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DEAR FOLKS:

Well here I am again, but was I ever surprised when I found out that I was being shipped to Berkeley, Kas. As far as I know and as much as I have seen around this place they can have it and I will take any part of good old Kansas. I haven't seen Bob as yet and this is my second day here but I wrote him a letter today so we will be able to see each other in a few week's, the reason we can't see each other is that ~~we~~ we are quarantined in our barracks for two weeks and we can't go any place or see anything, you have probably heard a lot about Berkeley from Bob but he is in the good part of the camp I can see it from where I am stationed they have barracks and we have "huts" but they are more like a dog house than anything else. It rained here

today and it was so hot that it evaporated before it ever reached the ground you could see the water hit the roof and then it disappeared or evaporated so you can see it is plenty hot here, I think Bob has a good deal from what I can find out, but you might know what my luck would give me, the food is so rotten that you can't possibly eat it so everyone goes to the P. O. such as it is, and all you can get there is pop & gum, and if you are lucky you get ice cream. At least Bob has a good place to sleep because you can see his blankets, but ~~ours~~ ours are made from black tar paper, and they don't even cool off at night, If I can take what they give me here I could take anything and that's no lie.

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I guess all I can do is take it  
and that's going to be one of the hardest  
jobs of my life. My Basic Training starts  
next Monday so wish me luck. and hope  
that I make it. Write every day and I think  
I can struggle along. I have \$1.00 left  
so ask dad if I can borrow about \$10.00  
because I won't get paid until the  
10th of August and they took \$12.50 for  
boards and \$6.25 for insurance, also  
I must pay to have my clothes cleaned & pressed  
and for having them altered, I also need  
2 towels, <sup>steel</sup> hangers, and a pair of plain  
shoes <sup>size</sup> 9 1/2 " They don't have to be  
very good but I really need them. I hope  
this letter doesn't make you think  
that I can't take what they give  
me, but it is really hard to take,  
after what I have been used to. Texas  
is a good state in places but you  
should see this place. "OVER"

#d the fellows on the train really enjoyed  
that package I got so would you please  
send another especially the fudge cookies  
thanks a lot now. I may get a  
furlough in 12 or 13 weeks. But if I do  
it means I go across, ~~in~~ case you  
didn't know I am also in the  
Medical corps but I will probably  
have to carry a stretcher or something  
of that sort but I don't get to  
drive an ambulance they have already  
made that clear. Say hello to everyone  
and tell them to write - give them my  
address -

'ALL MY LOVE'

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