

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, August 26, 1933

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Camp Pike, Ark.

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Dear Bess:

No letter yesterday or the day before. I've been terribly hard to get along with. I was supposed to go to Bauxite last night to a boxing match but curtly refused and went to bed at seven thirty. I don't know whether it was the lack of letters or whether I was just feeling mean, anyway I didn't go.

Yesterday at noon Col. Sullivan, who is the senior regular here and a Lt. Col. of Infantry, and I took two of the trainees down to Little Rock to a civic club so they could read a couple of prize essays they had written on citizenship. The club gave them medals and they evidently had the event of

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their lives. I met an ex-governor of Arkansas by the name of Brouf [Charles Hillman Brough] who is a friend of Pendergast's and who was very pleased to see me when he found I knew him.

There was a swimming meet when we got back to camp and a very good one; although one man was first in every event. The contests were all for second and third places. The boy who won all the firsts is champion 220 yd man for the state so of course the others didn't have much chance. I hope you are all in good health and that you've had as cool weather as we have. Kiss my baby.

Love to you both Harry.