

West Texas, one of the continent's greatest highland regions where altitudes range from 3,000 to 7,000 feet, is called the home of sunshine. Before the Civil War the white man's ventures into this country were confined to expeditions. It is hard to conceive the space this part of Texas covers, as the states of Michigan, Maryland, and Massachusetts combined would fit in with much room to spare. From vast expanses of open prairies in the '80's West Texas now produces 2/5 of the nation's oil, 2/7 of the nation's cotton, 1/2 of the nation's cattle, enough natural gas to supply the whole United States, and 3/5 of the nation's wool. It is unlimited in its undeveloped resources in mineral, oil, and agricultural products.



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Camp Barkeley, Texas

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Dear folks.

Well we have a whole night to ourselves so I am taking this opportunity of writing to you, I have received your packages + the money had sent me but I haven't even had time enough to write + thank you for them but I want to do that now, thank's a lot for everything now + Bob I don't know what I would ^{do} without your letters + the packages I get + I know Bob feels the same way. So don't ever think they are not appreciated keep it up. over

We really had a hike
last night and made 8 miles
in 1,37, minutes so you can
see how fast we walked &
also a full field pack. Now
the 11th Armoured Division moved
here to camp last week from
Camp Polk Louisiana, try to find
out if anyone was at camp Polk
from Russell & us guys will
go look them up. Mr. Hoge might
know, my watch is still running as
I got my horse shoes from
Glady's tonight & I also some
lemons, I am going to write her
tonight. while I have time.

I got in pretty good with our
mess sargent, ~~he~~ I can go down to
the mess at night and if he is there
I get coffee & cookies the other
night I ate watermelon I got
a letter from sis Friday and
she said that Larry was coming
down but he never showed up
he must of had to do something
else, he may be here next
week end well I must close for
now, as I saw sis + Ethel,
Bert, Della + Harold a letter I
will write soon.

I got weighed last night I
weighed 168 and when I left home
I weighed 165 and I can
part my hair now - ~~in kidding~~
write soon
Love
Lore Kery

Thanks for the package
now you can't imagine how
much we enjoy getting them.