



800TH
SIGNAL TRAINING REGIMENT
CAMP CROWDER, MISSOURI

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Dear June,

To save time in the future I am going to explain my new address to you and what it stands for.

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This really looks like a fine camp or Fort as it is. We have tile roofs on the barracks and sidways, paved streets and lots of trees. It reminds me of what I think Florida would look like.

It looks like another girl scout camp to me though as they aren't strict at all. I have always heard about how tough it was in the army, well I have been in 3 camps now and I have seen at any thing yet that is out of the ordinary. The way it has been up to now they might as well have christened the 4 F's as it would be quite a little rest cure for them. I may have to back down on that as the Field Artillery is no baby's outfit so it may be tougher as I get started.

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As yet, I have no idea of where I am destined but I am going to start to school again Monday. If the army has enough schools, I may stay in school for the duration. I think our primary purpose in being here is to study the Field Artillery radio equipment although I just finished studying it at Crowder along with the armored forces. You see there isn't a lot of difference in the two as far as the radio end of it goes as they work in conjunction with each other. The only thing is that the field artillery operates on ~~set~~ a higher frequency overlapping the armored force so that they can communicate with each other. Well enough of shop for a while and a little about the trip and my good luck. By the way when ever you move you always have something to write about.

I got a skilled excellent rating from F.M. school and when our shipping orders came out it had me down as leader of the group to Fort Hill. I had to go over to head quarters and receive my instructions for shipping my squad of 12. It was quite a responsible job as I would be held responsible for anything that went wrong. After hearing all they could do to me I had my doubts as to my wanting to be leader but I like responsibility and that helps in your climbing the ladder of advancement. Every thing worked out alright so I didn't have any trouble getting down here.

I had to see that all baggage got on and off the train, carry the tickets and see that they all got fed en route. Only had one scare at Okla City where one of the fellows got right on the other train and when I was counting my sheep I turned up one short. Well I had the boys hunting him and finally the descent clerk slowly walked off the train wondering what happened to us. You see there is a lot of danger of men going A. H. C. I. while transferring from camp to camp so you had to be especially on the guard for that.

You should see all the oil wells they have here in Okla. It looks like they are thicker than flies in some parts. Also the land is very flat and you can look for miles. We were in Okla City for about an hour but we didn't get to see a lot as I didn't want to get the fellows too far apart.

Well when we got here we were assigned to our barracks so we came on down and you should see the place. No body has lived in it since I don't know when and the last ones here didn't take any to good care of it. So we really had a tough job on our hands getting it cleaned.

The master sergeant that brought us down made me barracks sergeant so I am in charge of the upper floor with 35 men under me. If no body in the bunch



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of 20 that are yet to come doesn't suit me
so I will hold the job. I sure hope I do
as I have a private room and will get some
valuable experience leading men which will
help me if I ever get a commission. I
also won't have to do K.P. or Stamp guard
duty which are the two worst things in the
army. Even when we have D.I. party on
Friday nights (scrubbing the barracks) I won't
have to work, as I just see that the
job is done. So you can see that I am hoping
I get to keep it. I will still remain a 4th
though but the job calls for a staff sergeant.
You can't get a promotion while in school
but I don't mind that.

Well Jimmie are going to close for
now and go swimming. We have a big
swimming pool here at the Fort which
makes it nice.

How was the vacation and how is
Morgan and Mac?

Jim
Over.