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UNITED STATES ARMY

CAMP BOWIE, TEXAS

June 8, 1942
 1st Bty, 1st Bn
 77th Field Artillery

Dear folks:

Just a few words to let you know I got here O.K. Had a good trip but felt a little blue most of the way. Rode on two streamliners from Omaha to Kansas City, Mo. and from Kansas City to Oklahoma City. Had a 5 hr layover in Kansas City from 12-5:30. Arrived in Flat Wath at 7 A.M. this morning and couldn't get a train until 11:15 P.M. for Branwood so I took a Bus for \$2 and got into Branwood at 11:15 this morning. So it only took 30 hrs coming back counting the 5 1/2 hr layover in Kansas City. It took 36 hrs to come home with no layovers so in reality I made it 11 hrs quicker in actual travel time. Those streamliners really-rolled.

When I came into Camp I found it practically deserted since our outfit is out in the field.

I think I'll join them tomorrow. Also found out I was very fortunate in getting my furlough when I did since they canceled all furloughs starting after June 1 for the next three months. I also was very lucky in another way, I had half-expected to lose some money in the new shake-up ratings that were to come in June 1, but I found out I got a raise instead and am now a technician 4th Grade which is the same as Sgt. Under the new Pay Bill this will give me \$78 a month. So now I'm going to save some money the Bond Way. I've just filled out papers having the Government take out \$18.75 every month out of my pay and for this one \$25. Bond will be sent to you to hold for me. That way I'll save some money. Well must close now

Lots of Love
Ralph