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## Letter from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, August 2, 1942

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Dear folks;

Just a few words to let you know I'm getting along o.k. We have just finished another tough week over here. It has been terribly hot and sitting in these low roofed buildings listening to a lecture really wears one down. Since our subjects for the past week was guns, we really had to cover a lot of material. We had four exams on it and I've gotten three "S"s back and I still haven't got my last paper back but I think I passed that course alright. So that means  $\frac{1}{4}$  of this school has been completed.

Starting tomorrow we have "Gunners" for  $5\frac{1}{2}$  weeks. This is the big course where we learn to shoot and actually direct the fire of the big guns. This ought to be very interesting since the government has allowed us each quite a bit of ammunition to shoot up in the course of our training. We were told the other day that it costs the government \$90. a day for each one of us to be sent to this

school, so this 90 day course I'm getting  
costs the government about \$8,100. So you see  
we are really receiving some fancy training  
up here.

This coming week I am a table-waiter  
for the entire week so that means eating on the  
run and chewing later. Some fun if you can  
take it.

So my Bond hasn't come through yet. I guess  
it might take quite awhile since my ~~pre~~ Service  
Record had to come here when I changed stations.  
However let me know when you get it and also  
the date on it.

I suppose everyone's busy thrashing around  
home. How is the grain running this year?  
How does the corn look? I would sort of like  
to see a nice piece of corn again.

Must close now, hoping this finds you  
all well

I am,  
Ralph