we have had some unbelievably cold weather. The wind here is of the variety that blows right through you and I have literally never felt such intense cold as I did a couple of days last week. However, I have plenty of warm clothes and our hut is well heated. I have been feeling perfectly elegant, never the sign of a cramp or tired feeling in my muscles of any kind. We don't get much strenuous exercise but aside from that I'd say I was in Class A-1 shape.

The sunrises and sunsets ~~are~~ here are at times unbelievably beautiful and ~~they are~~ are really in themselves worth the trip out. When we get up at 6:30 or 6:45 the moon is still up but it is <sup>fairly</sup> broad daylight by 8. In fact, the



sun is just about half way over the horizon when we march up to our "how of charm".

That is about all the news for this time. Give my best to everyone and thanks for your letters and clippings. I enjoyed them all immensely. My love to Grandma R. & Grandma H. I'll know all about this new Scottie when he arrives. I agree with Margaret & don't approve of any Cobrels. Love to all.

Yrs.  
Henry.

P.S. Please send me beside Charles Allen's telephone number, Charles Pices' address, also Budi's and if you have it, Rod Townsends'. I lost them all when I ~~mis~~ lost my address book. ~~The~~ Many thanks. Yrs. H.R.H.





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Dear Mother & Daddy,

It is really beginning to warm up in these parts although things are not yet as bad as they were at Chaffee. We are still being inspected to death; in fact, although this is our work to be in the field we are still in garrison ~~the~~ having our equipment gone over. I have ceased trying to understand who, what, or why they are inspecting but just hang around until somebody shows up from ordnance, a signal or engineer and looks like he wants to inspect something. The other battalions have their turn coming up and I guess we are actually lucky to be first.

There is good news on the leave situation in that time at home has been extended to ten days which with travel



time will give me a total of twelve  
days. I could divide it up six and  
five or seven and four, but I think  
perhaps I'll take it all at once just  
in case we should move to another  
camp a little farther away. There is  
every reason to believe that we will  
remain here until early fall but I do  
think we will be pulling out about then —  
say ~~the~~ sometime in October. Col. Clayton, the  
C-3, formerly commanding 499<sup>th</sup> AFA Bn.  
has departed for England to go to some  
sort of school. However, I ~~believe~~ believe he  
~~is~~ still assigned to this  
division.

Maj. Vance announced last  
night that we may soon be dropping  
"unassigned" officers, but added that  
no one was secure in their job and  
that officers now assigned might soon  
find themselves "un-" and vice versa!  
I am presently dissatisfied in a mild  
sort of way with the position I find myself





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got good effect but went way over my time limit. H. Sanders took my tank out on a combined arms shot Friday and got stuck so that he didn't get out until Sunday noon and other only with the aid of three wreckers!!! This still a plan for the home!

For myself I had quite a social weekend. Friday night we had a battalion officer's dance <sup>on</sup> the open air floor at Club # 3. To this affair I escorted quite the most attractive girl in Lopkinston to wit Miss "Sugar Pie" Kirkpatrick (!!!), not to be confused with Miss Langie Dunselmann of Clarksville. "Sugar Pie", ~~as~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>is</sup> her real name (Elizabeth Forgy), is really very attractive ~~and~~ although pretty young. Her old man is a dentist - I



might say the "dentist" — in Hopsturn  
and her mother seems to know all the  
best people including Vernie & Kitty  
Harrison, etc. How she hung on to  
such a moniker as "Sugar Pie" for so long  
is beyond me — although there is a  
certain air of magnolia blossoms.  
Spanish moss and hoop skirts about  
her — but that's what everybody calls  
her; and Elizabeth or Betty simply  
~~we~~ won't do — "I decline it won't."  
I met her <sup>her</sup> one night when she had a  
date with one of Ser. Smith's aides, a  
lad named McVeigh who is <sup>one of</sup> the most  
insufferable snobs I ever hope to meet.  
He actually tried to ~~put me in my place~~ <sup>put me in my place</sup> by  
talking over my head about the grand  
old days at Colgate, then casually asked  
if and where I'd been to college, with  
an aside to Sugar Pie that it was  
probably Siwash — but "Lawrence"  
will stop 'em in their tracks every time.





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with  
 in although not my job itself.  
 By that I mean that the other two F.O.'s  
 although they are not "good eggs" make  
 no effort at all to get together on the  
 training of the observation sections. I  
 would gladly take over the entire  
 responsibility myself but don't like  
 to "hog" the training or try to run  
 their sections. So, things are rather at an  
 impasse with them showing no signs  
 of them getting off their dead butts. ~~The~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~bluntness~~  
 the bluntness of an old soldier ~~and~~  
 the higher ups making no move to put  
 someone <sup>definitely</sup> in charge. I still think the  
 F.O. job is about the best in the  
 battalion, but at present writing I am  
 quite firmly hog-tied. Such is life in  
 the Army.

Capt. Miller who was acting  
 P-3 in Iraq. Blue's absence is going to



a general hospital (probably Nichols) with  
wrens and Capt. Frase who took over  
in his place just had an acute  
Appendicitis leaving H. Tickleider (4th 5-2)  
in charge. Consequently things are in a  
considerable mess. I'm afraid Maj. Vance  
does have his faults - mostly of  
personality - and I hate to see  
things going as they are. He is firm  
enough but his decisions are ~~not~~  
never clean cut and he has poor  
support from his staff, all of which  
traces back to the little item of  
personality. He fixed bn. Sat 1 + 2  
Friday for practice and everything was  
nicely snarled up. I fixed one of  
the adjustments and was going ~~pretty~~ fine  
when Maj. Vance acted as if he didn't  
approve of my designs so I changed  
them and got all snarled up. I still





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At first I thought he was fooling but soon realized that he is one of them rare cases — a genuine evolving S.O.B. if there ever was one. Pardon the injection of such venom in this letter but it was really quite a show. (<sup>However,</sup> "He did say that Gen. Smith liked the way I handled the artillery adjustments on the combined arms shoots last summer.")

Saturday <sup>afternoon</sup> we had an inspection of equipment by the tr. command and that night I went over to Club #3.

It is about the only cool spot in camp now. The indoor clubs are crowded and fearfully hot. Sunday we had a battalion officers picnic at a ~~place~~ lake a little north of Hopkinsville. It was good fun and I got quite a burn. I took Miss Waller from the Red Cross.



We got back here about nine.

I had a letter from Bill last week asking if I would be his best man and of course I was thrilled. I will definitely hold my leave until he and Bonnie get married. I also heard from Sarge who wants me as "head usher" — Fitty will be his best man — on June 24<sup>th</sup>, that's Saturday.

I wrote him that I'd love to do it but that with his tests coming sometime June 19-24<sup>th</sup> and Bill on the verge I couldn't presently see my way clear to get to Washington. Of course if it was in Lexington I could do it on a Voco. Speaking of Voco's I see no prospect of getting off this weekend but hope to make <sup>the</sup> it next one. I will really try hard so count on me; and incidentally let me know as far ahead as possible about Billy and Bon. What do they want for a present ??





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I was pleased to hear that you  
 had ~~such~~ <sup>such</sup> favorable reports of the fair  
 Elvira. Personally, I don't have no  
 report for several weeks now. Mother, a  
 Mrs. George White whose husband  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. White was until recently in the  
 499<sup>th</sup> may call you in search of a  
 place for her and George to live. He has  
 been sent to Nichols. She is very "nice"  
 although he at times I think he is  
 crazy! There's no need to ask them out  
 and I don't think you'd particularly  
 enjoy it if you did, if you know what  
 I mean, so if she does call I wouldn't  
attempt it. However, perhaps you could  
 help on an apartment. I also have a  
 friend at Knox: H. Clarence Joeniskoetter,  
 Officer's Motor Course, Armored School, Ft. Knox.  
 He is from St. Louis and a good man so



sometimes when the boys are coming in you  
might write and ask him <sup>too</sup>. He is from  
St. Louis and was in the same National  
Guard outfit with Major Blue.

I must "close station, march  
order" now (armed too!). My best to  
everyone and love to Scannie. I hope  
to see you weekend after this.

Love,

Henry.

P.S.

Daddy, thanks for the clarification  
on "celebration". I should have dropped  
that one out from six years of Latin.

Love. H.P.H.





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Dear Mother + Daddy,

I'm sorry my letters have been so very spotty since I was up for the wedding, but perhaps there will be smoother sailing from now on. Tomorrow we ~~go out~~ leave the motor park at 5:15 AM (ugh!!) on the first reinforced battalion problem since last summer — excluding of course maneuvers. We come in from that Tuesday night but are out again Thursday + Friday on some sort of "attack of a fortified area" problem, so the work should be a heavy one. Friday the whole division moved out in the field on very short notice or ~~with~~ a very mysterious sort of exercise which



I understand was to consist of  
some "Lair Corps" recon units trying  
to spot us and estimate our strength.

However, I didn't see any planes all day  
and rather suspect our effort was  
wasted. We started in about 9:30 PM but  
instead of coming straight in wandered  
all around the reservation first - I  
suppose it was hard to get enough  
roads to move us all at once - so  
that we didn't actually reach our  
motor park until nearly one o'clock.

Friday afternoon while in the field we  
dug fox holes and the men crouched  
in them while we ran the tank  
over them. It is really very safe (and  
reassuring) and you can get by with  
as little as one foot clearance between  
the your back or head and the surface  
of the ground, although we dug a little





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deeper than that. It was very dusty though and the men were a sight when they came out. By prearrangement the tank stopped right over the 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant's hole and gave him a really good going over!

~~At~~ Friday before last I went to the Hopkinsville Cotillion which is the event of the season here. It was held in the Armory on one of the hottest nights I ever hope to sweat my way through. Moreover, the Armory only had windows on one side so that there was practically no cross ventilation or air of any kind circulating. The members of the cotillion were presented formally just like <sup>at</sup> a debut



including four new members, among  
them Miss "Sugar Pie" Lickpatrick —  
magnolia blossoms and all. Betsy  
Radford of Louisville & Lightfoot Red,  
who is a good friend of Sugar Pie's  
was there and we really had a fine  
time. I have ~~never~~ always known who  
Betsy was but never really met her  
being as she was in that "younger" crowd.  
I am much more broad-minded about these  
flowers. ~~I would not have~~ I took  
younger girls than I used to be.  
David Brainer & Frank Houston in with  
me. The next Tuesday, i. e. before the  
day off we had <sup>last</sup> "Wed.", ~~David~~ Brainer &  
I took S.P. and Betsy to Dunbar  
Cave one of the local dance spots.  
It is really a sort of grotto with a  
dance floor, lake for swimming, etc and  
would be really nice if there ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> only  
a better floor. After taking the girls home  
we ran out of gas but luckily were





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already inside the camp.

I am glad you like Capt. Muller so well. He is a good man all right. I am also glad he seems to be getting on well. He is a pretty highly strung type. Incidentally, don't get so excited about his "girl" as she really ain't much, just sort of a stop gap. She is a hospital dietitian here and is crazy about him but I can't quite imagine him falling for ~~her~~ her. She just isn't quite up to his class. This is just a warning so you won't get yourself <sup>too</sup> involved with her. Do you think he will come back to the 499<sup>th</sup>? Give him my best. I am so glad he can ~~stay~~ have the benefit of that Hedges Hill atmosphere!!! I wish I could.



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Accidentally did you ever get hold  
of Clarence Joeniskoetter at Knoxville?  
Do have him in some time if it's just  
for supper Saturday. I am sorry to  
say that my own leave has been put off  
again. This time until July 24<sup>th</sup> but  
there is no doubt that I will get it  
then as I think that it'll be the last  
offer in the br. to go. You see I applied  
for one earlier but withdrew it because  
of Bill's wedding so now I'm at the  
end of the list. I figure on taking the  
2:AM. train from Clarksville Thurs. July  
27<sup>th</sup> which gets in around 7:30 AM. I  
would have to leave on the night train  
Sun. August 6<sup>th</sup> - i.e. 12 days at home.  
I went to Grace Chapel (C. of E.)  
in Hopkinsville today at which the  
proceedings were much enlivened  
by a sermon on the totalitarism  
leanings and general bigotry of the





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is always  
 Roman Church. It's quite an  
 experience to hear one of these little  
 talks. In the first place one can  
 almost sense as the rector mounts  
 the pulpit that the Pope is in for  
 a hard time and ~~when~~ <sup>when</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> an Episcopal  
 Minister <sup>really</sup> warns to his subject he is  
 generally pretty effective. This morning  
 the Catholic priest had was ~~probably~~ piously  
 but firmly compared to a group of  
whirling dervishes and in general  
 the "ju-flew" thick & fast. Capt. Young  
 the S-4 and his wife were there and  
 I drove them home afterwards. They  
 asked me for lunch but I only stayed  
 for "a beer" which I managed to  
 get down.

The infantry O.C.S. at Benning  
 is being greatly increased and I took



the liberty of writing Uncle Billy  
and suggesting that he let Bill  
know how badly they wanted  
candidates. It is supposed to be  
well publicized but of course some  
outfits are reluctant to cut their  
own throats by letting their best men  
go. I'm hoping I won't lose <sup>Sgt.</sup> "Ban",  
but ~~that~~ he doesn't want to go now  
anyway.

I just had a very nice letter  
from Aunt Nancy thanking me for  
everything also saying how sorry she  
was to hear about Ron. I also had  
one from Drannie Dyer. I have  
written both Ron's grandmother, his mother  
and his father. The thought of his  
having gone down quite takes it out of me  
because I had so looked forward  
to seeing him again, and he was  
one of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> few ~~really good~~ really good friends I  
~~had~~. I don't feel so badly that he was  
killed in training for I have seen enough



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of that here to know that it  
is all the same ~~man~~ battle to a  
man, ~~whether~~ whether he go down <sup>over</sup> here  
or over there against the enemy. There  
seems to be no bitterness at the end so  
far as that goes, but I will miss him.

Mother, when you go out to Nichols  
you might look up Sgt. Crnkovich who  
~~was~~ is the one I told <sup>you</sup> was to have an  
operation for the removal of a facial  
tumor. ~~He's~~ I'm not sure ~~he~~ he is  
there yet and is probably a walking case  
by now, but you might just see if he  
needs anything. He is observation sergeant  
in the number one Fo section - Ft. Sanderlin  
but I have known him a long time.  
Perhaps he would like some cakes or  
shrubert or something of the sort. He's  
from Chicago. If you haven't already ~~started~~  
started you work at Nichols you might



pass this information on to Aunt Florence.  
I just checked up and he went to Nichols  
June 16<sup>th</sup>. Sgt. "Bronko" as he is called  
ain't the house guest type but he is a  
thoroughly good man in every respect.

I will sign off now and try  
to write again ~~later~~ in the middle of  
the week. Took "Sugar Pie" to the  
Officer's Club last night and had a  
fine time. Perhaps will get off one  
of these weekends soon. I hope so.

Yours,

Henry.

25 June 1944.

Information picked up  
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P.S. Sincerely thanks for the information  
on my income. I think that \$207.<sup>00</sup> will  
hold me so I wrote Mr. Amador to  
continue remembering the rest in my  
agency account. Also they are  
after us to get our personal affairs





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straightened up, particularly  
 insurance, allotments, will etc. so I  
~~think~~ think this is as good a time as  
 any to make a power of attorney with  
 you as the attorney-in-fact. My local  
 legal advisor, Lt. Levin, informs me that  
 there are general + special types of  
 P. of A. You can make one to cover  
anything but I'll keep on taking care  
 of everything unless we should be  
 sent overseas, which, as I say, I  
 don't anticipate until next fall at  
the very earliest. Many thanks for  
 your assistance ~~with~~  
 in this matter. I have paid my  
 third income tax installment and  
 so have only \$129.26 to go. I will  
 pay back the \$200. I owe as soon as  
 I can. ~~with~~



Incidentally, mother will you  
please send me two books:

① Popino Diaz, by Beals (blue  
and gold back) in middle  
part of right-hand book case  
in my ~~own~~ study.

② A book by Turner on the  
frontier in American history in  
probably last or 2nd shelf from  
bottom of book case behind door  
and blacks.

Also send any razors <sup>other</sup> than  
stick injectors which are in  
my bath room. <sup>If there are any stick  
injector blades send them.</sup>

Thank ~~you~~ also Grandma  
Rayburn for the nice long letter.  
I seem to be dreadfully busy  
and will answer as soon as



Bill of course was pretty  
dejected after the game but on  
the whole seemed fine. His posture  
is terrible. The slouches something  
awful!

I will write again around  
Friday. I have not received  
many letters from you all - wonder  
if they've been coming through.  
With again many many thanks  
for the very beautiful and  
expected - not a flaw - but  
socks. Do please do thank you again  
for the Detroit Coler Co. stock.



I can.

Yours. S. all,

Yours.

Henry.

P.S. Mother I will at present send  
to the War Fund etc. the same  
as last year and will pay  
the entire ~~sum~~ <sup>sum</sup> on July 1st. 1942.  
(if not before). You might let me  
know when the quarterly installments  
are collected so I may do it  
that way. Yours. H. H.





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Officer Candidate School  
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Dear Mother and Dad,

Finished the second week of gunnery today and I am really beginning to feel like an old veteran. Monday starts the "~~Bloody Third~~" (~~week~~) ~~followed~~ "Thinning Third" (week) followed by the "Bloody Fourth". I fired my second problem Friday - an axial bracket - and went into fire for effect on my third round. Lt. Stevens ~~was~~ was quite complimentary. Wednesday I fired axial precision and was very, very lucky. I sensed a tenain short at 130 shifted left and went up from C's (the "c" has replaced the "p") to 154 where I had a line over. I meant to order 142 but instead gave 132 where I had a line over and consequently a 2 of bracket so I went into fire for effect at 131. Quite a bit of luck isn't it? They don't generally tell you what you got on a problem at the O.P. but a couple of days later ~~they~~ put a little slip in your box showing what you got. I enclose one such slip as an example.



I have come to the conclusion  
that our section is very lucky in its  
two instructors. Capt. Tenor is from  
Utah, very colorful, a good teacher and  
doesn't get you nervous. Stevens is very  
young and I like him although if you  
hadn't had this stuff before I think you  
might be confused. So far we had 5" or  
~~every~~ <sup>every</sup> ~~about~~ ~~with~~ ~~not~~ ~~at~~ all of them nearly  
100% - some even full value.

Yesterday we had one class with a  
Capt. Lee, ~~but~~ <sup>quite</sup> late guest of the  
Princeton football  
team and so one of the people Aunt  
Francis told me to be on the look out  
for. He was in Apof's class and played  
a nice game at end in his day - so I  
am given to understand by the  
Princeton boys hereabouts.

The gunnery course is divided  
generally into five parts: viz observed fire,  
unobserved fire, fire direction, survey,  
and general subjects (i. e. <sup>mostly</sup> math). Almost  
every night we have what is called  
an "instructional unit" to prepare for  
the next day. This is nothing more or  
less than some problems to work out,  
but after you have done the ~~thing~~ <sup>thing</sup> they  
issue a sheet with the answers and  
the whole thing makes a very nice





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review.

I have been working quite hard but on most nights I still manage to get to bed at 10:30. Tomorrow (Sunday) I am going into Leaton to see Alberta & Charles. I finally got to a telephone long enough to call them up. This afternoon, as usual they found something extra for us to do — this time a blood count. This completes my "sticking" for the time being as I have already finished vaccination, typhoid & tetanus. The weather here alternates between balmy spring-like stuff and the ice cold variety driven ~~on~~ <sup>home</sup> by a healthy Oklahoma wind, which, incidentally, is like no other wind on earth. However, we've been lucky on our firing days and they've been nearly perfect: Your glasses, daddy, have worked beautifully — if I just didn't "shake" so much when I get up to fire!! I'm less nervous every time now though.

Just went to the movie, with Rich. I hadn't seen him for about a week. He got a "U" on his bracket



problem due to misidentification of  
his target. The ex-cadet colored at  
college, John Sawhill also got a "U"  
on his first problem. I trust I won't  
have any such ~~of~~ items to report  
for myself in my next letter!

In headgear we ~~are~~ now wear  
our helmet liners to all formations.  
This is a composition affair ~~and~~ over  
which the steel jacket is placed before  
going into action. It is an excellent  
sun helmet and has the chin-straps  
and padding attached. Our knit  
wool caps are made so they fit  
under this and their brim keeps the  
brim of the helmet from slipping down.  
It's all very clever and also practical.  
However, I understand that in N. Africa  
these helmets looked so much like the  
Zappo' that they had to go back to  
the old "sun hats."

I wish I could be home to see  
Eddy's girl, but rather I don't quite  
follow your wanderings about her  
"character, etc." Have you reason to  
doubt the nobleness of ~~the~~ these  
attributes or what? "Cit ca u gee ca?" (Spelling?)  
I have already sent Nancy and the





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"Little Doc" a present as you needn't bother. Grannie & Muttie wrote me a letter telling all about the wedding and enclosing pictures of the place in the home where they were married and where they received. Ross was there in full regalia - parachute wings et al! Mrs. & Muttie also sent me some brownies. Wasn't that nice? I ~~also~~ had a letter from Ross too and he expects to stay in North Carolina (New River) until June. Heard from Page who is now at the Naval Navigation School in Hollywood, Florida and from Henry Carey who is in the mountain troops at Pueblo, Colorado. Have also had a number of letters from Ellie, Nancy and one from Coa Farris announcing her engagement! Aint that something? I don't expect there will be any single women left when I get home. Many thanks for forwarding the letters from Charles. They were highly interesting and he seemed to be in ~~the~~ the very best of spirits as per usual.



I am glad to hear that my  
degree arrived on schedule. By all  
means have it framed. It represents  
some very happy - to put it mildly - if  
at times nerve-racking years, and being  
from "Collegia Hawaiana in Nov. Aug."  
(spelling?) I feel it does represent  
something. (Mother, you may rest easy as  
I have already sent my address to  
the Dietrich Grad. Assn.)

I was very much pleased to  
hear that Uncle Alex is coming along  
so well. I do hope he'll be home  
when I get there. Give my best to  
Bill, Maggie, and Jimmy. How are them  
watts "coming along"? He has certainly  
had tough luck <sup>not that one!</sup> ~~with them~~. Strangely  
enough I heard of Gipsy Markoff's  
escape through Salin Stone who  
mentioned it in a letter he wrote me.  
He remembered her from a letter I  
had written him way back when I  
was sick.

Mother, I am sending you by  
~~parcel~~ parcel post a pair of shoes I  
bought at Brooks before I left. They  
were very poorly and are in need  
of new rubber heels and perhaps soles.





UNITED STATES ARMY  
FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

Dea Mother and Daddy,

I am departing from my usual practice and writing you on Saturday as I have a few spare moments before going into Lawton.

I believe this is the first free Saturday afternoon we had in about two months as there have been demonstrations or some sort of jal-di-ra or all the other.

Yesterday we had our first RSOP (Reconnaissance, Selection and Occupation of Position). There are ~~seven~~ <sup>seven</sup> altogether in the course, the last being an overnight affair & a couple of days before we graduate. That will be the day! I was canononer which ~~is~~ requires mostly muscle — for digging slit trenches — and no brains; and my assignments for the other RSOP's are all pretty ~~insignificant~~ insignificant except for one fling at



RO. They say if you have ~~the~~  
mostly insignificant jobs it's a  
good sign as it means they don't  
feel the need of looking you over  
any more; but as far as I can see  
it's just about all done alphabetically.  
Out here the gun crews <sup>have to</sup> dig slit  
trenches every time they go into  
position, and that ~~also means~~ <sup>includes</sup>  
in the rendezvous area ~~to~~ before  
occupying your regular position, so  
nowadays one must always be  
prepared to repel mechanized  
attack, and the guns are  
unlimbered at almost every stop.  
Yesterday they had jips with  
red flags dashing around  
making tank attacks. We were  
caught absolutely flat-footed as  
someone had forgotten to unlock  
the traversing lock latch and when  
the tanks appeared the gun wouldn't  
traverse. In our first position  
~~the~~ digging the slit trenches was  
really a back-breaking business  
as the ground was nothing but rocks.



However, in our second position  
 it was like digging through butter.  
 Next week we are out pretty nearly  
 all the time — I believe at least  
 half of every day and we have  
 some very interesting demonstrations  
 on schedule viz — anti-tank  
 measures, booby traps, camouflage, etc.  
 We have had three exams so far in  
 tactics — all very easy. My main  
 criticism of the course is that they  
 put too much emphasis on the  
 "school solution". This is no place in  
 a military course when I think the  
 principles of a liberal education  
 might be applied very profitably.  
 We have ended the sub-course in  
 maps and aerial photographs. ~~It~~  
 It is really amazing the tremendous  
 amount of detail included in the  
 latter. on a one to 20,000 scale  
 photos you can pick out individual  
 trees and they are accurate enough  
 to be used as firing charts. Their  
 big draw back is that they don't  
 show hills, valleys, mountains and



Other irregularities of the terrain.  
Besides maps we have had combat  
orders, combat intelligence, three  
classes in armored field artillery,  
methods of instruction, aircraft  
identification, principles of staff  
organization, infantry tactics — they  
have some A-1 instructors here from  
 Ft. Benning — camouflage, general  
tactics, anti-tank defense etc. and  
infantry!

Tomorrow our class is moving  
to a new area — all part of the  
~~new~~ program of reducing the size  
of the school. I don't exactly  
relish the prospect of lugging all  
my stuff ~~over to it~~ about half  
a mile by hand but it's got to  
be done. It looks like about twenty —  
three will graduate from our  
section, Our losses have been three  
men due to sickness, one resigned,  
four kicked all the way out, and  
four put back. Tonight we are  
having a dinner for our section  
in town. It is mostly in honor of a  
boy from Texas A. & M. who is being  
discharged because he may ~~be~~



develops diabetes. He is an extremely nice guy named J. V. Hauser and it is really a dirty shame he won't get his commission. As you probably know A. T. M. is a military college so it must be quite a blow after four years of that and three months O. C. S.

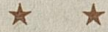
Incidentally when I move I am going into a new hut with Pete Hayden. Al Hauptfleisch, i. e. the group who are now next door to us. They had lost one man.

I had a nice long letter from Uncle Alex yesterday, also from Bill. I hope Uncle Alex does not have to stay long at Dewens as it must be pretty quiet there.

I must be off now. Rick is coming ~~back in a few~~ by for me in a few minutes. Besides there is not much else to report. Please don't forget to send on my far suitcase. See you very shortly. Weather is lovely here now, even to being cool at night. Love to all. Love. Henry



The United States Army



Dear Daddy,

Please write and tell  
me the presinet I live in at  
once. ~~My~~ It was wonderful to  
see you all just now.

Love,

Henry.

P.S.

Enclosed is the money for  
the can.

HRH

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1<sup>st</sup> Reg