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## Letter from Fort Still, Oklahoma, July 27, 1942

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Dear folks;

Received your welcome letter this past week and am glad to hear everything all right. Had a letter from Myra too and so I know she is getting along just fine which certainly is grand.

This Past week-end we finished our first part in this O.C. School - we learned all about the workings of Army motor, and since I knew very little about that stuff I really learned a lot. We had 5 exams on this course and I got 4 "S"s back (which means satisfactory) and I know I passed the last exam but I haven't gotten that mark back yet.

On Saturday afternoon we went on a Road March to complete the course. It was composed of three phases, (1) a day-light march in which I was Route-Marker, (2) a blackout march at night in which I drove a big 6 wheel drive truck and (3) a march back onto camp in which I drove a 4 wheel drive

weapons carrier. Altogether we made about a hundred miles and since we didn't get back until about 11 o'clock Sunday morning we have today off to rest up.

Next week we study material (from now to Sat) which is study all the working parts of guns from the small pistols and rifles to the big Howitzers.

Say Dad, I believe I'm going to have to have my birth certificate up here before I'm finished. So I wonder if you could get that for me some time in your spare time and send it up here I have to have it before October.

I was so busy last week I completely forgot about Alfred's birthday so please excuse me Alfred for forgetting so I'm sending you best wishes now. Since I haven't a chance to buy you anything I'll just send you the cash and you can get what you need. How is your hand getting along? You shouldn't get your hands on the wrong places.

Just heard from Genevieve that Ray had cablegrammed home that they had completed