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Letter from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, August 23, 1942

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August 30, 1941

Dear folks;

Have a few minutes before going into town for a dinner so I'll write you a few lines.

Well we've passed another week over here again and this really was the "bloody" week. We lost no less than 7 men from our section. Some were dropped from school altogether and others were set back a few weeks. We now have only 23 men left in the section. Out of the seven exams and five units we had this week I managed to get 8 perfect papers and the rest had only minor errors so I feel quite elated. I also got to fix two different problems this and they both went very well.

But that as far as my good luck went. I managed to ~~to~~ get about 10 elements in two days, but this

wasn't all my fault. We got a new tactical officer and he's really rough on us fellows. He's the most foul speaking man I've ever heard and seriously it wouldn't break ^{my} heart if he would die of heart failure.

I am going out into the country tomorrow with one of my friends for a nice home fried chicken dinner. I can taste it already.

I can't understand why none of my bonds have ever come home. I'll wait a little longer and if nothing happens I'll go see the administration department here.

Must close now,
Love

Ralph

P.S. Notice that Spencer Jain was on last week, since I got a picture postcard from Myra I believe, but it didn't say who