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Dear Mom & Dad,

Tell the training has started. Thought we might get a little rest when this started, but it is just about as bad as ever. The camouflage course isn't hard at all. We go out and paint miniature houses and barracks. It is a lot of fun. Get plenty of time to rest and lay around.

Then we get through with our work at four thirty, we have physical exercises until 5:30 or six. Then we eat chow and maybe then you get a chance to rest a little bit.

Tomorrow night I have guard duty out in the mountains. Guarding an ammunition dump. At least I wish get it at the end of a week.

Happy in everything coming back home? Hope Pa is coming

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along alright with his work.

Last night we went out and fought a fire that has been going on since Sat. night. Several guys got burnt, not too bad, but I suppose that it didn't feel very good. Got to sleep all morning long. But that work happen in here again.

Bought me a wrist watch for \$35. Will send the other one home if I can find a small sturdy box.

Has it snowed back there yet? Just about as hot as ever here. Don't know when the rainy season starts. Sure hope it doesn't for a long time.

In a couple of weeks we take a bus trip and also a plane trip, looking over the Camouflage Area around here. That will be O.K. by me. Guess I will close now. Love Bill.