

P.S. what is your name from
Henry?

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Dear Folks:

I guess I was right in
guessing we're at Camp Berkeley,
Texas about 12 miles west of
Abilene Texas. It's pretty hot
down here but not much
hotter than it probably is in

Russell. We live in barracks
with 14 men in each room.

Our Basic Training starts
next Monday; until then we
do exercises, march, and listen
lectures on Army discipline and
Army life.

There are a few things that
I need and can't get here. I
need about 10 clothes hangers.

T-shirts, white wool socks and
Tennis shoes. I think my tennis
shoes are around there some-
where as are the socks and
T-shirts. We can't buy clothes
hangers around here and I need
them to hang my clothes on so
send them as soon as possible.

I spent most of the day today watering grass. There's not a tree in sight around this place all one can see is buildings and every little grass.

They say our basic training will be plenty rough so I think that I'll like it. I've already gotten a nice tan for I've had my shirt off 2 days.

We are confined to our barracks for 2 weeks for various reasons.

Our non-coms are pretty good fellows, though they act pretty tough and swear quite a little. I'm a squad leader in my platoon; Dad should know what that means.

Basic Training lasts 11 weeks so it should end sometime in October. There are 300 men in our company of these about 80 will go overseas, 4 to Officers Candidate school, 10 or 15 to school and the rest will be sent to some base hospital for technical training. Write more later. Love