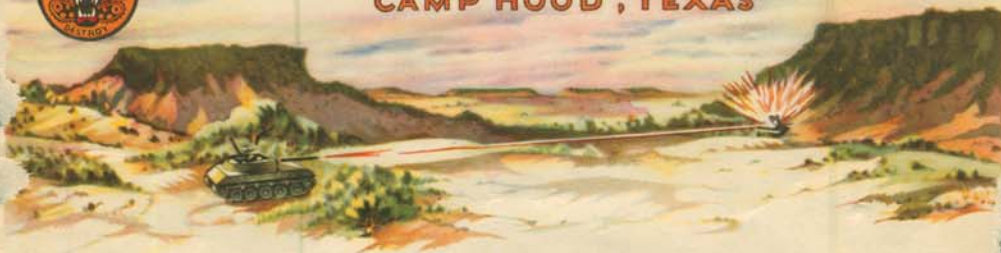




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Sept 13

Dear Tom

I received your fine letter of Sept 9/43. I was glad to hear from you. Tom you told me if I would put my heart into it I would get places.

Well I am as far as I care to be right now. In fact I would be just as happy as a private I don't even bother to put stripes on. I am not that proud of them. They gave me 2 stripes before and I turned them down. This time I took them because I wanted to go to school and get out of manovers. Well I got to school and that is what I wanted. You asked me if I will go over after this 3 months. Well of course not I expect to get some teaching on airplane engines for 1 month after that here in Hood. Then I am going to try to go to Flint Michigan to diesel for 6 weeks more. I might get it the same way I got this because I was the only driver who went all thru 2 months of manovers without an accident or a break down witch I am proud to say.

We had a number of men hurt and of all our tanks I was the only one who dint tear of a fender or a gage. There were also a quite a few who will never have to talk or worry about the war any more quite a few. Well I am glad to hear about your good luck with Lots job - I

Just hope you will keep moving. Yes Jack should be credited for his good work. He is dang fine. I was down to see him Sunday. I hitched hiked a ride because I couldnt get a bus. I got there at 12³⁰ Saturday night. a guy picked me up with a trailer truck with 17 tons on it. We fell asleep driving and I woke him and asked him if he wanted me to drive. He said, "So ahead." Well I went ahead and I really did make time. I was wide open all the way except when we stopped to eat. When I got there the driver said what did you do fly soldier. I said well I keep rooling, witch was no lie. I left there Sunday night at 7³⁰ because Jack had to get back to camp by 9 P.M. I had till 6 this morning. I met Jack at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. I sleep on the floor in a P.M.H. all Saturday night. I went to mass at 9 Sunday morning at St. Marys church. Old Jack really looks fine. I was sure glad to see him. He is about 140 miles from me. Sam broke but I am still going to see him next Sunday he gets a pass to town. I cant get one but I will just sneak out as usualy. I never got caught yet. I came back by streetbound bus. I stayed in Austin Texas for a while on my way down. It is a nice city. So long.
Maurice.

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