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Dear Mom and Pop,

I received your Sept 11 mail this noon and the second mail this evening.

Tell Jo-chan to send me a letter, but tell him not to use too much hard words. I haven't gone to Japanese school for a couple of years, so I forgot a lot of my work.

Gee, it sure feels good to get mail from home. I guess you feel the same way to hear from me.

When I ask you to send me something, please don't rush downtown that day to buy it. Wait until Thursday. I'm not in that much of a hurry for the articles.

We had quite a busy day today. First, in the morning, we had a lecture on how to adjust to Army life, then we went to a movie on first aid, then we had a field class on first aid. In the afternoon, we had our first hike. It was only about 2 or 3 miles, but it was to give us an idea of how fast we were to go. We march for 50 minutes and then rest for 10 minutes. At the rate we go, it's very easy walking.

Don't worry about the money situation. I still have thirty dollars. Not much to spend on in camp. Don't worry, I won't hesitate to write to you, if I need money.

I wrote to Frank, Bill, and Paul yesterday so you don't have to worry about me not thanking them.

We (are platoon) have to go out and drill an extra hour because the men, not the squad leaders, were sloppy in marching. I don't mind the extra hour for the men, but what I don't like is that the squad leaders have to go out with

them to give the commands.

Boy, I'm getting a good sun tan, we're outside all day, so we all get pretty dark.

You don't have to worry about me becoming sick because everything we do or eat is inspected. If we do get sick we immediately go on the sick list. Everything in quick and up-to-date.

Gee, the food is really good here. I don't know whether I'm going to gain or lose weight, as I said before.

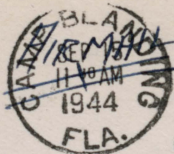
The weather out here is still pretty hot. We all sweat quite freely so we take a couple of salt tablets every day. The temperature doesn't go up too high, but the humidity is very high so the place always has a wet, hot feeling. But the morning and evening is very nice.

I think the gang and I will go swimming this Saturday. The lake is really nice. It's a little bigger than Lake Merced. It has a sandy beach all along the side and the water is nice and warm.

Well, we're going to the movies tonight, so I'll say so-long until tomorrow.

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