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Letter from Fort Still, Oklahoma, August 8, 1942

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Dear folks;

Received your welcome letter this morning and am glad to hear everything is going along o.k. - I suppose when you get this the threshing will be almost over. You know I sat & miss that this year probably because its the first season I have ever missed. Time really goes fast nowadays - on tuesday I will have been here 4 weeks already and in another month I will have completed one year in the army and it looks like I'll spend a good many more years in it. Say Dad it looks like they keep you plenty busy too around there, I suppose help is pretty scarce around there.

We've had another very rough week out here. It has been terribly hot and there is so much to learn that it is very nerve-wracking at times - We usually study late and then in the morning when we get up were

still dead tired — it really is the roughest
work I've ever done. Since I was a
tablewaiter this past week I was kept
busy during meal hours waiting on tables, and
didn't get much chance to eat. I've lost
several pounds since I came up here
but don't feel now the worse for it.

Several of the fellows have flunked out
already, but my grades have all been
satisfactory so far.

By the way, we do have good food
here, only we don't have enough time to enjoy
it.

Tomorrow or rather Monday we begin firing
the guns — ought to be interesting

Must close now

Love
Ralph

P.S. Dad, don't forget to look into and send
me my birth certificate.