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FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

November 30, '41
"Our Banocks"

Dear Folks;

Sunday afternoon and time for me to answer your letter. I suppose you folks had a very nice Thanksgiving visiting with Ted and Jennie. So nice Alfred could go along with them back for a vacation - he really deserved it.

We went to church this morning but we had to stand up through the service - the chapel was just packed. Probably the headlines in this morning paper had something to do with it. I don't know if you heard the President's speech last night but he said very probably that the boys who are in training now will probably see action in the coming year. Not a very pleasant thought especially since next year is only a month away.

We have had another busy week learning more and more about directing the

shooting an entire Battalion of big guns. A Battalion consists of 12 big guns.

We had our second exam on Friday. It was quite a bit harder than the first but I think I hit it pretty good. Should get at least a 90% on it.

On Thursday morning we ran the obstacle course again. I managed to run it in about two minutes and fourteen seconds — pretty good time but I hope to make it in 2 minutes flat yet.

We had our inspection again on Sat, but we passed it. Several of the fellows worked yesterday afternoon — working off demerits — luckily I haven't acquired any so far. On Wednesday afternoon we weren't so fortunate. The inspecting officer said our barracks wasn't quite clean enough so I and the rest of the Platoon had to haul rocks — 12 truckload or about 20 ton — really hard work.

No news yet regarding Christmas furlough but I'm still hoping.
Must close now — Hoping you are all well
Love
Ralph