

July, 25

Dear Folks:

Sunday, and one day of Basic completed. It wasn't bad at all but they did keep us busy.

We've gotten a lot of mail the past week and a lot of things for my birthday. Thanks for the cake and candy; it didn't take long for the boys around here to eat it. It took about 3 days for it to get here and the bananas you sent were spoiled; but the cake was all right. It's pretty hard to send food this far so I would rather have oranges and apples.

Haven't seen Henry since Thursday. Had planned on seeing him today but they kept us busy all morning and I had to wash clothes this afternoon. Don't know how soon I will



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get to see him, but I try to get over this week sometime. Johnny Steek's wife was down to see Johnny so I got to talk to her for a while this afternoon.

I haven't gotten the money "Dad" wired as yet. If he hasn't sent it tell him not to wire it for I have to go to Abilene to get it and they won't let us go to town for a week or two.

Betty Joe called me about 2 hours ago and said that they would try to come down to see Henry and I if they could, I doubt that we could ever get a pass to go that far. It's about 200 miles from here. Had a letter from Barbara today and a package from Ethel and Owen yesterday. Had a good birthday presents from Grace, she made me a cake, sent me a shoe shine kit, shower slipper and a fountain pen. Grandma and Grandpa Dale sent me a nice birthday card with a dollar in it. Grace's mother sent me a card too. I received the Prayer Book from Rev. Jenkins and wrote to him



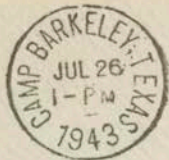
last night and thanked him for  
it. I had X.P. on my birthday so  
I didn't have much time to celebrate.

I haven't much else to write  
about so I'll have to stop writing  
and write to Grace. I'll try to find  
a souvenir around here some time  
and send it to you. Well don't work  
too hard you two and I'd like  
to have a letter from "Dad" now  
and then. You might take turns  
writing letters once or twice a week.

Good bye -- Love

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