

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, July 10, 1927

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[Ft. Riley, Kansas]

Sunday night, July 10, 1927

Dear Bess & Margie:

We arrived on schedule, that is, in time to take a bath and have our noonday meal here at Ft. Riley. We'd have been about forty minutes earlier but for a nail in the right front tire at Manhattan. It happened right in town and only one block from a garage or we'd have been in a nice fix, for there was no jack in the car. I shall probably unburden my sentiments

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to friend Oliver when I return. If he had my job and I his, I'd expect a good going-over under the same circumstances and I'd probably get it.

I am very nicely situated, have a room with a would-be closet and another with a washstand and toilet. It pays to be a lieutenant colonel. I have Eddie McKim in my room at my request. He promoted me a table, a couple of chairs, and a bureau with a mirror, so we shall live in fine style.

The training program is rather strenuous. I'll pro-

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bably be a very busy person as I am the Executive or second in command of this skeleton regiment. They are to fire some 1200 rounds of ammunition and I guess we'll have a fine time doing it.

It is now 10 P.M. and I've got to arise at 5:45 so you see I've got to get to bed. It's about

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104 in the shade up here. I haven't been so hot in four years. It looks as if it might rain, in which case it will be cooler. Went swimming this afternoon with Eddie and Rufus.

Kiss my baby and tell her to write me and you do the same. Not a sign of headache tonight and I hope you haven't.

Your sweetheart Harry