

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, July 19, 1923

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[Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas]

Dear Bess:

I sure raised sand with the adjutant yesterday morning when I didn't get a letter, but it came in the afternoon and boy! how nice it was. I am so sorry about the teeth and I do hope you will have them out right away. You ought not to put it off because it might make you have something real at a time when you couldn't afford it, so please have them out.

Well we are in the midst of a great war between Kansas and Missouri and the mean part about it is that I am in the Kansas army and am helping to lick my own people and doing a good job at it. Say, but this is fine for brain work and they keep us in such excellent physical shape that our brains really work. I'd give most anything to take the School of Fire course and then take the year at Leavenworth. We were out again

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yesterday watching that Battery work and I've cooked up a deal to put all the second lieutenants here on horses and the guns and take that Battery out once for a real go-around. I guess it will go across and I'll have a real time.

If Jacobson doesn't ask you to come up here Friday, I'll not have anything more to do with him, but I'm sure he'll ask you. He told me he would.

I am going to have to write orders for a whole division today, and believe me it's a real job. I won't have time to think of any politicians or jobs or roads either for the balance of the week.

Don't fail to write, because my day is ruined if I don't get that letter. All the love in the world. I'm still busy but still writing.

Yours, Harry