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Letter from Camp Bowie, Texas, February 7, 1942

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February 7 1942
160 Bldg, 1st Bn
174th A.C.
Camp Bowie, Texas

Dear Folks & Boys;

It's Saturday afternoon and we have the afternoon off since we are going to work tonight unloading the boxes which will come in at about 6 P.M.

Had a nice week of work again, first part of the week we cleaned and packed at Ft. Bell and then we moved down here and now we are cleaning up here.

Last Monday we were paid again, and I got 21. I went to town that night and bought myself a sleeping bag for \$5, so that I could keep warm when we slept out side. I really got a bargain since I bought it in a hock-shop. They usually are around \$9.

On Wednesday we moved out of the barracks and gave it a final cleaning. We slept on the ground that night - sleeping bag really is comfortable. The next

Morning we were up at 4 AM. and the trucks started leaving for Texas. The convoy was about 40 miles long so the last of the trucks didn't leave until a little after 6 AM. One of the Sgts asked me to drive his car down so I didn't ride in those trucks. Instead I drove a 1942 Chevrolet all the way down here, which I enjoyed very much.

This camp is about 250 miles south of Ft. Sill. We are living in tents here now again, but I like it. I only wish we had a stove to heat it in the morning since it is pretty cold when we get up, but during the day we have nice weather. Our entire division is up here so I guess we will ~~not~~ work here a few months and then be sent on.

I'm getting along just fine, and really like Texas quite well. Be sure and write my full address on here, since the 2nd Bn is also here. Love
Ralph