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Dear Mom & Dad,

I am writing this just after I returned from church. It is sure swell to get up at six o'clock once a week. Every other morning except Thursday, we get up at five. On Thursday morning we get up at four-thirty. Thursday is record day, that is the day "boots" fire for record. Well, we are now going to Chow.

Just arrived back from Chow. A person can look forward to good meals on weekends, because they have to give the recruits a good impression. After that, they don't care.

It is getting easier all the time here. Those first three or four days they almost kill you. If you aren't double-jointed, they will make you so in a very short time. We "snapin'" about two days of this coming week, then we start to work in the butts for a couple

of day. The butts are where they run the targets. I guess it is really easy, so some of the fellows say.

Shooting right-handed isn't so much different from the other way. We have fired the .32 twice and the .30 Cal. carbine twice also. Friday we will start to fire our M1. It's like the P.S.C. said, "that's your baby only ^{you} don't know it." It really pays to be able to fire that piece correctly. For expert you get an extra \$5 every month. Sharpshooter you get \$3. It sure seems funny to think that three weeks from today we will be heading for live camp somewhere. Our platoon has had detail, where we cleaned the heads and etc. I haven't had to help yet!

So you have a new base. If I come home for a furlough, you had better let me know where you are.

11 The rainy season has started
in the northern part of the
state, I think. It sure was
foggy here Sat. morning. You
couldn't see the end of a row but
from the other end. It is about
100 ft. long. Haven't seen the
shaws up here yet! Have seen
some baying matches though.

They are swell. Haven't seen Ken
yet. I know where he is now.
I have walked past his hut
more than once. I've sure got
in some arguments here about
which part of the country is the
best. There are a lot of people
here from Midwest and West.

I bought the first Hershey bars
I have had for a long time. I
bought four of them and I have
a few left. Got a letter from Syl.
He sent me a picture of himself.
I am sending it too you to put in
the scrap book. It is really swell
that is the matter with the
rest of the relations? I write letters

but don't receive any. I am
I shall close for now.

Love
Bill.

7-3-10 minutes