

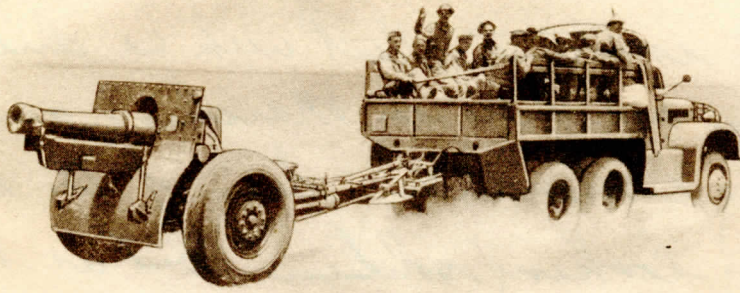
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Letter from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, September 20, 1942

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FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

Sept 20, 1942

Dear folks;

It's Sunday afternoon and time for me to answer your letter. I am feeling pretty good now again since my cold has let up quite a bit.

We've had another busy week up here. In the beginning of the week we finished studying communications. We had three exams on Tuesday afternoon and I managed to get two good grades and one perfect paper so I feel well satisfied. But now we are really busy we got a little over 30 bombs to care in the last three weeks so we are almost going crazy trying to care them all. This is the phase called "tactics" which deals with outsmarting and outmaneuvering the enemy.

This past week I was one of the men picked to take special Instructor Drill.

So far as how each night we were drilled on how to instruct. Next week we drill the new classes out here in Marching and the art of giving commands. Some of the men are pretty sorry looking soldiers but we hope to get their chests up, and chins back if we have to drive them back with our fists.

I went to see about my bonds the other day and they said the government was slightly behind and that soon they would be coming.

Yesterday afternoon I picked out a Blouse and a pair pants which cost me \$60. I still have to buy about \$125 worth so you can see it really is high priced.

Must close now and do some studying.
Hope you are all well

Love
Ralph