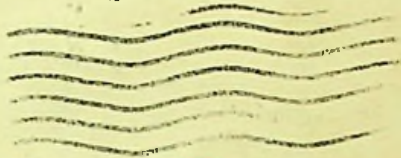
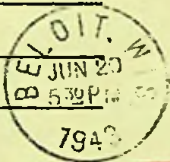


1st card

Free



POST CARD

Mr. & Mrs. George Lewis
Middleton
Wiscour

Dear folks:

Well here I am
just stopping for a

20 minute rest a Beirut
It is exactly 7:30

now & we have a quite
a far ride left, it
seems in dirty in the
train well good - by
until I get down to
Camp Grant. (I wrote

this in about a $\frac{1}{2}$ minute
so please excuse) and he
just gave me this Post Card
so I thought I would write
Love
Sony

Rifle Inspection, Camp Grant, Illinois



From:
Capt. Wm Simon U.S. Army
C.O. "D" 1633rd S.O. Bks 168

Camp Grant Ill.

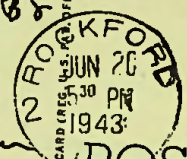
Dear Father:

Just a line to let you
know I arrived safely. Don't
much to tell you.

Please don't write back
because I won't get your letter
I think I'm going to leave
for a different camp in a
couple days. I'll write
when I get there.

Love Sonny

2nd card



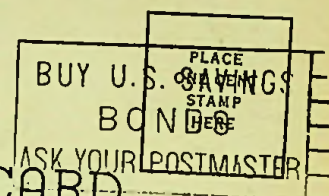
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POST CARD

Mr & Mrs George Simon

Middleton

Wisconsin



From

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Capt. William Simon ~~Army~~
C.O.D. 1633rd S.O. ~~Post~~
Camp Grant Ill.



~~Free~~
BUY U.S. SAVINGS
BONDS
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER

Mr & Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

Dear Falbst Family

Well here I am just getting through with dinner, which the Army calls it (chow). I just had a shot about 10:30 for Typhoid Fever and its starting to hurt my arm a little right now.

I got my uniform Monday and boy is that a job they just push you through everything like your a mule. no kidding I never seen so many uniforms in all my life.

I'm lucky in away Ralph
Sawberker sleeps right above
me & Fritz Adler sleeps to beds
away from me. Just for we can
stick together in our permanent camp.

I don't no if I will get in the
Aviation Cadet or not they put
you where you are best fitted.

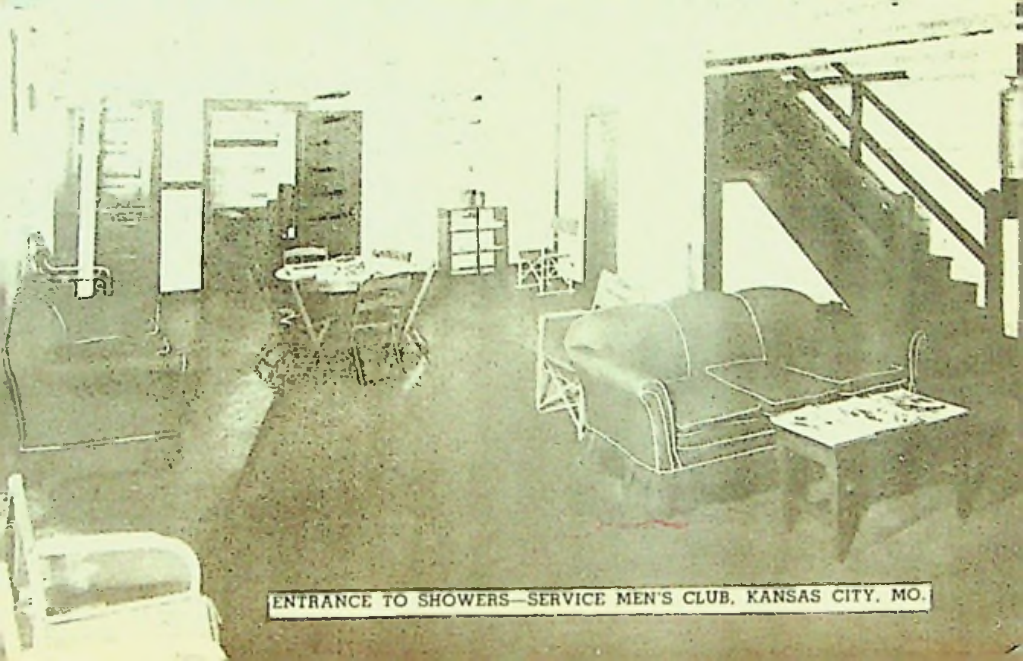
I send these receipts ~~with~~ to
you so please mother keep them

I suppose Jimmy is over to
Harden all the time. I sure
wish I was in Jimmy's shoes

He doesn't know how lucky he
is.

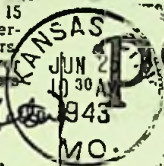
I suppose Daddy is tending
to his garden & winning plenty
of money & coal.

Lillian is damn lucky she's a
girl this is our time I wish I was
a girl, but I suppose things will be
all right when I get to my permanent
camp which will be probably this
week sometime if you get this letter
by Wednesday night back in a
hurry (Just to go quick sayest
just called, till next
when I reach my next camp ^{over sea} Love
Love



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POST
CARD



From (I like the army a little better)
 Pvt. Wm Simon U.S. Army
 C.O.D. 1633rd S.V. Bkbr 138
 Camp Grant Illinois.

Dear Folks:

I left Camp Grant Wednesday
 at 2:30 & it is ^{now} 8:15 & I
 I'm in Kansas City, Mo. They
 won't tell me what camp I'm
 going to, but I ~~think~~ ^{hope} I'll find some

Mr & Mrs. George Simon
 Middleton
 Wisconsin

*William Rockhill Nelson Art Gallery
Atkins Museum of Fine Arts
Kansas City, Missouri*



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Ordn. Wm. Simon U.S. Army
C.O.D. 1633rd S.O. Bn. B38
Camp Grant, Ill.
Dear Folks:

Am in Dodge City, Kansas
now about 900 miles from
home & still a rolling along
Just got through eating supper.
I hope we go to California
the 4th. Love Sam

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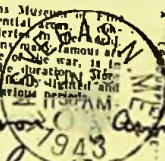
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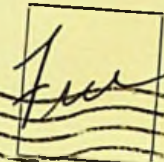
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POST CARD



From Paul Wm. Simon
C.O.D. 1633280 Buhr. 135
Camp Grant, Ill.

Dear Folks:

I'm still a rolling along
just got through eating in
new Mexico, I wish I knew
what I was going but of course
this is a military secret.

Love Honey

Mr George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF KANSAS CITY
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Prod. William Simon
Pstry. A 826 2h A A S/L Bm.
Qa ATC Fort Bliss, Texas

8th



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Mr & Mrs George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

SERVICE MEN'S CLUB

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for National Defense

15 PERSHING ROAD
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



Dear Folks;

Well I suppose you are wondering where I am located, I'll give you 3 guesses, I am in the biggest state in the world its Texas & deep in the heart of it to.

The main thing you want to know is probably what I'm ~~doing~~ doing in the army well it isn't the Air Corp, they put you where they want to. I guess I'm in the Search Light Division which everybody says is the safest thing in the army. I can't tell you nothing about it because I haven't studied it yet & nothing has been said about studying it, right now I am taking my Basic training which isn't very tough so far because I am not a weenie, we have are Basic training 18 weeks which is a very long time.

Well there isn't much I can tell you because I don't know nothing myself yet, the only thing I can tell you is I'm

about 2,000 miles from home, which is
way to far to suit me. I sure wish I was home
with everybody. I didn't realize how nice it
is to be home (so much for that I'm just plain
home sick.) As I was saying there isn't much to
tell you yet except I went through the states
of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado,
New Mexico & now in Texas.

Well so much for that & please excuse
my writing on other because I am tired & laying
down on my bed writing on my suit case
Blondie gave me.

Please write back right away because I
~~am dying to hear from you. I'm sure I will~~
am dying to hear from you. I'm sure I will
have more to write next time (I do I can't write letters.)
Mother take care of yourself & the rest of the family
I know you can do it.

Love Sonny

my address is:

Post William Simon

A.S.N. 36823447

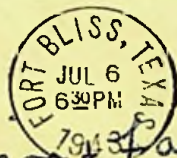
Bty. "A" 326th AAAS/L Bn.

~~AAAC~~ AAATC. Fort Bliss, Texas

(Don't take my address from the envelope)

Br. William Simon
654th AAA M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss Texas

9th



Mr & Mrs. George Simon & family
Middleton
Wisconsin

July 4, 1943

Dear Mother:

See mother I don't know what the heck's wrong down here none of the guys are getting any letters, that's the new guys like me. I haven't got a letter yet, but I imagine it's because I have a different address now.

They took all us young fellows out of the Beach light Division and put us in the Airborne which is really a tough outfit, they say it's the second toughest outfit in the army first is the Paratroopers, they all say it's a lot more tougher than the ~~Infantry~~ ^{Infantry} which Albert is in. We all ~~had~~ ^{got} a machine gun issued to us it really is a nice machine gun it is a 45 caliber, about 9 1/2 Pounds & it ~~isn't~~ ^{isn't} ~~quite~~ ^{isn't} pretty heavy on a persons back.

None of the fellows like this place
became it's so damn tough and I'm telling
you it sure is hot in Texas it has an
altitude of 4,000 and alot of the guys can't
take that they get bloody noses and sore
throats, but it hasn't bothered me yet, but
when we go out in the Desert I suppose
I will pass out because ~~about~~ alot of the
fellows do. Fritz Adler is in a different
battery then me just one away and about
50 yards from me, but nights were always
with each other, I last night he was
telling me he went on top of a mountain
he said he came so close to fainting it
wasn't funny, you understand were in
the same thing but just different batteries,
honest the Desert there isn't a happy
boy in this outfit everybody feels very
blue and I'm one of them, but I

suppose I'll ~~be~~ get use to it because
I'll have to, don't forget if anybody
ask you what I'm in tell them it's
the Anti air Craft Airborne just Airborne
is enough I tell ~~them~~ everybody if they
ask you about the Airborne tell them to
stay out of it & the Army, if anybody has
to go like the young fellows tell them
to get in the Navy because it's alot
better than the Army.

Right now I am quarantined and
can't leave the battery, I expect to get
out of it some time this week, but
every night a Sargent takes us all
down to the PX which is a place to
buy Pop. beer, candy and every thing you
need, we get to go down there every night
from 9:00 to 9:30 then come back &

get to bed, everybody has to be in bed at 11:00
o'clock during the week days and 1:30
on Saturdays & Sundays.

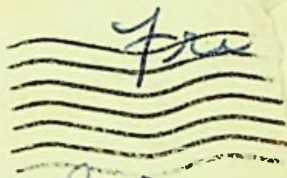
There isn't much more I can tell you about
this outfit because right now we are getting
about of exercise & mostly marching to get us
all in good shape.

I suppose you & Daddy & the two brats
are having about of fun right now eating
ice cream & walking around in a Piney grove
somewhere, is Jimmy a steel always over to
Dorcas home make ^{him} stay home a little and
help you work, (like I did) no kidding tell
Eileen not to go out with any soldiers because
there's plenty of guys out there she can go out
with. Is Daddy catching any fish. Mother make
everybody write something on the letter you
send me. Honest the book I haven't got a letter
yet, I'll write right away & get it down to
the Post office. Take care of everybody.
Love Sonny

Prof. W. Allen Simon 36823444

654th 777 M. G. Bldg

Fort Bliss Texas



Mr & Mrs. George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

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July 7, 1943
Wednesday 7:45

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Everybody:

Well finally I received my first letter and boy was I happy, honest the gosh Mother its like receiving a hundred dollar from someone. Now I'll answer those questions

I reached Texas June 25th at 9:30 P.M. I liked it very well at the beach fights but sure do hate it were I am now. you sure see alot of mountains around here & also deserts, but it just seem when the beautiful scenery came it was at night & didn't see it, because I was sleeping, at that time thats just my luck.

I get up every morning at 5:30 but that doesn't bother me because I always get to bed about 9:30, but the day seems awful long. For basic training so far we do alot of marching climbing mountains & alot of exercises, the hardest of all in the obstacle course the first thing we do in the obstacle is run about 50 yards & jump a small fence then we run about 50 more ^{yd.} ~~thru~~ ^{over} alot of rocks & bushes then we jump over a wall or rather climb it & its about $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet high & then face on the ground from it, then we have to jump on a rope & pull across a big hole if you don't make it you just fall & liable to get hurt, then we crawl on our hands & knees through a tunnel & then turn ourselves out of a place all fully boards then we climb & fence about 40 feet & come down the other side on ropes which is very very very dangerous more then one person fell from there & got killed but I can make it. Pretty lary, there always a couple of ambulances around that place. This basic is long so far the toughest is coming but I know I can make it, that's right down my alley. Don't worry about me I can do it long so far.

The only day I get off in Sundays but right now I aren't getting any days off because I am quarantined. I expect to get out on Friday, I am 7 miles from the

clover town but I don't know what it looks like yet I
haven't seen a girl since I was in the Army. The first time I
get to town I will send you some pictures. The Jacks holding out
up so far so don't send me anymore unless I need it, you need
it more than I do, but when you I got the dough I only had
60 cents left but it seemed like the letter tickled me more than
the dough. Fritz is with me but I don't know where Balph is
when he was down to Camp I want he got a letter from his mother &
he told me his dad is awful sick in fact sister, he said something
about going home but I don't know if he did.

How does Eileen like her work, I think she should stay home
and help you work. make her write something on the next letter to
and be sure sure Daddy writes something. I sure got a big kick
out of Jimmy's letter he sure can write for a little squint, he's
got it all over me.

I think the pictures are very good & want to keep them all, pretty
good looking bunch ha ha. all that reminds me I broke my
crystal on my watch do you think I should send it home, brother
Oliver really tough on a watch I'm afraid I'll wreck it.

Mother will you send me my razor the double edge one
because the one the Army furnished isn't the with a damn I also send
me my basketball bag if you could but I much rather have
the your suit case but I imagine you need it. It's getting
dark now & I can't see what I'm writing. I hate to ask
the fellows to take the rods down just for I can get light

Please don't worry about me because I can
take care of myself. Take care of yourself & everybody.

P.S. Don't forget to have
everybody write a little bit
Love Sonny
*(The fellows just told me I can't have a suit case
but send me my basketball bag.)*

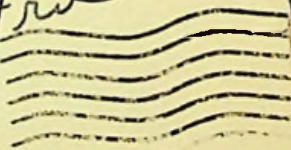
all I just thought when the Doctor gave me
shots he broke two needles in my left arm. I just
had a shot about an hour ago & I'm going to get
another one to-morrow. It's the first time for a long
while I only got 3 shots left & one vaccination. Can see
a bit anymore.

Post William Simon 36823444
654th AAA M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas

11/8



Free



Mr & Mrs George Simon & Family
Middleton
Wisconsin



Thursday
June 8, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

I received your special delivery letter Thursday June 8, at 11:30, see we have mail call right before chow and right after retreat at 4:30, Retreat is really a son of a gun you have to have a smooth shave & not a wrinkle in your clothes, & your shoes have to shine like a Miger. I send all my clothes to the laundry because it only cost \$1.50 a month, but I have washed my under wear & stockings more than once. The only things the army furnished us was a tooth brush and razor, and they aren't worth a nickel my tooth brush is wore out all ready. All ya and they furnished us a couple of towels, but ya understand they furnish us all are clothes, I have three summer shirts & three summer Pants, a nice jacket & a nice rain coat. I also have two winter shirts & two winter Pants which are nice looking & two ties you asked me if I tie my own tie so I don't I have some one else tie it for me.

I had five shots all ready & think I'm going to get another to-night, I was suppose to get two last night but they only gave me one because they ran out on serum, so far they haven't boched me much, they hurt about for a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour & are stiff for about a day.

you bet I have to make my bed every day and they have to be just Perfect, we also have to have the floors clean, we ~~scrub~~^{scrub} them about twice a week.

you see mother I bought ten bargans & bag my cloths all up & when you bag them up you have to have every button closed or they will rip it off, if they catch you again with them they give you extra duty. I didn't have to take out that big a policy but everybody else did & if you don't you have to go through so much red tape. Those bonds are ok because when I come home I'll at least have a little dough. I think I can make things go ok with \$31.00.

What did Eileen ^{buy} that she spend all her money all ready, she's making alot more than ~~me~~ me I bet that makes her happy.

you're not kidding I got another zip, boy they really clip them off & it takes only about 5 minutes, but now I can let my hair grow again, can you imagine a hair cut cost .45 cents.

I didn't sleep very good on the train because it was so rocky, when they would put on the brakes it would nearly knock you apart. They didn't sell anything on the train but Pop.

all I just thought I got the Middleton Times Tribune today when I received your letter, it sure seems interesting to me now.

Don't let Eileen work too long at W. another because she should be home working for you, and besides to her to young to be working over there. I don't think the letters will take over two days now because they don't have to transfer my mail anymore. Take good care of everybody & take it easy, don't work yourself too hard, you should have it alot more easier now while I'm gone.

Love
Sonny

Prof. Williams Simon 36823444
654th AAA M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas

12th



Mr & Mrs George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

Dear Mother:

Friday
June 9, 1943

I imagine you know by now I'm not in the least
light diversion any more, you asked me if I started to study
anything yet, no I didn't the only thing we do is walk & walk
and keep on walking its worse than the infantry, but I can
take it, but you ought to see some of the poor devils they
get big blisters & really some sore feet, also there are alot
of fellows here who have achilles but I does it ever
look horrible, I sure would ~~like~~ hate to get it.

As a whole I have very nice officers, especially the
Lieutenants they are all nice, but I have a couple of
Sergeants who really think they are something, but there
always a couple like that no matter where you go, they don't
bother me because I don't pay any attention to them, the
only thing to do in the Army is to keep your mouth ^{shut} ~~shut~~ or
they will really shut it for you, there are a couple here
who have big mouths & boy they really changed all ready.

Honest mother I have a swell bunch of fellows in
my hut, they all seem to be honest, I never blow up their
mouth, I don't remember if I told you I have a fellow in
my hut who has a radio & it sure helps alot when you
are guesstimated all that reminds me I get out of guesstimated
to-night but I'm not going anywhere tonight, I'm going out
Sunday night with Fritz, & a couple of fellows in my hut
they are both from Chicago. Cause me mother the boys
are biting me so much I can't write decent.

I sure was glad to hear that Jimmy scrubbed the floor for you, he should do it more often for you now since that here rat going down to Warden much anymore.

The name of the city all the fellows go to is El Paso, its about 7 miles from camp, but I can't tell you anything about it yet, because I don't know what it looks like. Yea ~~at~~ Camp Grant has a baseball team and I think their unbeaten, thats what I heard, I ~~was~~ didn't see them practice or play but I sure would like to play myself they don't have a team down here.

I don't matter the food is terrible down here you have to wait in line for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour every meal & when you do get there you don't get nothing any way, and to top it off I have to eat in my messkit, you don't have any nice plates or cups like we had at home I would give \$5.00 to eat a meal at home.

I just got my clothes from the cleaners I can you imagine they charged me 55 cents for one shirt & one pair of pants again with I send them to the cleaners.

Tell Daddy he likes, I like I row a boat & be sure to have Daddy write something on the next letter, he hasn't written any thing yet.

Tell Ellen and Jimmy to watch Blondie for me. I'll tell you all about El Paso when I go down there & I will have some pictures taken.

Take care of everybody & don't work too hard. Write

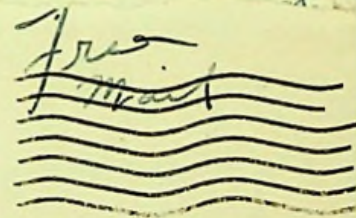
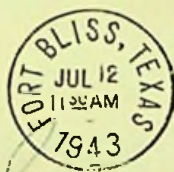
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I know I can write letters
it just isn't in me, I guess
I'm just too damn dumb.

Love
Sonny

Pr. W. Ellison Simon 36823444
654th AAA M. & Btry.
Fort Bliss, Texas

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Mr & Mrs George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

Dear Mother:

July 11

Holy man mother, I wrote about six letters to you and you say you only received one, the other ones must be there by now, I only wrote Blondine since I was from Texas, and I imagine she didn't get her yet either, I only received 1 letter from her and about five from you, I have all the letters you written to me except that one you said I should tear up. I imagine you will get the letters I wrote all at a time. Tell me when you receive my letters.

You say Fritz Wagners brother seen a couple of Bull fights all ready, I'm sorta planning on seeing one to-day. But in a way I hate to go because I don't think I could stand seeing a bull get shed all up or even the man might get killed. I can't see how Dick Wagners brother likes Fort. Bliss, nobody in our camp likes it, every body would give their arm just to get out Texas.

Don't worry about me getting in trouble, I seen a couple of bloody brawls all ready just over a girl & I'm scared stiff when to talk to the girl I'll leave those females alone as they do in bring you trouble, even they might mean to do it, you never know.

No, hudding did Daddy really get some fish, I can't believe it, but miracles do happen.

For dear, once in a while I read a Paper and see how
every thing coming out, I noticed Novichoff's name wasn't in
a couple of line ups, what's the matter with him. ~~you~~ ^{we} ~~with~~ ^{why}
the white boys are in second place, have they got some
new men:

Mexico
Mother there is one place in ~~the~~ ^{the} name Jamez that's
a city of all Mexicans and they don't like soldiers to come there
there has been alot of soldiers killed there all ready, that's
what the fellows told me, and when you do go down there
the only kind of money you can use is two dollar bills
or change, if they see you have a one dollar bill ~~you~~
~~and~~ they can take it away from you. I would like to
go down there just once I see what it looks like, most
of those Mexicans aren't even civilized all they want to
do is hit somebody over the head, the old fellow told
me not to make a habit of going down there, all the old
fellows are nice they really learn a person the ~~ropes~~ ^{ropes}, I'm
really learning fast, how nice I had it at home and
didn't know it.

Ask me all the questions you want to, I'll try
and answer them, all if you haven't read my Basket of
bag yet don't read it because I all ready picked one up.
Don't forget to tell me if you received my letter.
Take care of everybody and don't work too hard.
Love Sonny

Dr. Williams Simon 36823444
654th AAA M. G. ~~Reg.~~ ^{Reg.}
Fort Bliss Texas



Free Mail

Mr & Mrs George Simon
Middleton, Wisconsin

I don't think those pictures are
any good & if ^{you} think the
same don't show them to
Blondie keep it to
yourself. Do you noted
how my nose is picking.



Monday
June 12

Dear Folks:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Damn the ~~my~~ luck is right Mother, I was really in
a good outfit until I came to the Airborne. Sunday
I was in El Paso, and I met two of the fellows I loved
with from the beach fights & they told me its really
a snap and they really like it. (I just haven't got any luck &
its seem like the one who always has to go to a tough
outfit.) My friend was with me in El Paso & that one fellow
is my butt who is really a swell kid & has it just as
bad as me you know what I mean we had a couple
a pictures taken which are terrible, honest the gosh
you can't find a decent place to have a picture taken
but sometime I'll get down to New Mexico & take
some big pictures. We also went swimming, played Pool,
Ping Pong, Basketball, & even bowled, I got 200 my
first game and 146 my second, my Pal only got 90
and 134. I know its hard to believe we did all
that but we did it. I show them pictures to
Blondie and tell her I will send her some
good ones & tell Math I will send him one
when I get a chance to have more than a
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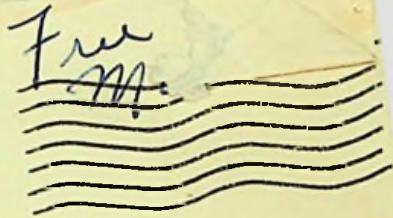
I don't think I need a room yet, because when I go to church I read the Prayer book, and by time I'm through reading, church is over. Our time is over hour behind home. you mentioned about being bed at 11:00 yes that means we have to be in bed at that time but the lights go out at 9:30, nobody stays up after the lights go out. I think I can get in something else after my Basic but I'm not sure. I'm on the good side of our affair he always talks to me and he knows my name he calls me him, but he don't call nobody else to my hut by their name. He covers in alot & talks to us, I bought him a drink the other night down at the PX. He asked me if I knew how to play a trumpet I told him no, I sure wish I knew how because if I knew maybe ~~he~~ he wanted me to be a bugler & that's a snap.

I got your money please as I told you I think is one other letter, I only had 60 cents left when I got the greenback. The food on my picture cost me \$3.75 my pal got one just like it to, we think we are Golden now, voted these uniforms are terrible but our winter uniforms are really honey. Tell Math I rather wait a while & send him a picture of me in my winter uniform. Tell Daddy to write a little bit to I know he's to busy but tell him to give me a little love anyhow.

Take care of everybody & don't work too hard. ~~Love~~ Love
~~Don't let me hear of you being hurt~~ Love
Sonny

Post William Simon 36 3, 23 474
654th AAA M. G. Bty
Fort Bliss, Texas

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Miss Eileen Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



Ort. William Simon 36823444
654th ~~Reg.~~ AAA M. G. Btry
Fort Bliss Texas

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Mr. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



Dear Dad:

Saturday
July 17, 1943

I sure am glad to hear that everybody is in fine shape, and I'm in damn good shape, I gained about five Pounds all ready but I don't know were I put it on most of the fellows are ~~losing~~ losing weight the food is terrible that's why I can't squeak out & how I have gained, but I imagine I will start to loose weight pretty soon

you say that Jimmy played ball and looked pretty good, I guess we don't have to worry about Jimmy keeping up the Simon Morale. Ha Ha.

I can't believe it you cleared the table in Pool boy you sure must be in the dough now making good money working & good money playing Pool & of course saving a lot of money not haven't me home. You sure must be in your prime again, I never seen you clear a table yet, the shooter must run pretty good for you, I sure wish I could play Pool like that but I just haven't got what it takes.

at the Seed Company you killed 235 rats boy I would be afraid to go down there alone, that isn't much I can do if 235 rats come at me.

Well today I am on guard duty, it is now 12:00
I just got through eating chow, I started last
night ~~at 8:30~~ and was on guard at ~~8:30 to 10:30~~
8:30 to 10:30 2:30 to 4:30 & this morning at
8:30 to 10:30 and I have only two more hours left from
2:30 to 4:30 and I'm all thought, it sure is a hell of a
job everybody you see you have to hunt & if they
don't hunt you suppose to shoot them but we
haven't got any ammunition in our Tommy's, I hunted
six men last night ~~at~~ between ~~10:30~~ 8:30 & 10:30 &
when they stop I asked them who they are they tell me &
if I can't recognize them I can make them put some
identification on the ground like their dog tags which
every soldier have, when I'm on guard I have the authority
over everybody I even stop Lieutenants & in fact I can
stop a general & if it was a general & I didn't stop him
they could give me a lot of punishment because I have
to stop everybody no matter who it is. (that sorta
makes me feel pretty good a big shot ha ha)

Take care of yourself & I don't work too hard sit
on your Prat you can do it if you want put your
feet on the desk.

Write Back Soon

P.S I will tell you everything when I get
home on furlough I can't explain it on
paper

Love your
Dadling Son.
Sonny

Port William Simon 36823444
654th AAA M. G. Bty
Fort Bliss, Texas

17th



Free Mail

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

Dear Mother:

July 19, 1943
Monday

I just received a letter from you and Blondie today at 11:30 & Blondie says she hasn't got a letter for four days there something wrong there somewhere but I imagine she will get two or three at a time one of these days.

Mother why did you get that new bag for, for gosh sakes save your money & please don't send me any more money you work hard for it and besides if I need any I will let you know, your just to have good hearted! I got paid the 10th and am going to get paid again the 30th but that won't be much of a check from ~~them~~^{them} on I will get paid the 30th of every month, I received \$30.33 the tenth but they didn't take any thing out of the check. Don't send me any more socks because I don't think I am allowed to wear them, ~~even~~^{I wear} them every night so far & will keep on until I am told not to, I keep them under cover at all times.

No, Dear I never had extra duty so far, but of course I had K. P, latrine orderly, and guard duty all ready, but it was my time, see they go by the alphabet for those jobs everybody gets them once in a while, but today I got gized for having a dirty mess kit, the gig was I couldn't go to El Paso tonight, so I don't even figure it a gig, because I wouldn't a went anyway, I don't like to go to El Paso, I rather stay in my hut & write letters, it makes me feel more like home, but boy when I do go I really go. The only time I get a chance to write is in nights & ~~off~~ like to write very much. I never thought I would like to write, but would

sure rather recent, no kidding Mother if you only knew how
good it feels to get a letter.

I imagine you are pretty lonesome now seeing that Eileen
is gone, don't worry I know she'll be back in a week, just
as you said, if sth was like me she would be back in
less, no kidding, no other I would give my left leg & write
cum to get home I am really pooped to-night, here what
we did today it was really horrible, it was the toughest
day since I was in the Army. First we marched for an hour
then we came back and got a ten minute break, we went out
then for three hours & landed right on the ground with our
Tommys in our hands and crawl on our bellies just using
our hands & elbows, I didn't get skinned up a bit, but
alot of the fellows did, I know how to break a fair good &
roll but some of the older fellows I really feel sorry for, ~~then~~
we came back & the Doc showed us how to bandage a soldier
that gets shot & can you imagine of all people the lieutenant
you know the one I was telling you about called my name
& made me take off my shirt & put alot of work
on me & told the Doc to bandage all those spots, so
he did, it doesn't bother me a bit to get up in front
of all of them in fact I like to but don't say this to
anyone that I like to & also when the Doc got through
he made about six other fellows come up & bandage me.
This all happened in the morning haven't much room to tell you
what we did in the afternoon, so I'll tell you just a couple
we went through the obstacle course & did alot of Calisthenics which
is exercise, no kidding it was a tough day.

Yersee I go to church every Sunday with Fritz Adler, I
missed once but it was account of quarantine, I plan on
going to Communion Sunday.
Take care yourself & every body. Love
Work to hard P.S. I'll help with working
take it easy, like I
me to do. Sonny

Brut. William Simon 36823444
654th A.A.A. M.G. Btry
Fort Bliss, Texas

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Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



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Tuesday
July 20, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

So, you really thought those pictures were all right, I thought they were terrible, and so did the rest of the fellows in my hut, but if you like them its ok.

You ask me what I have for breakfast, it never fails 5 times a week we have scrambled eggs & bacon andy course bread or toast & coffee, but the heck of it is the bacon is usually burned & the eggs have shells in them, for dinner we have some kind of a mix drink, smashed Potatoes, Beans, & always some other crap that taste like hell, but the last two days we have been getting very good food, stew & chicken the last two nights & it was really good, today we had hamburger for dinner & supper & French Fried Potatoes. I see you mentioned what the mess kits are they are what we eat out of, they are made of aluminum & are terrible to eat out of its got two plates a spoon, fork & knife, & a big cup but its just the idea you get, when you go to eat you hold it in your hand and pass by the cooks and they just throw the food in there any place in fact they just throw the food at you, course I can't buller, as I told you I was on R. P last week

and I did the same thing, no feeding mother I even
hate to go to chow, I can't stand the way they throw
the food at us, but of course we have to take it
were in the army now (damn!). Get about half cup milk
every morning. All my bunks are very good, I go about three
times a day & I really go, but I think it's the 9 is in plain
English shirts it comes from the mess hall.

Mrs. W. Helen is getting a rather baby, boy she must
like babies, I pity her if she gets another one like Tommy
I bet Luella Young really looks big I imagine she really
looks like a bloon I'd like to see how she looked. I
bet it's a show just to see her.

I sure was tickled you wrote that Paragraph for me
to write to Tom, I had an idea you would write one. I
guess I'm on to you. Haha.

I really ~~felt~~ feel good today for change we had it
loner but I told you on my last letter yesterday was
really a tough one, there's all of rumors going on the last
couple days that we might go to Georgia in a month or
so. I sure hope so any place to get out of this Jap Concentration
camp.

Why Mother shame on you asking me if I'm getting
tired of getting letters from you, it really pep me up
every time I get a letter when I don't get any it makes
me feel lost & I was almost giving up hope with Blondie, I
thought she wasn't ever going to send me one, but now she's
getting on the ball again. Is it getting sickening for you writing
I imagine it is, but I hope you keep it up, because I
really love to hear from you, it really makes me feel good.
So please keep on unless it gets to sickening to you.
Take care of yourself & every body,
Don't work too hard.

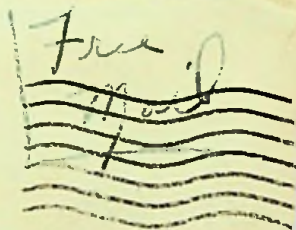
Love your
Dadling Son
Sonny



Rev. A. William Simon

654 2d 447 M. G. Btry
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

19th



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



July 27
Tuesday 7:00

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Mother tell Jimmy I will write him when I go out to the Desert, I would write him tonight but I haven't many envelopes, I might write him before I go out there, we go out to the desert the first of August for two weeks, that's the place were they shoot the bullets over our head & were we also shoot our guns, I can't wait till I shoot the machine gun, we shoot at real airplanes, but there radio controlled, Mother you might as well tell Jimmy to write another letter, I like to hear from the little squirt, and I will write back right away when I get his letter.

I received a letter from Eileen yesterday, and I wrote back last night. It took three days for me to get her letter & I imagine she will get mine about Thursday, the way she wrote she hated her work I imagine. She will be back home in a week. To tell you the truth mother for some reason, I hate to see her with Mary Doherty. I don't know why, I just do.

I received a letter from Dave Murphy yesterday to and plan to write back to him tonight. He told me it will be tough until I get used to the army regulations, but I'll never get used to them, and he wants to know all I do.

I wrote to T. R. Daniels last Friday and I imagine it will get in the Paper this week so watch for it, ~~it~~ it's exactly what you wrote. I just received July 23rd Paper today, I sure love to read the old screw driver, I see where Mels Denver & Jim M. are P.F.C. now of course they only get four dollars more a month than a buck Private like me. The Lieutenant just came in now & went right back out, I imagine it's because we were waiting, three of us are waiting now & the other three went to the PX to get a couple of beers.

This morning we went through the gas chamber with our gas mask on the first time it was easy the second time we went in it was a little stronger & we had to take our mask off for three seconds & run out the door, my eyes really watered, it was tear gas, but it wasn't bad boy those gas masks are really nice, but some strong gas ones it wouldn't help much. This afternoon we had it ^{easy} ~~easy~~ ^{easy} Can you imagine

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FORT BLISS, TEXAS

we played football and volley ball for two hours, our team won 14-2 & I made both touch downs, the fellows really think I can play football, it got pretty rough, there were two fights & the whole bunk up we had to ~~do~~ exercise for a half hour, you see it was only tag football, we played right on the grass, but nothing is too tough for the Airborne ha ha.

I haven't heard from Blondie for a week now, you say she went to Chicago, I imagine I will get one from her in a couple of days now. (I hope.) Its funny she don't get many letters from me, I write to her quite often, but you see they haven't a regular mail box, I imagine it gets mixed up or something, when you see her again tell her not to worry, I think of her all the time.

~~That~~ Thats too badsville is in the hospital I imagine he will get a medical discharge, one of the fellows in our outfit is getting a medical

discharge one of his legs are shorter than the other and I imagine there something else wrong soon went to mother kept this yourself I have a little touch of athlete's feet, it doesn't itch a bit it's just between my little toe, the Doc gave me some stangh to put on it & it is practically all gone all ready, alot of fellows got athlete's feet & boils, I imagine I got it from the shower room, were going on a 12 mile hike Thursday & I think I will get out of it, I think I have K. P. Thursday I hope. The last time I was on K. P. I peeled Potatoes for three hours and then fooled around till dinner time and then of course served dinner, I wash dishes for about two hours scrub the floor twice, when were on K. P. we get off about 7:30 & boy that's a long day but its alot better than a 12 mile hike.

Boy Jimmy must be plenty tough getting a hit off of ticks, I suppose he thinks he's pretty good now, just for his tough in High School, I wish I was there to play with him I bet we would burn up the league babe I imagine Daddy gets a kick out of watching



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Jimmy Play, I bet that tickled Daddy when he got a hit. So Daddy won't be lough in Pool again boy he must really be on the ball again.

~~Daddy~~^{Mother} I weighed my self today and weighed 146 lbs, am getting pretty solid & feel pretty tough, but it must be from the food its getting better all the time, but that for awhile was it ever terrible, it still isn't to good, but its good enough, that for a while I only weighed 38 lbs I was surprised when the scale said

146.

yes Dear that was the razor its a pleasure shaving with that, I have to shave every day. I haven't fixed my watch yet but the next time I go to town I will take it, the bag is really a Horey in fact its to good, I won't be able to get you any souvenirs yet but
send

when I get away from the desert I will send
you some. (So don't get discouraged.)

Our hut is a tent roof & looks in a couple
Places but that doesn't hurt because it doesn't
rain out here much, it has screens all around it, it
really isn't a bad ~~tent~~ hut compared to the rest of
them for once I got a break, I sleep damn good
nights, alot better than I did at home. The
bed is very good its really nice to sleep on.

Tell Daddy to keep the car in good shape
because when I get home I plan on having it
Plenty (that's a good ^{one} ~~and~~ ah) Is the car still putting
along pretty good yet, is the radio in the car yet, it
better be. Wa/ta.

Fifty added just came over now so I better close we live about 20 yards from each other, that's a good deal, him and I have alot of fun together.

Take care of yourself and every body.

And don't work to hard the hell with
the work let jimmy do the hard work, he's
a tough cookie. Love

Love
Sonny



Post William Simon 30823444
654th A.A. M.G. Bty
FORT BLISS, TEXAS



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Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



July 30
Friday 7:00

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

I got a letter from Blondie yesterday and she said she didn't get the job she expected, but got a different one, she said she gets 55¢ and how that's good dough for a girl. Blondie said she mentioned she would like to come down and see me as you said. Judas ^{Mo} Mother I would go nuts when you are on your way, I would give anything to see you & Blondie come down here, and man alive would we have fun, you would see a lot of mountains and deserts, I really think you would love all the scenery. Mother if you got to come down here now then that you mentioned it to me, I could see you every night, I could probly get a three day pass if I told the Battery Commander my folks were here. But for sure I could see you every night. If you or Blondie can't get enough Jack I will see to it you will

I would like to see every body. But I suppose
Daddy and Jimmy don't care to come. We'll talk
about that later, but don't ever come with out
letting me know, because it would just happen
I would probly be in the desert at that
time.

About that Georgia mother, as I told you
it's alot of rumor, and you can't believe anything
you hear around here, you have to make things
out for yourself.

Mother about them cards, see I had so
many things in my Pocket I left Mother.
Luther carry them for me & him and I got
separated. I think Daddy knows him, because
he knows Daddy, see he use to drive yellow
Truck live to the seed company so ask
Daddy if he knows him, anyway he's got my
cards, all though I did win about two dollars
with them at Camp Grant. (Lucky E & D)

I just got back from the PX I bought
some soap & other articles and only have 10¢
left, but I get Paid tomorrow. Thank the Lord



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Ma'ther I just got off guard today at 4:30, I'll explain this guard to you you see it isn't different than last time.

This time I guarded Prisoners who are in jail there were six Prisoners and three guards and boy those guards got a long day, they get up at 4:00 in the morning and work until 8:00 at night, and even when they eat I have to go over with them and keep a gun on them all the time and ~~they~~ the guns got ammunition to, I have to keep the gun loaded at all times, I had to guard those lame fools from 4:30 yesterday to 8:30 and from 4:00 in the morning till 11:30 at night that's 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours and that's really a long time, but ~~at~~ most of the time I just sit on my Prat and watch them dig if they make any break of escaping I am suppose to shoot them but

I don't think I could, but if they got
away I would have to serve their term
one fellow had 98 days left, one other had
95 left today then had 6 months and one
had 15 days and the other at 6 days
left. I sure would ~~have~~ hate to
serve 96 months.

Well hear its getting late so I better
close, one thing matter I can't wait till
you come down here, but as I said
don't surprise let me know for I
can get things fixed up.

as I told you also on my last
letter I go out to the desert the first
take care yourself & everybody and
don't work to hard.

A heart hear I wrote this very fast

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny



Mr. William Simon

6544 HAMMingway

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

21st



Mr. George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

Monday
Aug 12



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother

Well here I am in Waco, which is the
Quart, tell grandma if you see her I won't be
able to write till next week, because then I
go back to camp again, its so damn hard to
write and her, now I am writing on my gun
stand, mother it is terrible out here I can
take that dust & sun, but if we were out
her very long I couldn't, I won't be
able to write much because I have to go on
active duty right away.

I'm start writing again in just the
mail call & I got a letter from C. Allen
and Blondie.

Mother I don't know about you coming
down here unless you come next month I
then I'm liable to pull out to some
other camp. A sergeant told me, its
foolish for you to come down but

I don't think so, see next month I will
be at camp again & I'll ask the Lieut. how
long we'll be here, you never know
what happens here they change their minds
in 2 minutes. I'll be at camp between 7 & 14
and I know you can't come then. Then on
the 14th I go to the desert again for two
weeks, then I think we come home the 28
and around the first would be the best
time for you to come.

I'll write clear & tell you what at
camp next week.

Don't worry about me, I'm getting along
well, all right away see two fellows
just left tonight never deserted it, they
were in the line ready to eat, so you
see what I mean. But by gosh we're going
to see what we can do, so no other don't
be funny, I'll tell you the best time
please. I can write you. Love
understand I'm in the desert
Be good please & take care
every body

Love
Sonny



22nd

Capt. William Simon
654th A.A. M. G. Bty
FORT BLISS, TEXAS



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Mrs. George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

Saturday
August 7



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother

I just got back from the desert today at 11:00, then ran 1:00 & I just got your letter, Mother we didn't have any water to wash with for three days & boy was I dirty I just took a shower & I really feel good

In about 45 minutes were going to have inspection then were through for the day, the first thing I'm going to do is get my Proofs, in about two weeks I will send some pictures home, they cost me \$12.50 & I am low on dough so if you have any extra let loose, he

Me, I didn't get out of the bike, I'm getting used to them now & doesn't bother me much, all my feet are good again it was just a start and I went to the floor in time

We go back to the desert the 14 until the 28th, then we come home & I will find out when the best time

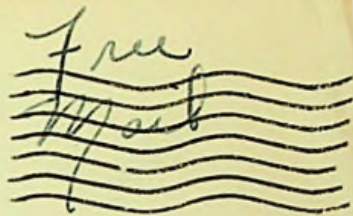
for you to come, I know it will be after the 28th sometime.

Mother I surprised myself and I'm not kidding, when I shot my Tommy I got 70 which is I have good 65 in passing, only 32 out of 93 made 65 or more so tell Dad that, the Tommy really shoots nice, but boy, that machine gun does it make a ~~rather~~ noise, its bigger than the one by Schwarz & Schwartz, the first time I shot that the Corporal said I jumped a foot, and when I loaded the ammunition I thought my ears were going to burst, but when I shot about 41 times it didn't bother me so much.

I think I don't weight in the desert, in fact I know I did, tonight I'll weigh myself well I better close now because its almost ready for inspection I can't wait tonight because I'm going out right after I get my Provs, and I'm not kidding I'm really going out, please don't worry about me I'm getting along good
Please excuse writing dear I feel sort a nervous, you ^{know} the way I am, I can't wait till I get my beer I have some fun. Love
Sonny
Take care yourself
I everybody

Dr. W. Williams Simon
654th F.F.F. M. of Pol'y.
Fort Bliss, Texas

23rd



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Sunday
9:45
Aug. 8

Dear Mother:

I just got my proofs and manure of them a honey, this one I'm sending you is the third best, the second best I gave to my pal in my hut. I will be able to get them next Saturday, but I don't think I'll be here, we go to the desert again, in about two weeks or around that I will get them and send them home, they should be good pictures for \$12.50, they told me if I'm not back in 30 days they will send them home for me so at least you will get them.

Well Mother it's just about time to go to church now so I better close, don't be mad because I'm not writing much, one of these days this week before I go to the

Desert I will write a nice long letter. It
seems like I'm always in a hurry. If Blondie
comes back soon tell her I got a picture for
her to & also show her this proof It
you think its any good.

I'm getting along swell, all I weighed
myself last night I lost 4 lbs at the
Desert, but will soon gain it back I weighed
144 lbs last night so I'm still a little
ahead.

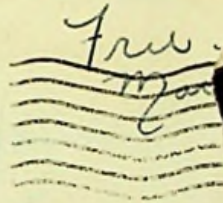
Take care yourself & everybody, Don't
work too hard.

Love
your darling son
Sonny



Paul Williams Simon 36823444

654th A.F.F.M. & Btry
FORT BLISS, TEXAS



24th
Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin



Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Wednesday
August 11, 1943

Gee, thats good Daddy got a \$50.00 raise. That sure should help everything out, seeing that I'm not home now its the same thing as getting a \$100 smacker. Sure hope I get to be a big shot like him sometime. (Ha)

Talking about hot well I'm in the same boots as Albert is, honest the gosh you ought to see my fatigues uniform when I get through each day at the desert, I sweat so much my whole uniform was all white from sweat, I had to have a clean pair every day, my uniform got plenty white today to from sweat, don't worry Albert hasn't even got it as tough as we have, I sure would like to hear from him, I got a letter from Red Reinke yesterday I don't know if you remember him, but any way he told me George Danke was somewhere in Texas to, I sure would love to bump in to George sometime. I herd

Moth & Grandma a letter to this week, all ya that reminds me I have to send Eileen a letter yet to while Im still at camp, its sure good hearing from her to, shes a fairly good writer for a little squint ¹⁰⁵!

I sure am glad your not furry when you come mother, because now its the toughest part of our training we still have to go out to the desert yet and live and then we have to go on field maneuvers like Albert in and we also have to sleep in pup tents to when we go out on maneuvers, and of course we have to pitch them our selves we all ready pitched them for we would know how it takes two persons to make a tent each one has a half a tent & we can put it up in a hurry its very simple, today we learned how to ~~tie~~ tie one knot! all we might go up in a airplane Monday if the plane isnt here we will then go to the desert I think, we also had a class on Parachutes this week, see we have to know something about one because when we go up in a plane we have to wear one at all times, I put one on yesterday, they really nice to put on shes not a bit heavy, they sure are made out of good material and are



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

very safe, the only thing you have to worry about is to know how to load, but I don't think I will ever have to jump I hope. All mother don't say this to any one but there really tough on us now I got K. P. Got. and worked last night till 8:00, that's all extra duty as our whole tent have it just because we didn't empty our can of cigarettes butts, and alot of them are digging now for dirty shoes and dirty meshits, I made sure my shoes & meshit was shining today I didn't giggle lucky eh.

Mother about having fun we don't have any fun at all honest the gosh the people treat the soldiers terrible down here, all the soldiers are around here are suckers & I'm not kidding. I'll

tell you what happened to me Sunday just
to Prove it to you. Well this morning and
I went into a place called Olives, we went
in the back room where there are booths, well
we ~~to~~ ordered a beer and all of a sudden a
girl came and sat down by me and she start
talking very filthy and about two minutes later
another girl came around with a boy and ask me
to buy a ticket I said what for and I asked her
how much she said 50¢ & all she wanted 50¢
from me for this girl could sit and talk to me,
I said for cry I was do you think I'd from
El Paso, I said I'm from Wisconsin, then this
girl got up and walked away then she walked
by me again and said so I blame you, you
son of a bitch. Pretty good isn't it that's
the way the women are around here. But I
sure am leaving this world in a hurry. Walter

Take care of yourself and everybody, and
don't work too hard

Love
Sonny your
Darling Son.

G. A. Williams Simon
654th A.A.A.M. g. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Free
mail

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin



Saturday
1:30
August 14

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother

Mother can you imagine were going to have Saturday afternoons off from now on, so I'm all through now till Monday, after I get through writing this letter I am going to get my pictures, & then I'm going to go up town tomorrow and mail them at a Post office, I tell you why because one other kid in my hut send his pictures home three weeks ago and they aren't home yet, and my friend you mentioned is still with me and he send his watch home ten days ago, and it isn't home yet so that's why I'm going to send it at a Post office, so let me know if you get these pictures.

my ears only bothered me one night when I shot the machine gun, it seems like my ears were buzzing all the time, but the next morning they were ok.

We had a Party last night & boy was it a
blitzkrieg, three of the Sententants were really
blasted and are they ever comical, two of the
Sententants had their wives, and one of them just
got married last week, and he seems awful
careful or something around his wife, she seems
like a wildcat, and does she ever smoke the
cigarettes. I hate to say this but there were
three fights there and that sort of wreck the
Party but every body had a good time.

Yes, Tupper & Mahinelli are in the same
outfit as me but only in a different battery
there in 653 the same as Adler, Mahinelli
was over here last night, and he sleeps in
the same hut as Adler does, you see there
only about 25 feet from me so I see them
every day in fact about 10 times a day, we
usually go to chow together.

Well I better close now, because I need a
shave & then go & get my Pictures, I am going
to get to bed tonight, last night I got the
best of Mr. Halbe.

Take care yourself & everybody Love
I work too hard Sonny
I will see you next week

Dear Mother:

Saturday

Well here the Butters finally, August 17 1923
you think of them, give them to any one you want
to, But give Blondie one of those light ones as
you see there are only two and I think there the
best so please give Blondie one & also buy her
a frame, the frames are so darn high down here
and I haven't to much myself. I received the
firm & was glad to get it. it sure helps me
out, these darn pictures in what set me back.
Don't forget to let me know what you

think of them, and damn it, tell me the truth, none
of that bologna.

Don't forget now to give Blondie one of
those light ones & you keep the other light
one, that's and order not a request. I ha

Be Good &
don't Work too hard.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

P. S I suppose Jimmy didn't do so good
Sunday & laying back or he would a
let me know. Tell the little brat to
get on the ball & write



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

I'm very sorry but I heard today there
going to take \$25 smachen out of our check
this month so that only leave me six, so
if you got a little extra I always can use it. ^(when)
But if you havent got it dont send me

Any, when you get my war stamps cash them
in I take the dough I owe you. Don't be
careful take all you want out of it, (be like me) ^{ha}

I just heard were going for a airplane ride
Tuesday, then we go to the desert, I can't
wait until we go in the plane. Pretty
lucky to get a deal like that. I think
were going to get a ride to California (I hope)

I will let you know where we go, and
how I liked it.

Love
Sonny



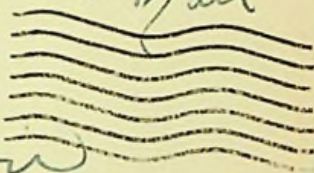
Fort William Simon

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FORT BLISS, TEXAS



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26th
Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Friday
August 20



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Well I am sorry to say, but my picture isn't near as good as I thought it would be. I guess it was just a waste of money.

Mother I just got back from and airplane ride we went 196 miles which isn't very far we camped out yesterday and came back this afternoon, we slept out on the desert, I didn't get much sleep, all I could hear was rattle snakes rattling; but they don't bother anyone. I don't really like to go up in a plane I don't think we will again.

You better take Jimmy to Joe Gray because if you don't he will probly feel it is later life, and it will always be such so I think you better get it fixed right away.

Harry Burmaster is got a good deal a staff sergeant gets about \$175 a month.

Well is sure lucky he got 30 days, tell him to take advantage of it.

I have to go out to the desert again Sunday, its just a ~~long~~ lapse of time, and we won't be going out there very much any more, this is the toughest part of our training.

I just got a letter from Blondie, but its about time its first time for 10 days. I heard from Eider for awhile.

Earl Tupper from Black Earth got scarlet fever and is now in the hospital, his whole battery is quarantined for 8 days, so I can't see Fritz for 8 days now, I haven't seen him because we aren't allowed to go over there.

Well Mother its done late so I better close. Don't worry about me I am getting along swell and feel perfect. infact couldn't feel any better.

Take care yourself and everybody.

I wrote this letter very fast Love
Mother so please excuse. I probably Sonny
won't write much when I'm in the
desert but will drop you a line to let you
know how I am.



Post. William Simon
654th Regt. Inf. Bn.
FORT BLISS, TEXAS



Mrs George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

Sunday
August 12



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother

Well here I am out in the desert again
Mother the lieutenant says it will be 11
weeks yet before we get through with
the desert & maneuvers, mother you must
a got me wrong we haven't gone on any
maneuvers yet except that one day when
we took that airplane ride, well personally
I didn't like it I hope I never have to
go up again

all sure there are a couple good O.S.D.
places but I don't go to town much I
went yesterday & had a good steak.

It's still very hot here but you
can't beat the night, so mother my
toughest training is just begun, I
can't imagine it only 55 above, I
can just see you shivering. (above)

Boy, I bet Daddy was tickled when he caught that Pickard, I sure was glad to hear he finally caught one. (Ha)

Are you got lucky eh, I bet it feels good when just to turn 75

No, Dean I want in one of those fights, you know I never fight, at least I don't want to. The Party was at a place about 8 miles from camp, it was really a party of a place a lot better than Sunset Point.

Well, I haven't heard from Albert yet, but hope to soon. My shoes are holding out good I don't wear them much, I usually run around bare footed & are my feet tough

I can't find a place where they sell crystal & I just buy it when I find real gold & wear it when ever I go anywhere.

I just went to confession a week ago today I guess I'm on the ball. (By what?)

Let me know if you get the letter out. Here every thing seems to get bottled up.

Take care yourself & everybody. Good don't work too hard

Donny

Saturday
August 28, 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Dad:

I sure am glad to hear you are feeling good, I ~~was~~ feeling very good, the only reason in I'm not feeling good in we took a 32 mile hike, which was suppose to be 27 miles but it was 32 and boy was it tough there were 30 who didn't make it we walked about 18 miles and one fellow in front of me fell right on his face, he was out like a light, there were only 3 in our hut that made it, and I was one of them, I don't know how I ever made it, I could never make it again I have a couple blisters about 2 inches long & so they hurt, I can't even put on a shoe, we only had one canteen of water which holds a quart & that isn't enough for a 5 mile hike, I was so thirsty I couldn't even spit, it took us $9\frac{1}{2}$ hours which is good time, only half of us took the hike so you can

imagine how many made it, the other half takes it next week, I really feel sorry for them.

I got a letter from Albert & he says the infantry is tough, but it isn't as tough as the airborne.

So you finally caught a Pickrel, to bad I'm not home to ~~see~~ the boat for you. (ahem)

Boy, you must be in the dough making \$50.00 more a month, if nothing happens now we will soon live like Kings and have nothing to worry about. (I hope)

You have to excuse the writing dad I cut my finger on the gun, all I don't know if I told you or not, my friend had his finger cut off right by the finger rail.

Dad I got so many letters to write I better close, I have to write to Jimmy, Albert, Ned Menke and Blondie, Please write more often it is really good to hear from you.

Daddy take care of yourself & don't work at the seed company, you the boss let the other fellows work.

I'll be seeing you in a little while I expect a furlough in a couple of months.

P.S. I'm not supposed to be writing now, I wrote this letter on the floor. I should be outside cleaning up. But I don't feel like it.

Love
Sonny



Out. William Simon

654th AMF. M. 9 Bty

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

29th



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Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Wednesday
September 1st



Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Although I haven't heard from you for quite a long while, its ok though, because I been on the desert & maneuvers alot the last two weeks, my Corporal told me we are going to be on the desert & maneuvers for this whole month, which I am going to hate very much, all we do on ~~maneuvers~~ maneuvers is dig and I really mean dig, we dig a gun position, two trench holes a hole for ammunition, a toilet which we call Latrine, and to top it off we have to sleep on the ground, we don't get much sleep because there always has to be someone on the gun.

The Lieutenant told us again it will be nine weeks than we get a furlough, so I think you better not come down here mother for a while yet because I will soon have a furlough. Love your monkey

though because I want you to come sometime
the Sententant told us not to have anybody
come this whole month so you see it will
be only 5 more weeks ~~to~~ then when I come
home. (Catch on.)

I hear from Eileen alot & she told me
she's going home the 24th so I imagine she's
home now, tell her I won't have time to
write to her, because I go on a number again
tomorrow, but just tell her to hang on, she
will get a letter sooner or later. I imagine
Daddy is discurted with the letter I wrote
him, but I just didn't have any time, I
figure I was lucky to write at all. It's
really hard to find time to write now,
because we're always on numbers & deserts, so
don't be discurted. One thing I'll always
try to do is write no matter where I am in
to write something & let you know I am
getting along fine, & there's nothing wrong



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

with me,

Well Mother our Battery just got quarantined today also for eight days, but it isn't going to hold us in because we're on munitions & that doesn't hold us back. The Battery is quarantined on scarlet fever. Tupper is still in the hospital.

Well Mother I was very sad we got paid and they took out \$25.00 so you can imagine that don't leave me much. I would appreciate it very much if you could send me enough for toilet articles, soap & candy. But please don't send it if you are low yourself, don't worry mother by gosh you will get that back some day. Everybody is sending home for money so I don't feel quite so bad, honest Mother it really hurts me to ask you.

But from now on I'm really going

to take it easy, because I have to buy Blondie
a birthday present, her birthday is on Oct. 25th
I only get one months pay to last practically two
months. I don't know where we get it by it so
far, everybody is broke when pay day comes
around. But I bet I won't be any more

Mother I bet you think I am terrible.

If I don't write for a while you'll know
why because I won't be a camp. But I'll
write every chance I get. I imagine every
time you get a letter from me you think, well
he wants some more money. As I said Mother I'll
try & hope I never have to ask you again.

Take care of yourself & everybody. & don't
work too hard

Love You Son
Sonny

I just thought I also got
a letter from Father Mark



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Sunday
Sept 6, 1893

Dear Mother:

Mother I know haven't written you
for a little while but I don't get time, when
we are on maneuvers we can't write, we
were suppose to go on a five day maneuver
Tuesday the 2th but were not going
until Friday or Saturday so that makes
five more days I can't write, we sleep
on the ground & in it ever tough, we just
got back to camp again & boy does the
bed ever feel good, no bedding mama we
just get our holes digg'd then we
have march order which is to move &
dig some more & I really mean dig.

I am glad to hear Eileen is home that
sure should help you out, when she
told me she getting ready to go home

I like packing sure made me feel blue, I wish I was packing to go home.

Boy, Eileen sure must have laugh, just for she hang on to it, I really don't need any dress socks, but I do need stocking socks.

Man alive I just hope Herman Miller gets into a good outfit, because if he doesn't I pity him.

yes I seen in the paper were fixers bought the Striker home, isn't that hell they shouldn't allow them in town.

You don't know how it tickles me to hear that you like my pictures, at least I feel I didn't waste that money, don't forget to give Blondie the light one. I wish Dolly would write.

Mother I wrote Jimmy two letters, didn't he get any yet, he must of & don't forget to tell Eileen to write again it sure feels good to hear from Eileen & Jimmy.

I am feeling very good & sure hope every body is, I am also glad Dolly is only bowling in one league two is to many. I also lost 5 lbs on my last number but I still might not work to hard, I ^{love} your Darling Son really mean that to.

Sonny

Out. William Simon
654 th 7. A. F. M. g. Bldg.
Fort Bliss, Texas

31st



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Mail

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Dear Mother:

Friday
September 9, 1944

Got your letter the 9th, & mother I really appreciate that greenback, it sure came at a wonderful time, why did you send me so much after all you haven't got that much. I'll assure you that will never happen again (I hope) Someday mother I will pay you back, and I'm not kidding.

Boy I bet Jimmy got a kick seeing the cube & lay, who's car did they go in was it ours, I sure wish I would a been home just to drive the car down there.

Yes, that's right mother, Tupper & mother's good friend came down here & he was in the hospital, that sure is a shame, he is still in the hospital. but Scarlet Fever isn't bad. yes one fellow got scarlet fever in our Btry but we are out of Quarantine now!

No, mother we didn't have labor day off, but I didn't mind it, because we had an easy day, they are getting a little bit easier on us now when we are at camp. (Thank the Lord)

My finger is healed up very good, & my Pal looks good it wasn't cut off as much as Daddy was.

Mother your going to have to excuse me

because this is my last piece of paper & I want to
write Eileen a few lines. I am getting along fine,
and feel very good, please don't worry about me mother
I won't do anything hard, you know me I take it
plenty easy. Take care of yourself & everybody & don't
work too hard! Love Sonny.

Dear Eileen:

I am very sorry, son, I didn't write sooner, but
never give up hope I will always write sooner or
later.

Boy Eileen you sure can make cookies, they
were really delicious & they weren't broke either,
I really in a treat to have some good old home
made cookies from home. I really needed those rayon
blouses it seems when ever I get low on anything
I get it, I believe you & mother are brain readers, or
you just know me. (Eileen.)

Well son don't forget your going to send me
the school paper & I want to see you on the Honor
Roll, just get in there & study you can do it
if you want to.

I bet Jimmy will get on the honor roll, you
should be able to help him alot.

Keep a eye on Blanche for me & tell me if
she does something wrong. I haven't heard from
her for about a month, get her on the ball.

Well sis this is all the paper I have to
better close, don't forget your going to study hard
and be a good girl, like I was a good boy. Love

Love
your dear Brother
Sonny

Genl. William Semon
A.S.N. 36823444
654th A.A.M.G. Bldg.
Fort Bliss, Texas

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Mrs. George Semon
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Middleton,
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Post William Senior

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654th A.A. M. G. Bty

Fort Bliss, Texas

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FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Monday

Sept 13, 1943

Dear Mother:

I didn't get a return letter from you, but am writing in a hurry because I go on a five day field maneuvers tomorrow, so I won't be able to write for five days.

I received a letter from Grandma today, I also Albert, I all ready answered Grandmas letter but won't answer Alberts till after the field problem. you see I can write letters when I am in the desert, but when I am on field maneuvers I can't write. (Cahd on.)

Grandma told me she is taking treatments at Middleton for High Blood Pressure, I don't think that is awful bad because a couple of fellows in our battery have high Blood Pressure. Maybe it isn't good, because I don't know for sure.

I am feeling fine mother and hope every
body else in. I received a letter from
Blondie two days in a row, I sure am
glad she is on the ball again. I guess
she really likes my picture at least
that's the way it sounds on ^{my} letter.

Mother please don't worry about me
because I will never over exert myself, I
am getting smarter every day, it doesn't pay
to work too hard I don't worry I'm not
going to.

Did ya Grandma send me a dollar, I wish
she wouldn't a did that, she says she wants
to help pay for the picture. I guess her heart
is so good.

Take care of yourself I don't work too
hard, tell Daddy I the rest to write also, I
like to hear from every body

Love
your Darling Son
Sonny

Prof. William Simon
654 E. 7.7.7. M. Bldg.
Fort Bliss, Texas

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Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin



Monday
Sept 13, 1893

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Mother just a few lines to let you know I got the jack, I haven't the garb Mother I only got about five minutes and I have to load the truck for Mummer. I got four letters today, from Grandma, Albert, Blondie & you. I wrote every body but Blondie & I haven't time to write her, tell her not to get mad because I will write her after my five day mummer, I sure am tickled to hear from every body, you can't imagine how it tickles me.

Yes, dear this Newton is in our Battery he lives pretty close from my hut

I feel sorry for the ~~to~~ Poor kid, he is
ball-headed I have no eye brow it must
be from some sickness, he is really a
sweet kid.

Well thanks again Mother for the
jack, I have enough now so don't send
anymore.

And don't forget to tell Blondie I
won't be able to write till Saturday. I
don't you forget & get distracted because
you won't hear from me for 5 days

Here letter I got from Father Mack it's
really a swell letter, do you think I should
write him back.

Take care yourself & every body & don't
work too hard.

Love
your Dear Son

Sonny

ST. BERNARD'S RECTORY

MIDDLETON, WISCONSIN

August 24, 1943

Dear Sonny:

Your letter was very interesting and much appreciated, and I can well understand how the desert maneuvers took a great deal of the energy out of you. No doubt while you were baking in the sand you thought of some of those muggy evenings in September during the football season, but you will be a better man for it when it's all over, so keep on pounding that line just as you did in the days of '41 and '42 at M.H.S. It is apparent from your letter that you are enjoying your work, enjoying it because you have learned to use to your own advantage the various types of gun that our army furnishes. There must be a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that your score was above average and, as you intimated in your letter, you have finally begun to realize the real energy and ability that you have. Use it, fellow, and keep on going up and up. There is leadership in your blood and you've got a golden opportunity to direct it in the proper channels.

Just how much the folks are going to tell you about the picnic I do not know. But let me assure you that others besides those of us here at Middleton were praying for success, for a real success it was, especially since we grossed over \$6000. It really was a tremendous mob. A few more like that and we certainly will be building a school when the war is over. And now that the picnic is a thing of the past I can pay a little attention to some of the other things that have been stuffed away in my desk.

With all good wishes and fond hopes that you will have a most successful stay in the army,

Your friend and pastor,

Ferdinand A. Mach



But Wilbur Simon

Ms 654th A.A.M. g. B. hy.

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

34th



Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middletown,
Piscousen

Saturday
Sept. 18/1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Well Mother I got back from my five day field Problem today at 3:15, we walked 76 miles in five days & dug four placements for our gun.

I sure am glad Jimmie enjoyed his trip to Chicago, I bet he had fun at River View Park, I can't wait till he writes & tells me about River View & the Cubs. I bet he thinks he's smart now because he was out of Wisconsin before I was.

I can't believe it how cold it is in a house, it's still hot here & talk about rain, it hasn't rained over once in the day time that I can remember.

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me the letter David wrote to you, I'd like to see what he said about me, did you get the letter Father wrote me, he sure is a dilly (ah).

No, dear I don't need any writing paper because
I can always get some.

yes, I heard from Will he just wrote me a Post
card, I got a very interesting letter from Henry
Sanfther, I sure was glad to hear from him. I
also got a letter from Pete Damady I couldn't
read his writing. I also another letter from
Blondie today, I believe she is a true girl &
I know she has a true boy friend. I guess I
got something there ah.

Boy, I didn't think I was that hard on you
seeing you gained 6 lbs I sure must of been
hard on you.

Eileen, sure has a tough subject, I think
short hand is one of the toughest subjects in
school, now she will be able to write and
I won't know what she wrote.

am going to close now because I am going to
write to Peter, I will write tomorrow.

Take care of yourself & everybody & don't
work too hard

P.S. Please keep writing

Love
your Darling Son

Sammy



Fort Wilber Simon

654th 774m. g. Bty.

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

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Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Out William Simon
A. S. N. 36823444
654 AAA. M. J. Bly
Fort Bliss, Texas



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Tuesday
Sept. 21, 1943

Dear Mother:

Well Mother I just got off K. P. & am glad that's over for awhile anyway, as you probly know K. P. & guard over the worse things to get in the army (Thank the lord it only comes about 2 a month)

No, dear we don't need a revolver a few fellows got them, but I imagine they just want to show off with them.

It's so bad Grandma has such high blood pressure but I don't think that's bad, because a brown fellows in our outfit with high blood pressure.

Don't you think two nights a week is plenty to work besides every other Sunday, you know yourself you don't get enough sleep when you work at Maths. (I guess I'm telling you) ^{ah}
all Mother that A. S. N. means

my Army serial number like 36823444 (catch on)

Say Mother that's probably right maybe Blondie
does hang around our place to get in good with
her future mother in law. Don't be afraid to
tell me any thing mother, I won't say anything. I
shouldn't I hope.

You tell Eileen I spelled disgusted right
here the way she corrected me disgusted, I'll
leave it up to you mother what's right let me
know. Tell her to write immediately I'll really
wait for misspelled words from her. (ah)

Jimmy I sure am glad you liked your trip
but by golly let me know more about it, well
they just huddled out from the major wants to
talk to us see this is what the Army's like, you
never know what was going to do, is the best thing
to do is get the hell out of camp

Am feeling ^{fine} Mother
It's quite open town

Love
Sonny



Post. Williams Simon
6542 H. H. M. G. P. by
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

36th



Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

Friday
Sept 24, 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Well here it is Friday night just 7:30
and I'm one of the luckiest guys in the Battery,
you see it's like this our Battery is having a
Parade tonight & we fell out & the Capt.
said ^{we will} ~~will~~ have to leave 26 at ~~home~~ camp &
I luckily happened to be one of them honest the
gosh it is raining terrible hard out it rained
constantly all day yesterday & today it's
the 3rd time in three months it rained, you
see they have to Parade under Search Lights.

Boy that's pretty good bowling, I guess
you were a tough bowler all right when
you were in the league, although I didn't
see you bowler the league but I can

remember you bringing home Coca Cola, so
you must a been plenty tough. I wish I
was here to take you on, can you bowl now
I thought you couldn't, listen I'm going to
tell you something now if the doctor says
no bowling that means no bowling (see) (ta ta)
guen I'm telling you)

I sure am glad Jimmie is President of his
club, that's a good deal he should be proud
of that, that's something I never had, I bet he
like it plenty. So Rich Von is the Junior
King I bet his cocky all ready.

It's about a month now so I guen I better
go to Confession soon.

Am I ever glad Daddy took Cap though
the mill he use to take every body and
was a hog about it, tell Daddy to get
all he can from Cap because he would if
he could believe me I know. Daddy



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

has to good of a heart.

Oh so is Daddy bowling with I'd like to know because I get the Paper & I will check up on his team. I got the school Paper today and hope you keep on sending it I really appreciate it, Jimmie sure has a big class & his President & Boy & Boy what a man.

I knew that would happen sooner or latter to Betty Radema, some folks just haven't any brains.

Walter I go out to Waco Sunday for a week & shoot our guns, we also have to do something every night out there next week so I don't know if I'll get a chance.

to write or not you see there are no lights
out there, but I think I'll be able to squeeze
in a few lines. I haven't heard from Blondie
for three days now.

Well I better close I imagine I better
give Blondie a few lines before I go out
to work.

I am feeling fine my other I weigh 150 again
but imagine I will lose next week again, sure
hope every body at home is fine.

Be careful I don't work too hard I take
care of everybody

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny



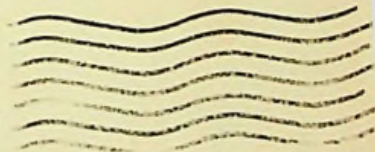
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Mr. George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

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Post. William Limer
M. S. N. 36823444

654th A. F. F. M. g. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Saturday
Sept. 25, 1943

Dear Dad:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

I sure was glad to hear from you Dad, I received your letter this morning after I came back from the dentist! tell my mother I had a few teeth filled this morning, which saves us a little money (hey what.) So again I have perfect teeth.

Bay, I think that's a good average for just starting bowling again, just bowl in league that's enough, because any one who bowls too much gets plenty booped I know because if I bowl too much I get booped myself.

I sure am glad to hear you are taking Cap & George through the cut, Dad take all you can from cap because he takes all he can from anybody, I don't blame some of the fellows that they ~~so~~ don't play pool with you, because you are too tough, but by gosh if anybody else ever as tough as you they would make a fortune, your too good hearted dad.

It's too bad Jimmie can't play football this year I bet he would be plenty tough.

well anyway next year he'll be able to play & he better run away with the suburban league, like I did (then) as he going to go out for boxing, boy I sure wish I was here to play football again, I wish Jimmie & I could of played together that would a really been nice.

Be sure you keep that car in shape because when I get home I want to use it, you know what for. I bet old man Sabann didn't like it when you told them they were crazy for wanting so much for a paint job.

I am listening to Notre Dame & Pittsburg game now the Irish are ahead 41-0, they sure must have a powerful team.

Fritz Adler told me he expects you to write him he has the same address as me except its 653 instead of 654.

Well Dad I better close now because want to take shower & Bob Sabann, Arlene comes wants me to play catch with him.

Take care of yourself & don't over work yourself at the Seed Company.

Write again when you have time.

Love
Sonny

Thursday
Sept. 28/1940

Dear Mother:

Have not got much time to write because am out at Waco for the week & we haven't got any time to write.

I got a letter today from Blondie, David & Eileen & got all of them. I haven't until I get back to camp & David told me to write immediately because he expects a furlough the first day you see him when he is on furlough tell him we love him & I'll write to him next week I expect a furlough the 15 March

As I'll be sending home for
more very soon.

I'm feeling very good
rather in fact couldn't
feel any better hope every
body else is feeling like
me

Excuse writing Love
Sonny

I see in Paper
Maddie got beat I
I see daddy in in
fifth Place 176.

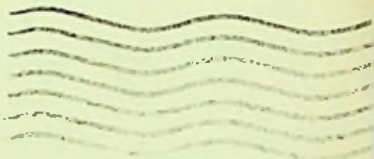


But. Wm. Simon

654th F.F.V. M. G. Bty
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

39th

Free



Mrs. George Simon
2119 Hubbard Ave.
Middletown,
Wisconsin

Capt. Wm. Simon
A.S.N. 36823444
654th A.H.A. M.G. Bty
Fort Bliss, Tex.



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Sunday
Oct 3, 1913

Dear Mother:

Well here I am back to camp again, I guess all we do in come & go but that's the Army.

I imagine you are a little mad at me for not writing much last week, but honest mother we only had one night off that's more than I thought we would.

I fired a different gun out to Waro last week it was a Springfield rifle, ask daddy he probly knows what kind of gun it is. Boy I sure did kick. I would hate to shoot that gun all the time.

Boy Dave sure praised me up, I got another letter from him when I was at Waro, I really like to hear from him, you know mother I think I would like to be a M. P. But I bet it's really monotonous. Of course no matter

what a fellow does it gets monotonous.

I am sending home a picture of our gun squad
it isn't a very good picture but at least you
can see our Tommy guns & our hut, do you
notice I am combing my hair different, it's
pretty hard to see on that picture, but I think
Daddy will like it a little better. The
fellow you can't see in my copula is my tent
he's really a swell fellow, all the other fellows
sleep in my hut a good looking bunch (eh?)
Pick my Pal is the one on the left you know
the first one on the top, you see White's right
next to me well he just got back from and
emergency furlow is rather in really sick he
also is a swell egg you ought to hear him
talk. Pickin from Chicago, Hanson is from Boston
Hogin from St. Louis & White from way up North
somewhere in Chicago. Have to go to choir class with
tomorrow.

Write soon
Show the picture to Blondie

Love
you Darling Son
Sonny



Fort. William Simon

654th A.A. M. & Bty

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

40th



Free

Mr. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Monday
Oct 4, 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Received your letter today that ^{was} written the 30th & sure was glad to hear from you again. no kidding mother all I care is what David said, just for I hear from you & Blondie.

Boy, your rat-bidding Sterling Schwann sure got a tough break, I bet he will get a medical discharge now.

I bet Mrs. Whalen really went through alot of pain boy a women sure has to go through alot for a child. I never realized they had to go through so much.

yes, your right I received Blondie Picture that was taken in school, I think its a good Picture.

Why absolutely I took my class ring with me it fits me alot better now, because my fingers seem to get a little fatter.

The socks ^{are} holding out ok, don't worry
Mother I'll let you know if I need anything, you
ro me.

I don't think we will have a chance to go to
any school, we don't get any breaks at all, but I
sure as hell will try hard.

So Daddy finally lost, of course that's
nothing everybody has their off days, down in the
corner in bowling, I'll probly find out tomorrow
because I usually get the Paper on Tuesdays.

They say we might go on a five day field Problem
again Wednesday, I sure hope we don't, I think that's
the worst we can ever get.

Am sending some pictures they aren't very good
but at least you can see our Battery Street & that, they
sure are terrible but aren't they.

Wrote this in a hurry Mother because have to
go to a meeting at 6:00.

Take care of yourself & don't work too hard.

Love
Sonny



Fort William Simon
65426777 M. G. Rty
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

41st



Free

Mrs George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Tuesday
October 5, 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Well Mother my guess was right we go on another field problem tomorrow, we are coming back Saturday, so you see dear I won't be able to write again until Saturday.

~~Oh~~ I have a little cold today but that's nothing 60% of the fellows have colds, you see it in getting a little colder now in the mornings & evenings, but it is still plenty hot during the day.

We had a I.G. inspection today which in the inspecting general checks all your cloths, I shouldn't say all my cloths but most of them, well anyway I passed the inspection.

Well Mother what do you think I can buy Blondie, give me some ideas, but don't make it too high because I haven't got that much dough just how much do you think I should pay for something you no alot more about it than I do.

I got the Paper today & I see Daddy raised
his average up to 180 ^{was} am sure glad to see that
what team does he bowl on, I would like to
know for I can see if he buys a chicken supper
or not.

Eileen & Jimmie haven't written me for
quite a while would sure like to hear from
them, get the little dip in the ball boy I
bet they like that.

Well Mother I better close because I have
to write Blondie a few lines yet. All right away
we are going to shoot off of trucks, but the back
of it in we have to walk but at least we
won't have to dig in.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny



Out William Simon

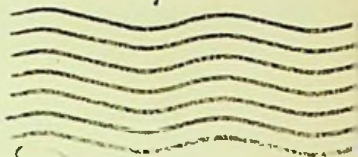
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FORT BLISS, TEXAS

42nd



From



Mrs. George Simon
2119 Hubbard Ave.
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Brut. William Simon
A.S.N. 36823444
65477 H.A.M. M.G. Bty
Fort Bliss, Texas

Saturday
Oct. 9, 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Just got back from our field Problem today, and sure am glad to be back. I had it easy on this Problem I was on C. P. with the medical men, Battery Commander + first Sargent, they sure treated me good, the first Sargent sneaked me oranges & candy bars & he did just as much work as I did & to top it off we all pulled guard except the B. C. Honest the gosh I always hated him but I sure changed my mind now, he's really a swell egg.

About my furlough, I don't think were going to get them at all this month, but I'm going to ask Sert. Hanson & be sure, all the fellows say we aren't but if we don't we got a good chance on getting one next month.

I think Daddy has a good team, he's got three good men with himself. But of course

the other two went to sleep.

I sure am glad Middleton beat Cambridge, they
sure were ~~as~~ just as long as I played against them.
But I wish I was back carrying the ball over the goal!
But of course in boxing my first T.H.D. was against
Cambridge.

I received the school Paper from you I really
like to read it boy the big head Levin Simon,
Annen, Voss & Garfoot lead classes this year, Simon
in sure plastered all over the Paper. the Hula
girls ha ha that's a good one.

I haven't seen any of the fellows yet from
home in Texas, but sure hope I do soon.

I received a letter from Mark I also received
two dollars in it (Pretty good eh).

Am going to write a couple more letters
tonight to better close.

I am feeling fine I sure hope every body else
take good care of yourself & every body, don't
work too hard.

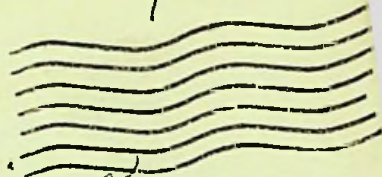
Love
your Oldest Son
Sonny



Capt. William Simon

654th M.A.M. M. G. Bty
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

43rd



Free

Mrs. George Simon
2119 Hubbard Ave.
Middletown,
Wisconsin

But. William Simon
M.S.N. 36823444
6541st AAA. M.G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas

Monday
Oct. 19, 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Received your letter with Eileen and
Jimmie's picture in it, I think they are both
damn good pictures, I see Eileen has got her hair
fixed different, it sure looks nice. Good looking
sister I got. (h.)

Boy, I bet damn did get a kick out of it,
when Cap announced Mr. and Mrs. David Humphrey,
and I bet daddy got a big kick out of him to the
best Bowler in Lane County. (Pretty good eh.)

yes, that's right Mother I hardly in in the
same outfit as I am, I thought I told you we come
after the Paratroopers, but sometimes we have to
go ahead of the Paratroopers for they can land. All
the fellows say were in a good outfit and don't
know it, maybe they know.

I don't blame Mrs. Schaefer for having a
bone to pick with me, I guess I should at least
said good-bye to her and a lot of other people. Well
live and learn I guess.



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

I never seen a fifty dollar bond yet, I bet it really looks good, that's a good way to save money anyway & get interest on it also.

How much does Daddy get now with that \$ 25.00 rate, I guess Im getting to worry.

So Daddy is going to get a tooth in front, boy I bet he will look alot more younger than he looks now, he'll look about 25 yrs old. Alot of fellows in my outfit got false teeth put in & are really saving alot of money, they check our teeth quite frequently, at least that's one good thing the Army does. Of course they look at our single Hooper alot to.

Am feeling fine & hope every body else is weighed 150 tonight.

Take good care of yourself & every body and don't work to hard.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny



Butt. William Simon
634th A.A.M. 9. Btry
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

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Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

But William Simon

F. S. N 36823444

654th A. F. F. M. G. Btry.

Fort Bliss, Texas



But William Simon

Thursday

Oct. 14, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Just Received your letter & boy am I lucky today the whole Battery left this morning to shoot out at the range they left at 6:30 & I'm here all by myself except for the N. P. S. & fuel guards, I am the officer in Latent Bay today & it's really a snap of a job. I don't know if I ever told you or not ~~the~~ Blodden first Cousin in in the same outfit as I am, he's on guard today & is also very happy, he's really a swell kid & really good hearted his name is Bob Latham.

I'm very glad you liked those Pictures, tell Eileen the fellow with the Tommy gun is John Davien, he's from Chicago, he only weighs about 130 lbs & seems to be awful weak, he hasn't a bit of pep, I think he might get a Medical Discharge some time, and that other fellow mother I can't



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Blame who it is, I can't remember even who was all on that picture, sort of describe them & I will know who it is.

I got a letter from Mrs. Schofer the other day, well anyway she put Mr. William Simon instead of Pres. (Pretty good eh)

The picture I send you, you can see what a over sea hat looks like, the one Eileen likes is got one on, they look pretty good all right.

Yes, I heard a few games during lunch ~~the~~ period. Cards sure had tough luck, I never knew a big league team would make so many errors. I lost a dollar to Buck on the series.

Our Battery played Basketball last night and we beat the Headquarters team which includes a couple sentents, we beat them 25 to 21, I made 7 points, we didn't have any practice at all, the Battery Commander sure was surprised, we got a tough team & I'm not kidding, we got a game

scheduled with some outfit next week also. I
sure wish Daddy was here to see us just P. day,

Am feeling fine mother and sure hope everyone
else is, better love you because I haven't written
Blondie for a few days now & of course I haven't heard
from her either.

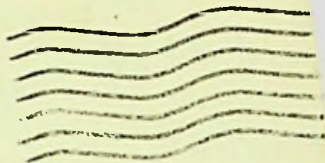
Take care of yourself I don't want to hear

Love
you darling Son
Sonny



Carl William Simon
654th A.A.M.G. Bty
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

45th



Free

Mr. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Capt Wm Simon
A. S. N. 36823444
654th AAA. M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas

Sunday
October 17 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Dad:

I received your letter today & was very glad to hear from you,

Well dad, here it is Sunday and we didn't have the day off, we were on the shooting range all day, and to top every thing off we are going on a field problem again tomorrow until Saturday. I really do think I will be getting a furlough two weeks after that problem at least lets hope so.

I sure am glad to hear you are the high man in the league, I haven't seen it yet, but I will probly see it Tuesday because thats when I usually get the paper.

Boy, I bet you really look good with that tooth, I can't wait until I see it. That sure was nice about Doc putting it in for \$10.00 less. I suppose Mother told you I had my teeth fixed also, & have perfect teeth now.

I can't imagine you playing with Belp



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Mr. Vall, I bet that ⁱⁿ **FORT BLISS, TEXAS** ^{few} thousand

Now, the radio shouldn't hurt the Battery at all, that's the only thing to have in a double duty Battery. I bet you like the radio plenty now, just think you can get news anytime going to work.

Man alive no other gets a rain & you get a rain
and I'm not home at the present Bay the laugh must
really being pouring in.

Well I had have to write Blondie a letter yet
thought so better don't tell mother I won't be able
to write again until Saturday, so don't worry about
any thing.

Take good care of yourself, & don't over exert
yourself in any thing. I am feeling fine & also
looking good.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Love
Your son
Sonny



Carl Wm. Simon

654th A.A.M. g. Bty.

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

46th



From

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Have't any time to write, they are falling out now for the field problem.

Rec'd your letter to bad about B. Padua feel sorry for poor kid.

am feeling fine & hope every one else is will write when get back, which is Saturday.

Don't worry if you don't hear ~~for~~ until next week.

Could use about two dollars, don't need to send any more because will have plenty with that.

Take good care of yourself & my body
Love

Sony



C. F. C. Williams Simon

654th A.A.M. g. Bty. 47th

FORT BLISS, TEXAS



Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

P. F. C. William Simon
A. S. N. 36823444
654th A. F. A. M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas

Friday
Oct. 23, 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

I don't know how to say this but we didn't stay out on our maneuvers 5 days we came back ~~the~~ ^{early} night & I don't know the reason but sure am glad to be back at camp.

Mother I almost fell over to day I made P. F. C. which is \$4.00 a month more, it isn't really the money that makes me happy its the stripes at least I can wear one stripe on my ~~arm~~ arm now. It makes a person feel more like a soldier, they made 5 P. F. C. today. Tell Blondie because I haven't time to write to her.

We are going out to Waco Monday until Saturday & are in in New Mexico & in spelled ~~Waco~~. Of course you know by now we shoot out there.

We play basketball at one of the U. S. O. we haven't played Fritz's team yet but will one of these days. Most of the fellows call me Bill all the Sentinels call me Simon.

I sure wish I was Ralph Sarbacher, it drive me nuts every time I think of a furlough.



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

I bet he is really a happy boy now.

No kidding I can't believe it that Daddy got a squirrel & a possum, boy he ~~must~~ must be a good shot because possums are hard to bring down. Wait till I come home I'll show him how to shoot any kind of a gun, and he gets 636 he must really be on the beam again.

We don't get much butter, but the last week we had it every day. Lot of times we don't get to put any thing on our bread.

Well Mother must close now & I hear its cur curting; I hope you can make the ~~rest~~ curting out.

Take care of yourself & every body, don't work too hard.

Write soon

Tell Eileen & Jimmy
to write haven't heard from
them for months.

Love
your darling Son
Sonny.

P. F. C. Williams Simon
654th M. F. M. g. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas

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Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

O. F. C. Wm. Simon
A. S. N. 36823444
654th A. F. A. M. g. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas

Sunday
Oct. 24, 1943

dear Mother:

Well Mother I am very sorry to say, I am going on another field Problem Monday, I think it will be our last field Problem, at least I hope so. So you know what that means, I won't be able to write again until I come back.

We finally got a Sunday off it really ~~feels~~ feels good to have a day off, yesterday we went out to the range & shot M1 Springfield rifles from all positions, we stand, layed on our stomach, *kneel, we shot from 200 yds. & 300 yds, I got a score of 155 out of a possible 180 which is really good, I was really on the Bull's eye.

I received another letter from Mr. Schaefer & he gave me Don's address, he is in Virginia and she says he doesn't like it there, I wrote him a letter today. I hope to hear from him soon.

I send Arlene a birthday Present but I won't tell you what because it isn't really what

You call a birthday present, but I did the best I could.

Boy, when I get home on furlough your going to have a job sewing my stripes & insignia on you know what kind of a job I do. I got them on but thats all.

The boys don't like it, I made P. F. C. it isn't much but they just don't like it, you know what I mean there just jealous & jealous over nothing.

I weighed myself today with my unit on wheels are called in the army. O.D.S. & I weighed 154 lbs. not bad for a little fellow (eh). But of course I have a little mother I have to expect to be small. 161 lbs.

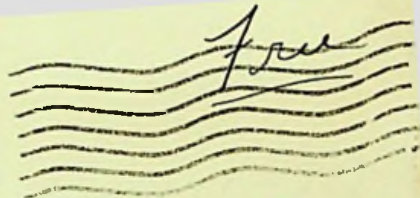
Better close now because am going to write Blondie, hope to hear from every body soon.

Take good care of yourself & every body & don't work too hard.

I am feeling fine & hope every body else is

Love
your darling son
Sonny

B. F. C. William Simon
H. S. N. 3682 3444
654th H. A. H. M. g. Bty
Fort Bliss, Texas



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Why Senior
H. S. N. 36823444
664th A.A.A. M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas

Saturday
Oct. 30, 1943

Dear Mother:

I am at the H. S. O, Now I were about
to play Bingo, you see we can play for a
dinner & every game you ^{win} you get \$1.50, at
least that's what they are telling me, I could
don't have to worry because I never win.

The Battery got back last night at 2:00
hours & I really had to laugh they looked
all bushed out, I can't get over how lucky
I was to get out of it. But the hell of it
is I got H. P. tomorrow & it's really a
son of a gun on a Sunday, it's our only
day off & I have to work. That's the Army.

Well Mother this is our 18th weekly training & everybody says we are going to get furloughs next Saturday, Monday & Tuesday & given we got to go out and fire I couldn't say for sure if it's Monday & Tuesday but two day's next week we have to fire 30,000 rounds ammunition. You know this one fellow I told told you who went on an emergency furlough to Wexconsin, well anyway it cost him \$40.00 for a round trip ticket, so Mother you know what I'll need send the money immediately but for heavens sake don't send it through the mail, don't be disgusted if I don't get a furlough Saturday but it could be damn soon, so I figure it's better to have the money, don't worry I won't lose the money because I have

a money belt.

Will Mother better don't remember don't
send the money by mail I send it as fast
as you can.

Take good care y yourself & every body.

Love
Sonny

J. F. C. Williams Senior
F. S. N. 36823444
654247 F. H. M. G. Bly - 50th
Fort Bliss, Texas



Mr. George Benson
Box 72
Middleton
Wisconsin

720

Dear Mother:

Monday
Nov 1, 1933

It is 11:00 now we went over the
Debarcation ^{camp} tonight & we are going out
to see just tomorrow I mean tomorrow night.
So you see how they rushing us, the furlough
looks good if not Saturday it will be
done soon, the B.C. said we are going
to get them Saturday lets hope so.

I received your cookies, cake & fudge
was sure glad to receive all the cookies
& fudge was very good, of course you
brought everybody in the battery
check them.

Well dear am going to close
I want better write to Mother a few

琳琳 haven't written her for three days.

got letter from Cliff today & wrote back to him immediately. He is in Mo. I guess the way to talk to him is really love you & eventually he said he is engaged to her. Foolish aren't they.

Take care of yourself & everybody
Don't work too hard.

Am feeling fine
I hope every body is.

Love
Sonny

My dear 9090

I played pool until 1:00 o'clock
and now I went hunting

I'll be home sometime between noon and dark

Yours,
[Signature]

G. F. C. William Semor
H. S. N. 36823444
654th A. H. M. g. Bldg
Fort Bliss, Texas

51st

Free



Mrs. George Semor
Middleton,
Wisconsin

O. F. C. Wm S. 11000
A. S. N. 36823444
6541st AAA. W. g. Blv.
Fort Bliss, Texas 1

Wednesday
Nov 3, 1943

Dear Mother:

Just got back from one day field problem,
I hate to say this dear but we aren't going
to get our furloughs this week, B. C. told
us next week, I don't think he knows a
damn thing I'm not just going to plan on
^{one} ~~one~~ until I get my papers, although some
of the fellows signed their papers already,
don't give up because he said for damn sure
we're going to get one very soon, & he said
to be prepared, because we can get it just
with the snap of a finger.

I wrote you a letter one day & today
I got it back, because I didn't have
your address on it, (I must've been in a hurry)

We still have  to fire those two days yet, I hope its Monday & Tuesday

I haven't heard from Albert for a long time & what is David's address I owe him a letter & forgot his address. I like to write to other fellows I know, especially the ones that have more time in than I have.

Tonight we had another meeting, and I'm dead tired, so please tell Eileen I just can't write, I haven't time to write to Blondie even. Honest the work its really tough to find time to write, but I can always find time for you. Even if some of the letters aren't so hot, but at least you know I am feeling fine.

We had a teeth inspection today and I had 2 real ting cavities, he said there were so small they would be hard to fill am going to have them fixed this week some

time at least, that's what I think.

I seen in the Paper Daddy is high with
188 good for him, I guess he gets tougher every
year, I sure take after my Dad. (ahem)

Better close now & hope to hear from
you soon haven't heard for their days

Take care of yourself and every body, don't
work to hard.

Am very sorry I spoiled the Paper but
I know you'll let me.

Love
your Darling Son
Sonny

G.F.C Wm Surron
654th F.A.+M.g. Bty
Fort Bliss, Texas 52nd



Mr. George Surron
Middleton
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
A. S. N. 3682 3444
654 17 A. H. M. g. B. g.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Saturday
Nov. 5, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

First chance I had to write for two days, received your telegram last night at 4:45, our outfit is sure getting a lot of telegrams now. It was a little more than I expected dear but I can use it.

I got a raw deal today, six of us fellows have to go on M. P. Duty ~~today~~ today at 4:00 until 3:00 in the morning, then we go out and feed for two days, I really expect a furlough next week lets hope so. Don't tell no body mother but I want to surprise you when I get home.

Boy, that father of ours is sure a tough boulder & the write up he gets really a big shot.

Very sorry mother they just called for
us M. P. S will write next chance I get.

Take care of yourself & every body

Write soon maybe I'll
get another letter yet.

Love
Sunny

B.F.C. William Simon
A.S.N. 36823444
6541 CHAMBERLAIN, g. Bldg
Fort Bliss, Texas

53rd



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

From

B.F.C. Wry Senior
M. S. N. 36823444
65447 7. M. M. g. Btry.
Fort Bliss, Texas

Sunday
Nov. 6, 1943



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Am finishing that letter I wrote you yesterday, here it is Sunday & talking about Sunday I got off M. P. at 4:00, so you can imagine how much sleep I got, today we went out & shot, don't know if we made it yet, hope we did, I made it easy, it must just be in me or I'm lucky, but of course we did a little cheating today.

Mother, it's driving me crazy thinking about furlough, lets hope the B.C. is right all just for me get one this week, he says we are as I told you before, no kidding it just drives me nuts & seems I can't concentrate on a letter when it's so close to furlough, you know how I am, get nervous easy, can't seem to sit still

Talking about the M. P.'s as I did in the 1. unit Paragraph, boy are they dirty

they don't care what they do to a
soldier, honest the gosh they all pull on our
fellow & just pound him up so bad he
can't move & even beat them in the stomach
they pulled in about 100 soldiers last
night, I thought I was a big shirt wearing
M.P. but I was glad to take it off.

Mother, "can't seem to concentrate at
all, am feeling fine, but not fine enough
until I get my furlough, you see they get
us working like hell now & ~~haven't~~ ^{haven't} time
to think, but I'll work for a furlough.

Take care of yourself
and everybody, hope
to see you soon.

Love
Sonny



G.F.C. Williams Simon

654th A.F.F. M.G. Btry

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

54th



Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

P.F.C. Wm. Simon
A.S.N. 36823449
65414777 M. & B. B. B.
Fort Bliss, Texas

November 11, 1943
Thursday



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Received your letter today along with Father
Mack, sure was glad to hear from you, I was
surprised to hear from Rev. He sure can write
interesting letters.

Lieutenant Hanson got me in the office
tonight ^{to} work, he told me we are going to
get our furloughs this Saturday lets hope so, I
won't be sure until I'm on the train. One of these
days I'll surprise you & walk in the back door.

No, Mother Fritz hasn't made P.F.C yet,
I sure hope he does soon, he told me
~~they~~ ^{they} also might get furloughs Sat.

You know what the debarkation course is
remember when I first got in the Army I
told you we have to climb up a ladder 30 feet
and come down on ropes, its rather to it for
me any more its just like going up the slide
to me.

Chiff

Boy, I ~~sure~~ say Miss Dolly, they.

really as in love I couldn't imagine Cliff going steady. I bet Eileen is happy now seeing she got a class ring.

Boy. 22°, I bet I'll freeze when I get home. It's about 85° above zero here yet, but at night it gets about 30°. Big difference. (Ch)

No, mother I made a big mistake about Bingo at the A.S., they give out \$50.00 for the whole night, I won one game & I tied with another person we took numbers from 1 to 25 & I luckily was only 2 numbers away.

Will you see what's going on the work front because we have to pass every thing before we go on furlough, & it seems the F.A.A. always finds something we didn't complete good enough or something we didn't do at all. Today we brought live hand grenades, they go off in 5 seconds, I really enjoyed throwing it.

Also this week we had to go through a Physical Efficiency test I was it tough. We had to run 300 yds, you see we ran 150 & ran back, I made it the fastest of every body I



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

made it in 44 seconds, Pretty fast eh next we
had to do 25 Push ups I made 35, one fellow
made 52 Pretty good for him. (L) next we
had to Run - P15 do nine of them in 30 seconds.
I did 14 then also the highest one next we
crawled, ran, crept & jumped I did that all in
20 seconds also the fastest by far, next a
fellow carried me 75 yds he did it in 16 seconds
he was the best in that. Then we had to
walk 4 miles in 48 minutes we did it
in 44 minutes it took Fritz's battery
47. Boy the Lieutenants were really Proud
of me.

My other I hate to tell you this but
tonight when I walked out of the Battery
office the fellows had a reunion Party,
they Put shoe polish on every body's

tinker toy, and to top it off we have
Peter inspecting tomorrow, so you see I had
to wash it again today. (Don't laugh too much)

Am sending some Pictures some they were
taken on our last field Problem. Pretty good
I think to show them to Blondie right away.
I bet still be woady because I haven't read
seen any Pictures yet. Except for the big one.
Do you vote my ring on that one Picture. The
one I am going to hit the gun with is white.
He sure got a smile like the fellow who
went home on emergency furlough, his Mother
died, it sure was a shame.

Am feeling first & hope every one else is.
Take care of your self & every body, don't work
too hard. Hope to see you all soon

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

55th First one after furlough



Mrs. George Simon
Middletown,
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
H. S. M. 36823444
6544th AAA M. G. Reg
Fort Bliss, Texas

C. F. C. Wm. Simon
A. S. N. 36823444
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Fort Bliss Texas



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Thursday
Nov. 25, 1943

Dear Mother!

Well here I am back in Texas, I got here at 11:00 Thursday morning, so you see I had 13 hours to spare.

I haven't much time to write, because I got back to camp at 5:00 & the first sergeant asked me to help him in the office, so you know kind hearted old devil, I worked in there until 9:30, the way he talks he wants me to be Battery Clerk, what do you think about it. It's a snap of a job, but some of the fellows associate with the Battery clerk.

So far 9 fellows are AWO, but if they get a good price, they will get out of it. Sure wish I would

a stayed longer.

Will write tomorrow night, I
suppose I better drop Blodier a few
lines yet to.

Take care of yourself Love
and every body. Sonny

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FROM

P.F.C. Wm. Simon

654 CHAFFIN M. & Bldg.

Fort Bliss, Texas

56th



Free



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

O.F.C. Wm. Simon
A.S.N. 36823444
654th AAA. M.G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Friday
Nov. 26, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Well here it is Mother another day gone by & what a day. This morning I worked in the office & this afternoon I had to take a Prisoner to a court case, well any way he beat the case. As you no doubt no when I take a Prisoner to court I wear a Pistol on my side, boy did I think I was a big shot. No kidding Mother the first Sargent really likes me.

Can you imagine Mother yesterday when I hit Texas it was really hot and tonight it is snowing & I really mean snowing, it rained all morning, lucky I was in the office (eh)

I got those letters you send me before furlough, two from you & from Blanche one from Prof. Meyer, & a letter from Father Mack telling me how much they are all Praying for us.

FROM

G. F. C. Wm. Simon
654th 478. M. G. B. C.
Fort Belvoir, La. I

57th

Free



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Dear Mother:

Received your letter today & was sure glad to hear from you, I am about ready to go on guard now Fritz also has to go on today. I knew who those two fellows were when you sent & explained them to me, I went next door get that next door I asked them and they told me yes they were they told me they were up to the house about 4:30 one day and no body answered the door. they are both small kids I go out with them once in a while, they thought you looked like my sister.

yes, I know that Paul Meyer, he is a brother to Foster Meyer, you

remember Foster he use to play football
+ box with me, I know Daddy Brown Foster.
I know that fellow Jeanette is engaged to
be also Brown me.

No, that fellow I met in the station
line in Sloughton, Newton was also on
the train with me. Another fellow by
the name of Moran + his brother went to
Chicago with him + we sat in the bar
car all the way, there very young woman +
good looking, she looks almost like you.
We really had fun. His uncle + Aunt were
also along + they really bought us
drinks, they wouldn't let me buy any at
all her was 30 + a bottle of ^a whiskey drink
was 53 + cost them plenty of money (h)

I have to go a guard now. I hear some writing
wrote it in an awful hurry. I'll write again
tomorrow write soon
Take care of yourself + everybody.
Love
Lenny

O. F. C. Wm. Simon
A. S. N. 36823444
654th H. H. H. M. g. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Tuesday
Nov. 30, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

What you mean calling me tight wad, ya
I guess that's right I should at least send you a
Post Card.

Mother I got a good deal yesterday when I
went on guard, I was the guard at the PX, you
see every body wanted that job because its the best
by far, you go on guard at 5:00 & work till 10:00 then
you are all through, ~~but~~ seeing I was lucky I got the
job, but in away I really got screwed at 3:00
in the morning a guard got sick & I had to
work for him until 4:00, but I still got the
whole day off, but I have to be in the
guard house at all times

I got the Middleton Times today, boy
your not kidding did Tom ever give me a unit
up, it must of been because I bought those
tickets from him.

Haven't got a letter from Blondie yet & write
her that all ready something must be wrong
there somewhere.

As we suppose to get paid sometime today it
is now 1:50 & we usually get paid during show
time so I don't know if we're going to get any dough
or not today.

Sure wish I moved or stayed home a couple
extra days some fellows came back last night
and all that going to get is a week's extra duty.
There are still some fellows who aren't back
yet. That the smart ones we are all the dumb ones.

The Battery is having a d g t row which
is gun drill, it sure is an monotonous job.

Am feeling fine & hope every one else is, take
care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard.
Just Paddy practice up on bowling get the
better practice before I ever bowl him again

Love
You Harry Joe
Young

FROM

B. F. C. Wm. Simon

654th H. F. T. M. g. B. Co.

Fort Blair, Texas

59th



To

Mr. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

C.F.C. Wm Simon

Friday

Dec. 3, 1893



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Is that one fellow
one who carries in the
alleys.

Dear Mother:

So lame busy haven't got much time
to write, we are working nights this week
making our cloths, going out finding a
~~place~~ place with a compass, alot of
inspections & what not. There a big
rumor we ~~we~~ might get into catary, if
we do we will have a good chance to
train men sure hope so wouldn't that
be nice, there another rumor that were
going on a field problem next week.

Mother I've got the gosh there nothing
I need for Christmas, I wish you wouldn't
send me anything, you know damn well
if I needed something, I would ask

you. So mother please believe me I don't
need anything, don't worry I'll get plenty
from you when I get home again.

Boy, sure am glad father's are going to
move you spell La Hahn like this rat
like La Hahn (Gwen I'm really telling you eh)

Mom, don't get mad now for telling you
I don't want no Christmas presents, but I
do want the capital time for a present
that's the only one I want.

I also have to sew on new insignias the
Ankora is yellow & black now, I think well
be here along time yet because if we weren't
we wouldn't get new insignias. you see if
we were going to train over seas tomorrow we
aren't allowed to wear any insignias.

Take care of yourself & every body don't
work too hard

I forgot here 3 Buttons give
Polander one of them or she'll go
nuts.

Love
you Darling Son
Sonny

O. F. C. Wm. Simon
M. S. N. 36823444
65c. to 4.47. m. g. Bly.
Fort Bliss, Texas

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Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

O.F.C. Wm. Simon
A.S.N. 3682344
654644 M. 9 B. 1
Fort Bliss, Texas

Saturday
Dec. 4, 1943



Dear Walter. Happy Birthday
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

I received your letter with the pictures they sure are good, I think yours & every one except mine in good good looking family they what.

you see this fellow was an M.P. duty the same as I was once remember, well any way he drank one bottle of beer & those damn M.P.'s are the dirtiest & meanest things on two feet they both had different stones & did they ever lie, I guess they found out it doesn't pay to lie.

We had a big inspection this morning by the Major, our corporal wasn't here so I had to be in charge, when he come out our hut I huddled attention & said O.F.C. Wm. Simon Sir, second in charge

tent ready for inspection Sir. We sure
have to fix them but probly its the best
to do, he was pleased with us & we all
can have passes now.

Think were going on that field problem next
week so if you don't hear from me you
know why.

Am going to close now because the fellows
are waiting for me to go to town with them.

am feeling fine sure hope every one else is, take
good care of yourself & every body

To

Let me know if
you get the tent.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

B.F.C. Wm. Simon
654 th. 44th. M. g. Bldg
Fort Bliss, Texas

61st



Four

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



Monday
Dec 6

Dear Mother

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Haven't much time to write, we are going on a field problem tonight for few days coming back Sat. some time, so don't get mad now cause I can't write again until Saturday. Tell Blondie also I can't write her now so don't forget to tell her not to expect any letters.

Haven't got grandma's candy yet, boy. I sure hope I get it on the field, well it ever go over big.

Am supposed to go to dentist some time this week at least I hope so then I can get one day away from the place. I have one very small day. This Christmas

they say is hard on a Persons teeth. I
guess were going to have it easier than
me as to a field Problem, (thank
chi food)

But we an Idea what you all want
for Christmas & one idea for Bordin.
I have a little money & I'm going to buy
you all something.

I have to close you with immediately when
get back

Am feeling fine hope everyone else is
take care of yourself & everybody

P.S. Hope daddy

Your Loving Son

buys Mather, would

Sonny

that ever make me feel

good.

Germany sure catching hell (A)

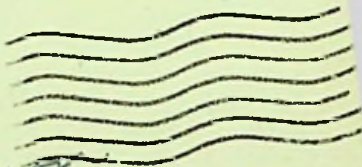


P.F.C. Rm Simon

654th A.A. M.G. Bty

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

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Four

Mrs George
Middleton,
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm Simon
A. S. N. 36823444
654th A. H. M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss Texas



Monday
Nov. 6, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Am writing my second letter today but of course that other one was a 5 minute job, you see. It's like this they just told me I have to go to the dentist tomorrow & boy am I glad that means I sleep in my hut all by myself tonight because the other fellows left for the field but of course I have to go on the field problem tomorrow but at least I am getting out of a cold night & a lot of digging, this is the first time in my life I was glad to go to a dentist! (WOW what a break for me.)

I got three letters in a row from Blanche but didn't get any from her today. Got the Middleton times this morning & I see Lex Hurstak is home on furlough, the lucky stuff.

Do, you think I should send any Christmas cards if so into to I really think I should. I got a Christmas card today from Mrs. Eugene M. Shary. Don't forget to let me know what you all want for Christmas, I'm going to get you all something so you better let me know what you would like. Give me some hints what I could get Blondie also.

I got my long Johnis on now you ought to see me I look like John Sullivan, but boy they sure are nice & warm, I think you know what they look like.

It's getting damn cold down here nights now & the morning is chilly also but in the after noon it warms up.

Sam M. M. amir, you know that fellow who was in to Matha when I was down on Furlough well any way he got gigged in five different things by the Major Sat. & is restricted to the Battery area for a week, boy is he mad but of course I don't blame him.

Is Fritz ever in love with that girl he had into Matha the night I went



to the Chantucker with ^{FORT BLISS, TEXAS} him, his sister is going to buy her and engagement ring for Christmas, I seen some of the letters he got from her boy what a line of Bull.

What you mean I was feeling pretty good when I was out with Olson & the boys, I want to tell you all about it, now don't forget to let me know how you found out. I guess you always is a couple steps ahead of me, you big Irishman.

This one fellow who is in the same hut as me isn't back from furlough yet, and he was supposed to be back the same time as I was, boy will he ever get it 6 months & 3, and every day a person spends in the guard house has to make it up after the war. He's only 18 or 19 I don't know now for sure any way he sure is foolish just don't know any better I guess.

What's the matter with Daddy, Jimmy, & Eileen aren't they going to write me any

letters I would like to really hear from all
of them. Right away is Daddys Practicing up on
his bowling boy be better before he bowls
me again.

Don't forget you I won't be able to write
again until Saturday when I get back

Am going to write Blondie a few lines get
so better soon.

Take good care of yourself & answer those
questions especially those about Christmas &
let me know right away for I can get busy
buying a few presents.

P.S. Pretty lucky eh

I bet the fellows are
missing right now they
was me. I know for sure
Munkowski is.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny



B. F. C. Wm Simon

654th A. F. M. G. Bty.

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

63rd



Four



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

P.F.C. Wm Simon
M. S. N. 36823444
654th AAA M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Friday
Dec. 10, 1947

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Your not kidding Mother that mail is getting lazy, mother honest the work I never had such tough luck in all my life as I did on the Desert this week we just got back tonight at 6:00. This is what I mean by tough luck, every body told me I had a Package, they told me they had it & they looked all over for it and couldn't find it, I never even seen the Package & does it ever make me feel bad, what was in the Package & was it insured, I'm going to tell the Battery Commander all about it tomorrow, another thing is I lost my money out on the field, remember I said I was going to get you all a Christmas Present, I guess I broke my Promise because I haven't enough even for Christmas Cards

And I'm going to have to ask you to ~~buy~~
buy Blondie a Present for me. I only hope
to God some day I'll be able to repay
all you done for me, I think the day's going
to come when I can. Don't forget to buy
Blondie a Christmas Present & don't forget I won't
be able to buy any body a Present & I sure
hope you I don't get any. I never seen a man
have such tough luck in all its life as me.

I'm so damn mad now, I don't care for any
thing, it's all my own fault for carelessness
but of course that Package isn't my fault
at all. It sure is a shame isn't it but don't
feel a bit sorry for me, I figured that
what was suppose to happen, so I'm going
to try & sleep it off my mind. Haven't it make
me feel so bad that I can't buy any body a
Christmas Present, it really hurts me



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

It all happened & over with soon so will forget about it.

Yes, I hear from Blondie a quite a little I got 4 letters in a row from her, haven't heard from her for 2 day's row though. But she's on the ball & I sure appreciate hearing from her.

I know I told you those fellow rascals that letter I send the Pictures in, did you get those Pictures, there rascals are Bob Bathurst & Sam ~~W~~ Morris back from Madison.

It was terrible on our field Problem it rained two days & two nights I was running around in my log John most of the time I was only out there 3 days it rained two of them, that's what I mean by tough.

luck also, I just took a shower before I
went & I feel much better.

I know Daddy's birthday is the 26th tell
him I will give him a birthday Present next
month hope I can keep this Promise.

Am awful tired & have a little cold so
will close, Please be care writing mistakes &
every thing, I'm just mad that all.

Take good care of yourself & everybody.
don't work to hard.

P.S. Hope to hear from
you immediately, tell
me all about that
Package.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny.



B.F.C. 25m. Simon

654th A. 77. 77. 9. Bdy.

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

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Free



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
A. S. N. 36823444
654th A. A. M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Sunday
Dec. 12, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

About the letter you got made on your birthday didn't you get my present it should of been there at least the 8 on your birthday, don't forget to let me know if you got your birthday present from me.

Mother you think that new insignia are good news, well well they say some time this week we are going to move, that's really a good deal but of course we will only move about 1 mile from where we are it sounds good to me think will be here in Texas a long while yet. at least we hope so.

I helped the first sergeant last night in the office & he said the Battery clerk is going to get a discharge & he wants to test me the job don't know if I should take it or not it's

such a easy job, it isnt really easy its alot of
typing & book work, Im afraid if I do I will
get to fat & its a damn lot of responsibility,
if I do take it the officers are always around
telling me what I should do like get a hair
cut, clean your finger nails, Polish your shoes, etc.
Some one told me its the safest thing you can get
if we ever go across seas you know the Sentinels
are always around a safe Place. Im debating with
myself if I should take it.

By your rat bidding Im on the ball, I went
to Confession & Communion this morning. I am
a clean man again, (aint I always)

No, honest mother I dont want any thing for
Christmas but I could use some jack, flatter
than a Pancake which you know all about.
Dont forget to get Blondie a Christmas Present,
and I'll get Daddies birthday Present next
month.



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Remember I told you this one fellow who
got off the train on his way back from furlough
he's in my hut & all he got was a weeks
restriction he was a P. F. C. & got books to Brown
but he was gone 15 days over time. That's why
I wish I would a stayed home longer, right away
if the least thing happens to any one even relations
with me, because so many are getting emergency
furloughs it's really a racket.

I guess I'll have to come home & show
Daddy I can get at least 5000 Ben in a traveling
league meet, he sure is lucky I'm not in the
bowling league or he wouldn't be on top, the
way he's been bowling I think he is buying the
Secretary a little bit ask him about that. Tell
Daddy to write me I want to hear from

him. I bet he doesn't want to write because
he hasn't no high scores to tell me he has.

I thought that was a very good picture of
Sam Harris, but a poor one of Fritz & me. Sure
these two I send of Fritz & Sam,

They say we are going to get a three
day pass for Christmas so don't forget to
send me some money or I'll be at camp those
three days, send as soon as possible. I
don't believe I'd send it through the mail
if I were you. Some day you will get it
all back.

am feeling fine today sure hope every
one else is take good care of yourself &
every body, don't work to hard. Sure hope
we buy Maats that would be right down
my alley, maybe I could get a discharge if
you did.

With Love

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

J.F. C.W. Simon
65428 A.A.M. g. Bly
Fort Bliss, Texas

65th



Mrs George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Free

B.F.C. Wm. Simon
M.S.N. 36823444
654th A.A.M. g. Btry.
Fort Bliss, Texas



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Monday
Dec. 13, 1943

Dear Mother:

Haven't heard from you today but got two letters from Blondie & two Christmas Cards one from Mary Dahlen and one from Grandma & Fritz with a dollar in it, I have to get Christmas Cards Mother because I can't even send any back & haven't a penny except that dollar I got from Grandma today, I bet they all at least expect a Christmas Card from me, don't forget to buy Blondie a Christmas Present for me, forget about me I don't expect any & don't want any. That's an order by Major Simon.

I don't know if I told you or not I am getting the Paper every day now, and forget Mother you can't realize how

much I enjoy getting it, it makes me
feel like I'm home, I really am following
the sports all ready, I know that's a Christmas
Present & the best I could get & the only
one I want. I really look forward to the
Paper.

Today I was in charge of the Battery
in Infantry Drill bay you ought to see
me soldier the boys, I just got out there
and showed them I had something in me. You
know that little ink I have.

Wrote Blonder a long letter & am dead tired
so better hit the sack.

Am feeling fine got rid of my cold, hope
you are all well, take good care of yourself
and every body don't work too hard

Hope Daddy buys Ma the,
I'd really have something to
look forward to, right down my
alley behind a bar. wow wow, I'd
be the boss then. nobody would boss me around

Love
Your Hailing Son
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
H. S. N. 36823444
654th A. A. M. y. Btry.
Fort Bliss, Texas

66th



Four

Mrs. George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

P. F. C. Wm. Simon
H.S. No. 36823444
654th A.A. M. G. Btry.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Tuesday
Dec. 14, 1943

Dearest Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Received your letter today that was marked the 11th, but got one also today from Blondie that she wrote the 6th I couldn't make out the date it was stamped also got the Capital times, Middleton times & Christmas Card from John Dahmer, they never can come to much for me the more I get the more want.

Mother don't mention any thing about that birthday Present it wasn't much but you know me I can't afford much. Halda. What you mean you think some one hinted me you know I'd never forget your birthday, right away I know Daddy is the 26th and I hope to get him a Present next month, you notice that hope I said, well I'm never going to make a Promise again, I learned my lesson, ^{on} the desert. I sort of forget about it all at least am

trying to. I noticed in the Capital there were
Women in Bondage is on at the Parkway it is also
on at our Theatre, guess were up to date with
the shows anyway, we get a different movie
every night & there really good movies.

We are going to move Friday, it sure
looks good that were going to stay here in
Texas a quite a while yet, lets hope so eh
Heav. Didn't I tell you on furloughs we were
Mother, guess I'm on the ball eh what.

Today the first Sergeant called me & another fellow
in the office and said were going to school for 3 days
20, 21, & 22, was going to learn something about jeeps, he
said Simpson I picked you because I'm planning on you to be
Battery clerk & he said E. to whom I'm picking you because you're a
good man he is 20 and there & married a damn nice fellow &
you can see the first Sergeant likes me alot & really wants
me to be battery clerk, anyway after that school I'll get a
G.I. Drivers license & can drive any vehicle in the Army, there
are only two fellows in our outfit with G.I. license, a good
deal eh, I'm still debating with myself if I should
take B. Clerk, it's so easy & I'll be soft as put, I'm
going to ask the Corporal who likes me what I should do
I know he'll tell me the best.

Love
your Daddy Son
Sonny



P.F.C. Wm. Simon
654 1/2 4. 4. 4. M. 9. Bty.
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

67th



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Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

O. F. C. Adm. Senior
F. S. N. 36823444
654th F. F. F. M. G. Bty.
Fort Bliss, Texas



Saturday
Dec. 18, 1943

Dear Mother:

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

All Mother were all mountain & in it
over a honey of a place, nice huts, a a wonderful
bathhouse, nice showers, sinks & toilets, every thing
is just swell, I sure like the place very good
its a difference between day & night
compared to where we use to be, the huts
are nice & warm & have wonderful shelves which
we didn't have in the tents. I am in a
different hut am with Morhowski again
so you can see I am pretty happy, but
of course I am the only one that changed
I asked the first Sargent in the office
one day if I could get with Morhowski
as I told you he liked me & he
changed me nice fellow eh what.

Fritz isn't going to give his girl a
engagement ring, I told him I told you he
was & he told me to be sure I tell you he
isn't. I think I told you before he wasn't.

I was on K.P. the day we moved & Martha
she was in & I was it was tough, we had to
move all the kitchen stuff you can imagine
how tough it was.

653rd are eating with us now & are going
to for good that's the outfit Fritz is in
there are about 200 of ^{us} eating in one mess
hall now, but there is plenty of room
its a big mess hall & I already moved
it.

Don't forget won't be able to write for
three days am going to that school Mon.
Tue & Wed, will write immediately when
come back.

Take good care of yourself & everybody
Don't work too hard
Bless it all writing & mistakes
Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny



B. F. C. R. M. Simon

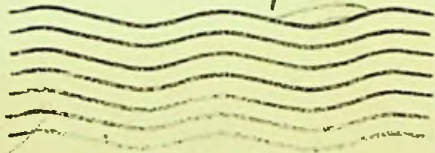
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FORT BLISS, TEXAS

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2119 Hubbard Ave.
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B. F. C. Wm. Simon

A. S. N. 36823444

654 2 A. A. M. g. Bty.

Fort Bliss, Texas

Dear Dad:



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Saturday
Dec. 18, 1943

Received your letter today, and was very glad to hear from you; I know its hard for you to find news because mother tells me it all, but I don't care if you don't tell me news, I just like to hear from you, honest Dad you don't know how good it makes me feel when I get a letter from home or from Blondie, I really look forward to mail call, if I walk away without any mail, it makes me feel sort of blue & sad, I don't know but a letter sure can make a fellow feel good, I got a Christmas card from John J. Adler & family & one from Pete & amady also & a letter from Blondie so you see I have a feel to write, I'm not going to ~~get~~^{send} any Christmas cards or Presents because am broke, when a fellows in the army he can't

afford Bresents, all I get is 29.50 a month I have
to pay for my cleaners 35¢ for every Bance I get
Bressed, both of my Bance are really wrinkled
now I really need a good Bress. Am going to get you
a Birthday Bresent next month, I know its a
little late Dad but its the best I can do.

Am going to a school Monday Tuesday & Wed
am going to get a G.I. Drivers license, good deal
hey what.

That was a shame you got a split in the
business mess league when you got 244, all into the
difference you will top it one of these days any way
but just wait until I come home, I will show
you how to get a few Bins & 37, just alot of luck
I'll probly never get that again in my life, I got
200 & something down here, very poor alleys the Bins
fall easy

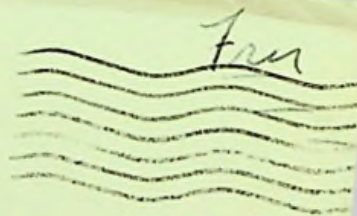
Will close now, have to write to Blordie &
Mother yet, becase can't write for 3 days next week.

Take good care of yourself, don't work to hard, hope
you by Macks
Will soon I'll write to you when
I come back from school

Love
your Son
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
A. S. V. 36823444
C. S. V. 7.77. M. g. Btry
Fort Bliss, Texas

61th



Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



Season's Greetings

Dollar for Eileen, Mother & Jimmy it isn't
much of a Card or Present

Listen you two boys when are you going
to write your big brother a letter.

Greetings and best wishes

for Christmas and the New Year

Merry Christmas to you all & a
Joyous New Year Next year we
will all be together. (I hope)



Love
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon

A. S. N. 36823444

654th A. A. A. M. G. Bty.

Fort Bliss, Texas

122nd



Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin

Sunday
April 24, 1944

Dear Mother:

Mom I had K.P. again today, just
seen a show, am at the Service Club now.

Well mom, as you know my furlough
was cancelled, now don't get excited
mom, we are moving to another camp, the
Battery Commander told us not to tell any
one, ~~but~~ we are going to Camp Chaffee
in Arkansas, boy it sure is a break
eh, it's only be about 800 miles from
home, we started packing Saturday,
Saturday night I wired you the money
am sorry I kept five ~~dollars~~, got my
shoes fixed & paid for the money

mirror, guess my eye an all right,
aren't you Grand Mom, guess I'm a
lucky guesser.

We have a Party tomorrow night
with w a s, now now, should have
a lot of fun.

They are about to start a play
you so better close, take good care of
yourself + everybody, don't work too
hard, again don't worry we are getting
a break, see you in Ark.

Love
Your Darling Son
Larry

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf.
Camp Chaffee, Arkansas
A.S.N. 36823444

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Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

G.F.C. Wm Simon
Co. #17479 Inf.
Camp Coffee
Arkansas



Monday
May 1st

ARMED • FORCES • OF • THE • UNITED • STATES

Dear Mother:

Am writing on a break so haven't much time, well we finally hit Arkansas, don't like it at all ~~except~~ except you see there's grass which is all right, we here at a Infantry outfit, were still the 13th Auburn so might hear some after were, I hope. We sleep in big Barracks here only slept here once, don't like the set up at all. although if I do have to stay I'll make the best of it as I can.

The train ride was very good, had nice beds & good chow, we left Ft.

Bless, ^{Friday} ~~Sat~~ night at 8:00 I got here

1.00 o'clock Sunday. The B. C. is the
only officer that came along, the rest sure
felt bad they couldn't, all of them had
tears in their eyes, they sure must've
liked us young Bunkers.

Nothing to say so better close, don't
know anything yet will give you the dope
about it when I fire out. The break up

Bye now. Don't worry about anything.

Love

Your Darling Son

Sonny.

G. F. C. Olson. Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
H. S. N. 36823444

124th



Mr. George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm. Senior
Co. H. 174th Inf.
Camp Chaffee.
Arkansas



Tuesday
May 2, 42

ARMED • FORCES • OF • THE • UNITED • STATES
Dear Mother:

Well here I am in air. yet, we haven't done a thing yet, we are still under the A.A. TC. Command, hope we stay airborne. Mom what do you think of the Inf. all though we aren't in it yet I hope never to, if I do get in the Inf. would you care if I get out of it I get in the Airborne Paratroopers, let me know Mom if you care or don't care if I take the Paratroopers, its damn good money in it a Pvt. gets \$100 a month of money for each jump. Now this isn't saying Im going to I just want your opinion if things turn the way I don't want it to.

Am feeling fine, hope you all are, the
show is very good, we eat out of plates
here & every thing is ran swell, the scenery
is lovely & a wonderful camp, all for your
information. Fritz, Sam, Kupper & all the
boys are here were all in the same boat.

We brought two of the dogs along we
always had at camp as at Fort Bliss, they
let them in the train, but had to have them
in a box, I thought it was pretty good.

Am only about 800 miles from home, haven't
been to home yet they say its terrible its
60,000 Population so small compared to El Paso
& Juarez, I guess the girls are all filthy.
But of course it doesn't bother me.

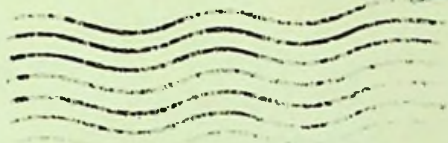
Take good care of yourself & every body,
don't work too hard.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

B. F. C.
Co. H- 17414 Inf.
Camp, Chaffee
Arkansas

Swain

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Mrs. George Swain
Middleton
Wisconsin

B.F.C. Plm. Senior
Co. H. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp, Cheffer
Arkansas



Wednesday

ARMED • FORCES • OF • THE • UNITED • STATES

Dear Mother

Now this is my fourth letter now, but I guess I can excuse you, seeing everything is all messed up.

Our training starts Monday, isn't it huh Mom to be in the Inf. but at least I'm in the States that's what really counts, last night I went to the P. X. I who do you think I saw, none other than Delbert Esser from Cross Plains, he just came here Monday from Houston Texas, so as you can guess, Fritz Delbert & I went out, it sure felt good to meet him, my eyes just popped

open, Mom have to close, they are
going to stay with you.

Love

Sony

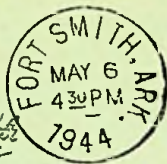
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Camp, Chaffee, Arkansas

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Free

Mrs. George Senior
Middleton,
Wisconsin

B.F.C. Wm. Simon
Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffin, Ark.
A.S.N. 36823444



Friday
May 4/44

ARMED • FORCES • OF • THE • UNITED • STATES

Dear Mother:

Received two letters from you today, & one from Ethyl. Your two were dated, April 22 and 27th, & Ethyl's 25th, mine in terrible mailage but of course it went to Fort Bliss, than down here.

Boy, was I on a terrible detail yesterday was carrying logs all day, through mud & water. Than to top it off, we only had two sandwiches for dinner, & of course one of them had to be jelly, all we also had an apple.

Well Mom don't expect me home for a while yet, we have to go through 6 more weeks of training which starts Monday. But do expect me after training. (Ain't it hell.)

We turned in our Tommy guns yesterday, imagine we'll be drawing our rifles soon, sure hated to turn the Tommy in, I really love to shoot it.

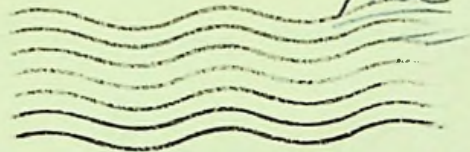
Tomorrow is Saturday thank the Lord, get a little rest anyhow, so they finally got Snuff boy will he be sorry, what is he in Army or Navy. I imagine the navy, don't blame him if he don't like the Army.

Man you can believe Jim on the level now, Delbert also is here which you mentioned on today's letter he got hooked on a furlough, but didn't see all. I guess you believe me now (eh) you know I never tell a lie.

Must close, am going to write E. right, am also going to see Pin up girl tonight, Betty Grable wow wow. If you have extra cash, I could use a little we only got Paid Parcel Pay which was only $\frac{2}{3}$ of the check, got that before we left Ft. Bliss so please send a little if you have it. Love
Take good care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard. Love
your baby
Dorothy
Sorry

S F.C. Wm. Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.

A.S.N. 36823444 / 27



Mrs. George Simon
Middletown
Wisconsin

WISCONSIN HO!



A R M E D • F O R C E S • O F • T H E • U N I T E D • S T A T E S

May 2, 1944

Time: 8 P.M.

Camp Phillips,
Kansas

Dear Mrs. Simon:

Since your son Bill and I were such good Buddies while we were in Texas together, I was wondering if you would oblige me by sending his address to me.

We promised to keep in touch with each other even tho' we were sent to different camps, so I want to write to him as soon as possible.

If he should write to you, would you send my address to him? Here is my address:

Cpl. Joe C. Cassara

#3673369I

652 A.A.A.M.G. BAT. A-B

Co. H- 37 Infantry

Camp Phillips, Kansas

Hoping you will do this favor for me,

I am,

Bill's Buddy,

Cpl. Joe----

G.F.C. Wm. Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf.
Camp, Chaffee
Arkansas



Monday
May 8, 44

ARMED • FORCES • OF • THE • UNITED • STATES

Dear Mother:

Received your letter today, with Joe
Cassman address, yes he is in the Inf. he's
one swell fellow, had alot of fun with him
at O'Brien, we Promised we'd write each other
& I know damn well he will, yes Mom
Morawski & all the fellows are down here,
all my Buddies that I came in with.

Today I got 5 Capital times & two
middleton times, guess I got plenty to
read, the sad part of it is we go on a
two hour hike tonight starting at 8:00
It is now 6:45, aint it hell, for six
weeks we take 2 hrs hike every night
each Monday & Friday. Thank the Lord

its only going to last 6 wks.

I went to town twice now, isn't much there
at least there all white any town, yes you
guessed right the town is Fort Smith.

We were out in the field all day
today, going through the gas chamber
known, I took a good smell of mustard
gas today along with others, I took a
little too much of advantage I really felt it.

Man has to get ready for him, fire
my back up & a few more things.

Write Son, take good care of yourself &
everybody don't work too hard.

Love
Your Daddy Son
Sonny

B.F.C. Wm Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Arkansas
A.S.N. 36823444

128th



Free

Mr. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



Friday
May 12, 44

ARMED • FORCES • OF • THE • UNITED • STATES

Dear Mother:

Received your letter today with the money, Thanks alot Mom if it wasnt for you I dont know what I'd do. Boy am I going to have alot to repay after this war, maybe I can build you a house, when I get in my baseball cover (them) I dont mean C. Y. V. letter.

Mom we go on a hike again tonight for two hrs, from 8:00 to 10:00, I told you didnt I that we have ^{two} hikes a week, Tuesdays & Friday's.

You sleeping, I noticed this in the paper & you passed it up, hes in the Airborne 71stys outfit, I know him very

well a swell kid, her with us also, so
Delbert isn't in the same company as Fritz &
I, I think he's in C ~~Company~~ Company, his
Baracks about $\frac{1}{2}$ block from mine, yes your right
 alot of soldiers come from Texas down here
I have to give you credit you sure know
your stong. (Smart in other th.) (to smart for me ^{ahem})

Well ^{one} week of training is almost through
Thank the Lord, a tough week also, had C.P.
yesterday & was it hell, had to get up at
4:00 in the morning but got through at 12:00
noon, then had to hit the line, just a tough
day all around.

A Couple of my Pals want me to get
tattooed with them Pay Day let me know if
you can, they got it all planned out, have
a row I won on it than the date we

Came in the Army & after the war have another
date when we get our discharge, let me
know now if you can don't forget, alot of
fellows got tatoosed already. Personally, I
think its all right just one like that. The
fellow who sleeps next to me has alot of them
he's 37 yrs. old, a good old chap, he can really
take it keeps right up with us. He came
out of the band. also been in Panama a long while.

M. Murski got some pictures today from
his girl, she's really pretty & really has a
build. wow wow, he's really got some nice stuff.

Man rat that I care who is Blondie going
with you, the lucky stiff is getting some good
necking there, boy can she neck. I know.

Have to close just about ready to take off
on the hike take good care of yourself & everybody, don't
forget to write.

2.9 Tell Fred, Jim & Ellen to write me
its a long while since I heard from them. Love
your darling son
Sonny

Kathryn Orth
er. is coaching the p

On Furlough

Pfc. James J.
Cramer, son of
Mr. and Mrs.
James Cramer,
Prairie du, Sac
is spending a fur-
lough at his
home. He is at
Ft. Bliss, Tex.



Pfc. Cramer

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B. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
A.S.N. 36823444

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Free

Mrs. George Simon
Middleton,
Wisconsin



Mother's Day



Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

MAY 14 **2** 1944

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS

Celebrant

HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REV. ALBERT L. FLETCHER, D.D.,
Auxiliary Bishop of Little Rock

Arch-Priest

REV. JOSEPH A. MURRAY
St. John's Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas

Deacon

REV. ALBERT S. MARCHIANO
St. Scholastica's Academy, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Sub-Deacon

REV. JOHN C. O'DWYER
Immaculate Conception Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Master of Ceremonies

RT. REV. MSGR. JOHN J. HEALY Little Rock, Arkansas

Sermon: REV. PATRICK M. LYNCH
St. John's Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas

Minor Officers of the Mass: SEMINARIANS
St. John's Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas

Music Palestrina Choir, St. Scholastica's Academy
16th Armored Division Band

Arrangements and Supervision of Program:

Fr. Eugene P. Walsh, Lt. Col., Division Chap., 16th Armored
Division

Fr. William E. Galvin, Capt., Chap., CC "A", 16th Armored
Division

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

"Dear Mother, in your gracious eyes I see
The love of her who held the Child Divine;
Your life so like to hers, your loyalty
To your Son, I cherish, Mother mine.

"Let's pray that Mary takes your love and mine
And blends them in her loving mother's heart,
With hers, to make them worthy of a place
Eternally within His Sacred Heart."

I am offering my Mass and Holy Communion on this day for
your intention, Mother mine.

Your Darling Son, Sonny

“TO OUR LADY”

“Lovely Lady dressed in blue—
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy,
Tell me what to say!

“Did you lift Him up, sometimes,
Gently, on your knees?
Did you sing to Him the way
Mother does to me?

“Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?

“Do you really think He cares
If I tell Him things—
Little things that happen? And
Do the Angels’ wings

“Make a noise? And can He hear
Me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me—for you know!

“Lovely Lady dressed in blue—
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy,
And you know the way.”

—*Mary Dixon Thayer.*

B. F. C. Wm Simon
Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg
Camp Choppe, Ind.
A. S. U. 368 23714

130th



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Mrs. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
A. S. N. 36823444



UNITED STATES ARMY

Monday
May 15, 44

Dear Mother:

Received two letters from you today, one which was mailed the 3rd of May, you forgot to put the Co. I was in, lets get on the G.I. (eh.)

Got a letter from Joe Cassara & Dad yesterday one each of them a letter, am going to write Joe tonight, and wrote a letter to Blodder yesterday, a friendly letter I told her when I get time I'll write her a friendly letter, also got the Picture today, it sure is good really ~~flat~~ flatters me, its too good it can't be me.

Man alive have we got a tough week ahead of us, got up at 30 minutes to four this morning also tomorrow morning & Thursday & Friday, the reason is we are firing our guns, the M1 rifle Monday Tuesday Carbine Thursday & Friday, its sort of early eh. to damn early. But as long as its only four days I can take it.

Mom can't write for tonight have to close
they are forcing us to get to bed. Will write Dad
for tomorrow, take good care of yourself & everything
don't want to hear

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffin, Ark.
A.S.N. 36823444

131st



Free

Mrs. George Simon
Madison
Wisconsin



UNITED STATES ARMY

Wednesday
May 17 ~~th~~ 44

Dear Mother:

Mom we had a tough day today, walked about 3 miles into a woods today, carrying our guns ~~with~~ at Right ~~so~~ shoulder I left shoulder arm I boy is that tough.

Tonight we had a television show, seen Frank Sinatra, Kay K. Yee singing, I didn't see it went to the show again at the wrong time ain't that always me.

Have to get up again tomorrow at 20 to 4 for the Caribbi tomorrow I Friday sure hate to think of getting up so early, wrote Joe a letter tonight didn't send the other one I planned on sending. I am losing weight down here weighed myself tonight only

weigh 151.

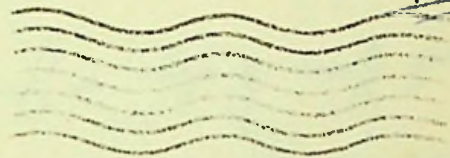
Boy alot of fellows are going F. W. O. L.
it isn't nothing though compared to what's
coming Day Day, half of the fellows will go
F. W. O. L. (Don't blame them.)

Mom am very sorry again, have to turn
the lights off, getting up so early the lights
go off soon the C. G. is down stays over.
Good night now take good care of yourself

Love
Jan Darling Son
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
A.S.N. 36823444

132nd



Free

Mr. George Simon
Middletown,
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. H. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
A. S. N. 36823444



Friday
May 19, 1944

Dear Mother:

Received your long letter yesterday, was very glad to get it. Get the rest on the ball row, haven't heard from Eileen or Jim for long while, can't even hear from him recently.

Boy was I hot at the range yesterday, I scored expert on the Carbine rifle, it's really a smooth gun weighs $5\frac{3}{4}$ lbs, very light & easy to handle, really love the gun wish I had one, the Sgt's. are the only ones issued Carbine rest of us rifles, of course the rifle is a wonderful gun also, very accurate 500 yds. I got a quite a feel Bull E yes from 500 yds.

Well Mom another tough week of training is about through, as you know we got up 4 days this week at 3:40 & I'm telling you it's really tough getting up, it sure is a long day from 3:40 to 5:00.

Next week we are going on bivouacs, on Monday

and Tuesday so on you can't expect any letters these days, they won't leave us much when there on Brevonia got to much to do so they say, it won't be so bad much rather sleep in a woods than a desert which I slept on plenty of times.

About Blondie mom, I just wrote her a friendly letter, don't know why I did, I just felt like it, it really ticks me she going out, don't care a bit, infact I don't care if I ever take her out again, it sure is funny but I didn't even think of her for months, most likely won't get an answer from her, all I can is just for I hear from you, (you better keep it up like you are or I'll get you some day.) (kiss.)

I heard over the radio tonight the Cubs won again 3-2 they getting tough now, hope they keep it up. By the lineup they should really have a Powerhouse team.

Better close write soon, take good care of yourself & every body & don't work too hard.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Cropper, Ark.
H.S.N. 36823444

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My rs. George Simon
my iddleton,
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm Simon
Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
M. S. N. 36823444



Saturday
May 20, 1944

Dear Mother:

Now this is my third letter to you one now catching up on you, before I forget, don't forget I won't be able to write Mon. or Tuesday, because we're going on maneuvers, maybe I might be able to write Tuesday night all depends what time we come back.

Got a letter from Blondie today all ready wrote back, because I know I won't get time until at least Wednesday, I asked her who she went to the Prom with but didn't get no answer, but she's afraid to mention who she went with.

Didn't get off until three o'clock this afternoon had to work in the Butts for some officers, that's an Bull targets for them while they shoot, got hooked again, doesn't it always happen, but of course there were 70 of us who got hooked for it.

Am going to try and make Confession tomorrow for a quite a while now since

the last time, so better get on the ball. (eh.)

Boy it really rained here today, the weather is just like back home, wonderful weather, a very nice breeze blowing on me now, it sure has tears beat, but much rather be in the airborne that's for sure.

Don't believe I told you, we ~~had~~ have foot lockers here are really nice & come in very handy, the lockers are very big, just one more thing to keep clean but really worth it.

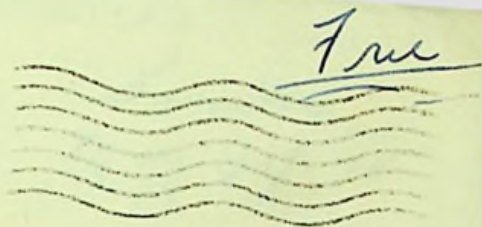
Glennie sent me an Invitation to graduate, pretty good, (eh) inogeni she respects a parent, what a laugh if she does, really makes me laugh.

Write soon Mom, take good care of yourself and everybody, don't work too hard

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

G. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg.
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A.S.N. 36823444

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My rs. George Simon
my iddleton
Wisconsin

O. F. C. Wm. Simon
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Sunday
May 21/44

Dear Mother:

When I'm on the Ball (eh.) caught up with you this week infact a little ahead, went to Confession this morning, but didn't go to Communion because I ate Cham this morning.

So Snuff got hell all ready, he'll learn to keep his mouth shut, this is one place you can't use your mouth, the least you say the better off you are, imagine the Navy is about the same.

Well M on I'm all packed for our Bivouac were going on tomorrow, they issued us mosquito nets today, they will really come in handy, they say at night the mosquitos really come out in the woods, been in the woods a few times all ready in the day time & there were plenty of mosquitos out, so imagine it will come in

damn handy.

There really knocking our morale down we
aren't going to get paid this month at all have
to wait till the 10th of June, and it hell over
11 months now guess I'm an old trooper now. (eh)

So Albert finally got send~~ed~~ over there, guess
it was about time, he was pretty lucky, it's a
long time he'd been ⁱⁿ the states, don't forget to let me
know mom where he is at.

We had chicken today for chow & boy
was it good, I ate so much I actually could
hardly move, I bet I never ate so much in all
my life.

getting late so better close, with real soon,
take good care of yourself & everybody & don't
work too hard.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
H. S. N. 36823444

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Will & Mary
Kearney

Mr. George Simon
Middleton
Wisconsin



UNITED STATES ARMY

Wednesday
May 24, 44

Dear Mother:

I received your letter with two dollars in it, sure come in handy, also got another letter from Joe, he sure hates the Inf. don't blame him abt we got up at 3:50 every morning so far this week even on the field, tomorrow we can sleep till 6:00 (Sunah) Mom we really got a tough week firing every day & really walking thru hand grenades tomorrow, Friday Infiltration course, which is bullets flying over our heads, its safe if you keep down, just don't like the idea of bullets going over my head the 100 yds. we have to crawl thru like a mole, have to crawl it with full pack & rifle.

Found out today from a Sergeant that

The only reason we aren't getting paid until
June 10th because they afraid of us fellow
gang A.W.O. I need to tell, they just don't
give a damn about us, the harder they can make
it on us the happier they are.

My own Pleasure is meeting just came
from show, had to write fast, the fellow want
the light off so better turn it off, will write
tomorrow night.

Take good care of yourself & everybody, don't
work too hard.

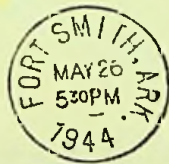
Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

G. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. A 174th Inf. Reg.
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Camp Chaffee, Ark.

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G. F. C. Wm. Simon
Co. A. 174 th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
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Thursday
May, 25, 44

Dear Mother:

No, letter today that too, have to get you on the ball, get Jim & E then on the ball, haven't heard from them for ages, also tell Dad you give me an answer, I wrote him last, snap them out of it Mom, (Amen I guess I said my Ours better be quiet for awhile)

Mom got a date tomorrow night with the fellow who sleeps next to me, were going up to the Gym, to lift weights, box. & shoot baskets, he's a swell fellow a T4 remember I told you he's either 37 or 38 years old, he keeps right up with us young bunks, and ahead of O'lenly of them, he can run like a deer for an old fellow, he & I race every morning to the shower line were both right next to each other & a straight run for the door, beat him most every time but he makes me travel as fast as I can.

Wish for all ready tonight, it's really raining

here tonight, sure hate to think of tomorrow morning
have to go through Infiltration Course, bet you 2-1
we'll be crawling through plenty of water & mud!

Man don't forget to give me Albert's address
when you get it, sure would like to write him, maybe
he can give me a feel Pointer if I ever have to go over,
any little thing helps.

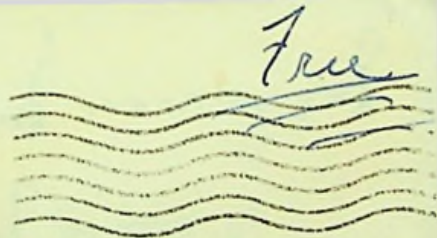
Man add myself \$1.05 tonight going to the P.X. for
the fellows tonight, it was raining out & they said
they'd give any man a dime if they went over so I
politely volunteered & went, easy way to make money (eh)
also got 3 Pbs. cigs for it.

Man have to clean my gun get so better close,
write real, take good care of yourself & everybody &
don't work too hard.

Love
Your Darling Son
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Semor
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Camp Chaffee, Ark.
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My addleton,
Wisconsin

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Camp Shaffer, Ark.
A.S.N. 36823444



Friday
June 2, 1944

Dear Mother:

I received your letter today was very glad you got home in good condition, too bad you couldn't get a good seat, I respected that from Vi, just by looking at her I knew she'd foot around with most anyone, sure can't trust any one now days, as you also think.

You wish came true mom, we had a very easy week, only thing bad was those damn nights, I boy I got soaked wet, rained all night, also was in the rain Monday afternoon & you know how much it rained, you should of seen me looked like I been swimming with my clothes on.

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Co. F. 174th Inf. Regt.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
H.S.N. 36823444

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My m. George Simon
My addition
Wisconsin

G. F. C. Wm. Simon
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Camp Chaffee, Ark.
A.S.N. 36823444



Sunday
June 4, 44

Dear mother:

Just drop you a few lines to let you know
what's going on, you remember this Johnson I told
you about who almost went nuts with pain, well
anyway it was his appendix; they were taken
out, guess it's a easy operation so probably feels
fairly good by now.

Well Maramba's babe is here came
yesterday, got a furnished room somewhere
in town, also another fellow babe is here
he been here 3 days already, he is still
sleeping, looks like a beat out dog.

Some fellow seen the Woods last

might. say its terrible, so Daddy won't
go. might go this afternoon haven't made up
my mind as yet.

Just got back from church. Sam hasn't
come back to camp yet. Daddy got I used
up by 4 P'S, so have to get him to go
to Confession next Sun.

Will do. Take good care of yourself
& every body, don't work too hard

Love
Your Darling Son
Sammy

B.F.C. Wm. Simon
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Mrs. George Simon
2119 Hubbard Ave.
Middleton
Wisconsin



UNITED STATES ARMY

Monday
June 5/44

Dear Mother:

I received your letter today that you write after work, boy are you ever on the bubble, but I'll keep up with you, tomorrow, wed & Friday we go on the field again from 8:00 to 11:00, aint it hell.

Well Mom its a year today I been in the army & I'm say to say I'm on extra duty now suppose to be it is now 9:30 & I'm on until 11:00, started at 6:00 also have it over now night, the reason I got it was because I didn't go out on the field last Wed. finally caught up with me, but of course there are plenty now in the same boat as me.

Seen in the Paper tonight were Harold
Meyer & Cross Olsen was Commissioned



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a 2nd Lt, he graduated from Ft. Benning
Georgia & Infantry School;

Was out in the rain all morning boy it
really poured, was up to water half the time
^{up to} my knee, had the afternoon off so it wasn't
so bad after all.

About furlough they said tonight at
retreat were ~~of~~ starting furlough the 17th
lets hope so, when fine out for sure will send
for money don't worry I won't let you down
I'll let you send me a little Jack. (Ahem)
ain't I kind?)

Sam is funny no one heard from Albert
yet, maybe he isn't allowed to write any
one, or maybe is aboard ship, who knows.

It's really a swell night tonight, a nice
cool breeze, & the air smells so good, just don't
feel tired.

Went head from Blodine but it's Beesley
all night with me, as I said I only can't
hear from one Benson & that's you, so you see
you have to keep on the ball & get the rest
of the mops on it, have to haul them out
when I get my furlough.

No news so better don't take good
care of yourself & every body & don't work too
hard.

Clear & can't be writing

Love
You Darling Son
Sam

G. F. C. 2nd M. Simon
Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Chaffee, Ark.
A.S.N. 36823444

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my iddleton,
Wisconsin

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Co. A. 174th Inf. Reg.
Camp Cropper, Ark.
A. S. N. 36823444



Wednesday
June 7, 44

Dear my other:

Received your letter today that you wrote at my aths, imagine I'll hear from Snuff one of these day's. Just got off K. P. it was really a snaf today, didnt do nothing all day but eat & I mean eat.

So Biken is going to work m onday, but she's tickled to get out of town, is Jimmie going to work at Schuberts all summer or get a different job, should make alot of Jack this summer, cause he needs it seeing he has a little Senoita.

yes dear, I was right training is getting easier, only thing is Friday night we go through Infiltration Course, next week is really a snaf going to have alot of lectures & movies, see: we're in going to gain alot of weight back, although I have gained a few back already weighed.

152 Sunday, won't be long I'll be on the bubble again.

What you think of big that 7 jsteld & the other big shots now, five years what a laugh, now you don't want to believe anyone no one like that knows, Eisenhower says in 44, don't be surprised if it is, Germany's folded up right now the yellow bastards won't ~~hang~~ last long at all after Germany, again all the fighters Japs can't beat their self out of 90' after bag.

Can't think of anymore no better sign yet, take good care of yourself & every body & don't work too hard.

Love
your Darling Son
Sonny

G. F. C. Wm. Simon
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~~Chaffee, Ark.~~
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Sunday  
June 11, 1944

Dear mother:

Received a letter from you today, really surprised  
one, you know mom I can just about tell every  
time I'm going to get one from you, either I'm  
getting smart on you or the bubble just about every  
other day.

So Eileen & the yaks took off, if I don't hear  
from you her, be sure & let me know what her  
address is, you never know when I get my furlough  
I might have a lay over in Chicago, which is  
very likely to happen, so don't forget.

Sure am glad Humphry's heard from David  
really takes a big load & worry off their minds,  
and to top it off he's still in the States, boy  
I bet they were happy when they heard from him



and especially in the states.

Mom we might get our furloughs Saturday, or a ~~few~~ few day's after, am going to have to ask you to send me some money, have to have more than train fare so please send as soon as possible, want to be sure an have it ahead of time, theres no one who wants to come home as bad as I do. But please do me a favor break my war stamps dont use your money, thats why I got those stamps to break them when we need it so please do that, it will really make me feel alot better. As I told you Mom some day Im going to repay all I owe you thats for damn sure. Just another reminder cash my bonds.

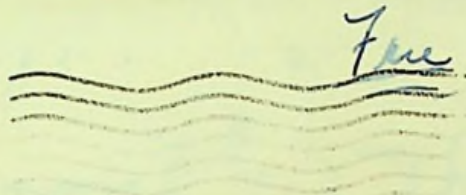
Well Mom have to close, Laundry didnt come back so I have to wash a few cloths, but you'd like to see me wash cloths.

Take good care of yourself & every body, dont wait to hard.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

O. F. C. Wm. Simon  
Co. A. 174th Inf. Regt  
Camp Chaffee, Ark.  
H.S.N. 36823444

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Mrs. George Simon  
Middleton,  
Wisconsin





Monday  
June 27, 44

Dear Mother:

Havent much time to write Mom, am going to show tonight, its a U.S.O show tonight, there really good come only once a month so better see it.

We are going to town Wed. all day for a Parade its Inf. day so we have to put on a Parade but its a big flop although I have been on plenty of Parades in B. H. I.

I recd 4 letters & 3 open today. a letter from you, Jim, Cassara, & the church, one of my friends just brought the letter for me now from the church so havent opened it yet.

If we dont go on the field tomorrow night I will write Jim & Cassara, we

only have one night this week at the field, I  
think its tomorrow night

In case you havent got my letter I send  
for fullough money, send as soon as possible,  
might get them at end of week at least a  
good chance lets just hope so.

Better close am late now, take good  
care of yourself & everybody & dont work too hard.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Samy



B. F. C. Wm. Simon  
Co. A. 174th Inf. A. Sgt.  
Camp Chaffee, Ark.  
A. S. N. 36823744

Send one after furlough

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Mr. George Simon  
Middleton  
Wisconsin



UNITED STATES ARMY

Wednesday

Dear Mother:

Just drop you a feel line to let you know  
I got back to the damn hole, boy am I mad  
at you, they didnt say boo to me, Bob Johnson  
or none of my Bats are back yet, either is Sam  
those boys are smart & they won't get a thing  
out of it, none of the Chicago boys are back  
yet. So you see I'm plenty mad at you.

Mamie got married, boy is he  
happy, Fisher was the best man.

Man am doing, you know I have  
about to do get her at 4:30 good time  
ch.

(over)

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny



Seen Harry Groch at the Station, in  
Madison, he really looked good.

B.F.C. Wm. S. Simon  
Co. A. 174<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt.  
Camp Chaffin, Ark.  
M.S.N. 3682344

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Mrs. George Simon  
Middleton  
Wisconsin





Thursday  
July 6, 44

UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Mother:

Am sneaking you a letter while I'm on duty, my Platoon is on the field, I really played it smart didn't get my equipment, so didn't have to put the line all though I am cleaning up the barracks.

Boy I sure wish I would of stayed home longer Sam will Probly come tonight, of course the Chicago boys won't be back until at least Monday, smart bunch eh, saying I came back to soon I bet you 2-1 I get guard tonight our company has guard, for damn sure I'll get K.P. either Sat. or Sun. Macumbe is on K.P. today. so you see the ones who come back early are always

the goats

Big Bama that were getting more training, guess  
its better after all if we do. Some of the fellows  
went for exam this morning for the Baratroops.  
Jack Schoenman & alot of my buddies went for the  
exam.

Man altho its hot down here & the flaps there  
driving me nuts all ready. Im sweating now just  
writing. ~~to you~~

Better down there up checking in all the time, every  
body at home is looking fine so keep them on the  
ball, take good care of yourself & everybody, dont want to hear.

Love  
Your daddy in  
Sam



B.F.C. Wm. Simon  
Co. H. 174th Inf. Regt.  
Camp Chaffer, Ark.  
A.S.N. 36823444

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Mr. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin

A.L.S.  
7/15/44



UNITED STATES ARMY

Monday  
July 10, 1914

Dear Mother:

Received your first letter today was very glad to hear from you.

It is now 4:00 just got back from the field have to go on guard at six, aint it hell that means no sleep for me tonight, but I guess its all right its the first time I had it since I was down here.

We got a big ben Party tomorrow night have 40 cases so far that isnt near enough. It is also the first Party we had down here, were even entitled to one.

Im in a shame about Jimmie, sure hope he gets rid of it soon, but it drives him nuts, I got a little touch of the heat rash now myself but it doesnt bother me, all I have to do is just keep on taking



salt tablets & I'll be all right.

No Sam didn't come back with me cause the  
next day, he didn't get nothing out of it either  
did I. But Sam & I of his buddies from home  
got back yesterday, all they got in a little to be  
duty, boy ain't I a dope, guess it isn't me  
have to blame you for it. Walter.

yes I put my name in for O.C.S. I also  
Paratroop, anything to get out of this job.  
guess I'm on the list. (eh what)

Have to done much soon, I hear so can

writing, & mistakes

Love  
your daddy Sam  
Sammy

B. F. C. Wm. Simon  
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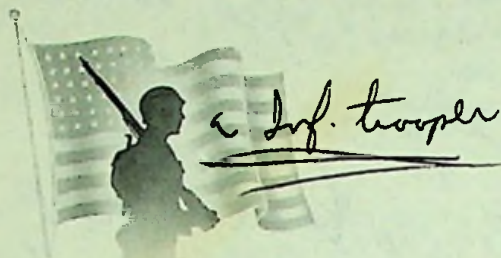
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Mr. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin





UNITED STATES ARMY

Tuesday  
July 15/44

Dear Mother:

No letter from you today, but of course got one the last 2 days from you. Although I might get one from you at tonight's mail call.

Am still on guard gun for 2 hrs yet only called 2 hrs. last night & off all day today a good deal (eh.)

Mother Jim was ahead of Fritz & put my name in for O.C.S. before he did, & he got back before me so I guess Jim plenty on the ball (eh.) although I know you don't think so.

Fritz bought her girl an engagement ring down here he sent it to her, told me he paid \$2.00 for it, so it must be a fairly good one after all. Personally I think her



batty, boy some blosk sure do get it bad  
with those miserable women.

"Tonight is our Party, boy I bet its really  
going to be a blood shed."

Went to town last night after I pulled  
my two hrs. paid bought a big checker &  
was it good it only cost \$1.75 good as farers  
any time.

Better close flys are driving me to death  
with soon.

Love

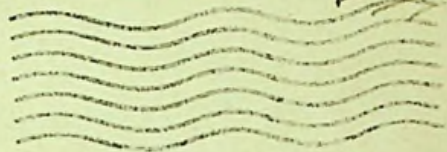
Your Laidy Son

Sam



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Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin



UNITED STATES ARMY

Thursday  
July 13 '44

Dear Mother.

Received your letter today, got there yesterday,  
from Eileen, Joe & Janette, guess I'm on the ball  
(h)

80 men are pulling out Friday, Sam is one  
of them & so is Bob Johnson, other with the rest  
of my friends are sticking here, thank the Lord, sure  
hate to see them fellows go will miss them a lot.

I might as ~~well~~ tell you now but think we  
all will be pulling out soon, its hard to tell, but  
the officers say we are all going to shove off  
soon, so my guess isn't better than anyones.

Have to go on the field tonight from  
10:00 until 2:00, ain't it hell, but guess



we can't kick. its the first time since I came  
from furlough. all right away we sleep until  
7:00 now but don't get through until 6:00  
like the hrs. alot better.

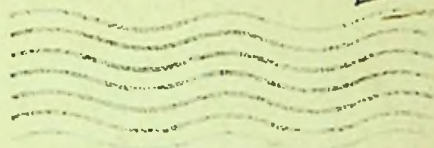
To the ~~club~~ N.L. beat the H.C. about two  
boys Al Gorman sure is seeing alot of action,  
can't figure it out that her only a B.F.C. I'd  
I tell you Jack Schowen got broke for  
getting in a fight in town.

Am going to B.X. so must close take  
good care of yourself & everybody. Don't want  
to hear

Love  
John Daring Sr  
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon  
Co. A. 174th Inf. Regt.  
Camp Cropper, Ark.  
M. S. N. 36823444

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Mrs. George Simon  
My old letter,  
Wisconsin





UNITED STATES ARMY

Friday  
July 14, 44

Dear Mother:

Received your letter today, the one you sort of bawled me out for writing such short letters, you see I'm on its 7:00 run before I get out of camp, then I usually see a show, you know how it is every time a fellow sees a show he gets tired, so I guess you can excuse me a little bit. Just got back from the P.X. room, had a very long day, of course we should of went on the field last night until 7:00 in the morning. In fact I slept all morning.

Eden told me also she had these arguments with Blondie, guess none of us can get along with her, maybe someday still hear she isn't quite as good as she thinks she is. (Ahem am I preaching)

I saw Delbert & her tonight at the P.X. he told me he's pulling out Tuesday, so



Now you know now he isn't going to O.C.S  
because it's too late, as I told you I put my  
name in to for O.C.S but don't think it's going to  
do us any good. Mother I might as well tell  
you we all will be pulling out very soon, so  
I hear don't worry I sure wouldn't feel satisfied  
here. But I'll be in the states along with get  
probably go to England which you know yourself is  
very safe. I had alot of training now & ~~that~~ think  
I know quite abit. As I said I hear don't worry probably  
be here for awhile get anything can happen in the  
army.

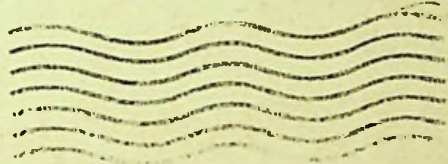
Have to done extra duty men are going to  
clean up, take good care of yourself & every body,  
don't work too hard

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny



B.F.C. Simon  
Co. H. 174th Inf. Regt.  
Camp Chapin, Ark.  
H.S.N. 36823444

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Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin



UNITED STATES ARMY

Monday  
July 17, 1944

Dear mother:

Received your letter yesterday, although I didn't read it until last night, went to Paris with ~~my~~<sup>two</sup> Buddies Sat. night, had a wonderful time.

People really treat us swell, everybody says hello to you & welcomes you to their house, went to two

different houses, one of them had a daughter, but

horribly on hell, damn it, guess I don't live right. we

stayed in a cabin only cost 50¢ a piece, can't figure

it out, right away so dear I don't need any Jack

in made of money (them) Thanks any way, sometime I might take up you up on it, then you will be sorry.

a Bunch of fellows left this morning for a B.O.E. I leave tomorrow, seen Delbert Esser at the theatre this morning when we had Peter



inspection he also leave tomorrow, on side of 2  
days every one will be gone, Jack left today, Bob  
Latham & all my buddies leave also tomorrow, but  
about as my good old airborne buddies left today,  
sure hated to see them go, this will be my last  
letter until I hit my new destination so please  
don't worry, will be in the States at least 6  
months yet if not longer, so don't write until you  
hear from me.

Would love to call you up, but would have to  
wait 6 or 7 hrs, the line is really hot. I bitch.

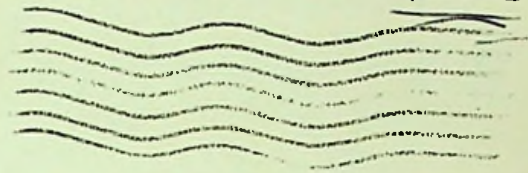
Have to do a little Bakery so better close, take  
good care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard.

P.S. Just a reminder

Please don't worry nothing  
to worry about.

Love  
Your old buddy Sonny  
Sonny.

B. F. C. William L. Simon<sup>II</sup> 36823444  
Co. B. 9th Pn. 3rd Regt.  
H. G. F. R. D. II  
Fort Geo. S. Meade, Md. 150



Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown,  
Wisconsin



B. F. C. Wm. Simon  
Co. B. 9th Bn. 3rd Regt.  
A. G. F. B. D. F. I

Fort Geo. Meade, Md.

Friday  
July, 1944

UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear my other:

Arrived here at Fort Meade last night about 12:00, sure is a wonderful place, at least looks good am very close to their big cities, Washington D.C. which I went through last night only 40 miles from camp Baltimore again only 40 miles & New York 200 miles, sure am getting by the big slough (eh.)

Have plenty of money so can visit Wash. D.C. Sat. & Sunday, boy a boy will I have the fun you can bet on that.

My other dear, I am at a C. O. R. unit ship to some C. O. E. around two weeks, all of us are here including Sam, Delbert, Jack, well all of my Buddies except Fritz he is still at Arkansas. Sam Delbert last night, in fact

ate with him when we arrived, they gave us  
a meal about 2:00 in the morning, also about 4  
was here seen a couple in the mess hall  
last night.

W Riteg sleeps right next to me, M orauski  
is also in my barracks, one of my Bats from  
Baraboo sleeps in the same bed as I, only I got  
hooked I sleep on the top bed, better be careful, I'll  
fall off. Ha Ha.

Still have a chance for the Paratrooper, will  
most likely take it if I get the opportunity, am  
trying to do what I think is best

Have to close mate this in a break, will  
write tomorrow, am feeling fine, hope you all are, soon  
is summer coming, take good care of yourself &  
everybody, don't work too hard.

Love  
your darling son  
Sonny



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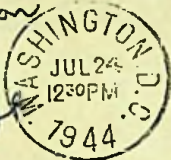
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Fort George H. Meade Md. 151<sup>st</sup>



Free

Mrs. George Simon

Middleton

Wisconsin



Sunday  
July 23/44

Dear Mother;

Am on a day & a half Pass, came  
down here to Washington D.C. Am in  
a lovely Place & wow what a big  
city, Am at a U.S.O now, only  
two blocks from the Capital, my  
Buddy & I are going to see it after  
we get through writing, he lives in  
Baraboo Wis, know him ever since  
he was in the army he was in  
Fritz outfit at Bism, in fact he  
was our manager, you know





what I mean (water boy) aken, ~~and~~  
as bidding aside he's really a small  
fellow, he brow a girl down here  
and ready called her up, but she was  
in church, before he's calling her now.  
although there's no trouble getting  
a girl here there about 15 to  
every soldier.

We slept in a Hotel last  
night cost us \$3.50, wow wow  
 alot of money. (eh) But money is  
the least of my worries. (I got lucky  
on the train.)

We all had to get a shot haven't  
got mine Friday night, really feels good  
looks down good, will have a picture  
taken of it, if there's any blow open  
today.

Gained about 8 lbs. but all ready  
just got through eating a big Tenderloin  
steak, no wonder I'm gaining, had a  
dish of Spaghetti last night, guess  
I can't spell it.

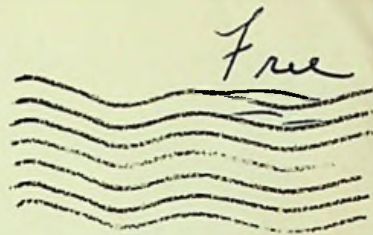
Am going to see the Capital now,  
am feeling fine, take good care of  
yourself & every body, don't work too  
hard.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny



O. F. C. Wm. L. Simon  
A. S. N. 3682 3444  
Co. B. 9th Bn. 3rd Regt.  
A B 7 B D #1  
Fort George H. Meade Md.

152<sup>nd</sup>



Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin

B. F. C. Wm. L. Simon  
M. S. N. 36823444  
Co. B 9th Bn. 3rd Regt.  
M. S. F R D #1  
Fort Lee. N. J. each m. l.

Sunday  
July 22, 1943

Dear Mother:

We'll finally got back from Washington, boy  
is it a beautiful place, we seen the capital  
which I told you we were going to do in the  
letter I wrote at the U.S.O. It sure is big, I boy  
what a bunch of steps a fellow has to walk up to  
get right directly to the capital, no wonder  
Roosevelt is getting gray. (ahem)

Had a couple pictures taken, with my hat  
off, what you think of my G.I. haircut, aint  
it a dilly, no kidding it really looks good but  
looks like hell in the picture. Seen a fellow  
get tattooed today, boy ~~was~~ was he making  
a face & I says the heck of it, I'll be  
damn if I'll go through that pain for



being foolish.

Some of the fellows told me 651 & 652  
airbase are here also, will probably see Joe  
Cassara, sure hope so, but go 2-1 he's looking  
for me now.

Tomorrow Dorey & I, that's the fellow I went  
to H. C. with, he sleeps right below me, well any  
way were in day Room orderly tomorrow that's a  
snap as we do in sleep, with 1 straighter out the  
magazines & furniture, what a racket eh.

getting late so must close lights are ready  
to go out, take good care of yourself & everybody  
don't work too hard.

Let me know if you  
get the Pictures.

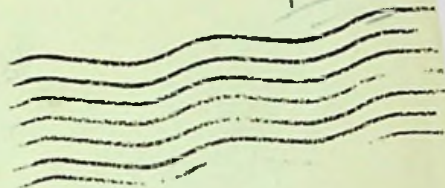
Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon  
H. S. N. 3680 3444  
Co. B. 9th Reg. 3rd Art.  
H. G. F. D. #1  
for George W. Meach md.

153<sup>rd</sup>  
Mr. George Simon

Middleton

Wisconsin



For





UNITED STATES ARMY

Tuesday  
July 28, 44

Dear Mother:

Received your letter today with the Jack. am  
bawling you out, mom don't ever send me money  
unless I ask you, in the first place you need it  
more than me, I have plenty, don't worry dear if  
I need it I'll ask you, guess you know that by now. starts

Am sending you an allatment I took out, might  
as well as tell you think I'll be going over soon, am  
on the alert now from here will go to a P.O.F. then  
most likely to England, Jack & the fellows left yesterday  
for some P.O.F., other with all my Buddies are here yet.  
You mentioned what Pals are here with me, see y  
them are mom that I was in with from the airborne  
all except Fity. Just don't worry you know I can  
take care of my self, probably never see a battle. (I hope)  
all don't forget to let me know if you got those  
snap shots of me with my crew cut.

I am glad Jimmie is getting better, right away

tell him & daddy to drop me a line, if you only knew  
how happy it makes me when I hear from you. Got a  
letter from Janette & you yesterday, she writes wonderful  
letters so much of course. Said she she hasn't heard  
from Sam in over for two weeks.

So you didn't know Bill Traber, I remember him  
good, and though I only went to graded school a few  
years with him, remember I use to go down the  
Government with him as box with my small gloves I  
got from ~~the~~ Thelma, I think from him.

Went to down down and rigging off in the Latine  
Chand me out of the Parachute I ran out of the  
Day Room, dirty deals. We didn't get back until  
5:00 tonight it is now 11:00

Take good care of yourself & every body, don't  
worry too much, am feeling fine

Love  
John & Mary Lou  
Sonny



B. F. C. Wm. Senior

A. S. N. 36823444

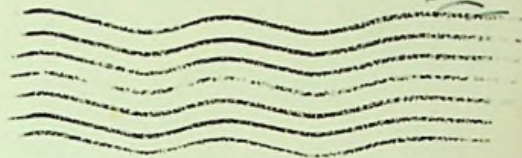
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Fort George G. Meade, Md.



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Mrs. George Senior  
Middletown  
Wisconsin

G.F.C. Wm. Senior  
M.S.N. 36823444  
Co. B. 9th Pen. 3rd Regt.  
H.G.F.R.D. #1  
Fort Geo. G. Meade Md.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Wednesday  
July 26, 1944

Dear Mother:

Am just dropping you a few lines to let you know I am feeling fine. Haven't been able to write, the paper is just wet from my hand & am all ready, which you probably can notice; received another letter today from Janette, also wrote her a very short letter, guess she's getting on the ball. (chuckles)

Did I tell you Mom we got a bunch of new equipment got our new set of O.D.'s, two set of fatigues, new field jacket, leggings, mess kit, shoes, haversack bag, & a few other small articles.

Just heard the news, boy the Germans are sure traveling, don't think it will be long now. Just mark my word some fine morning were going to wake up I - fine O'ear, never be so soon for us. (ch) No, no kidding every one thinks it's about



over.

Must close now, friend is driving me  
buty am going to take a nice cold shower now,  
than but the <sup>foot</sup> sack, just an army expression.  
Take good care of yourself & every body, don't  
work too hard. write soon.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

B. F. C. Wm. Simon

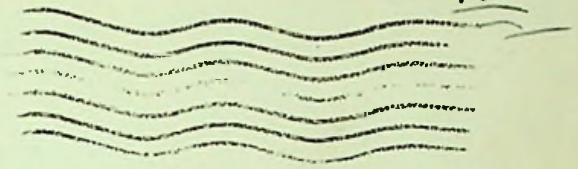
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A.C.F.R.D. II

For Geo. B. Wash Md.

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Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin





UNITED STATES ARMY

Thursday  
July 27/18

Dear Mother:

Received two letters from you today, an one from Eileen, wrote Eileen all ready but am going to leave it up just got through cleaning my rifle & my hands were filthy, so better rip it.

I've got a kick out of the letter Mrs. Schaefer opened in front of you the one that was meant for Bobby from Herman Miller boy who wouldn't be embarrassed you see every one is supposed to carry one at all times you can get them in the office, or you can buy them at the P.X. 3 for a dime pretty cheap (eh) I'd like

Will call you up either from here or at the P.O. I go to, yes your right dear P.O. & P.O. are just what you thought, guess you're on the ball.

We have to j.F the floor sometimes today it

is now 3:00, just had a clothing inspection & rifle inspection. My rifle was spotted & even complimented me on it, but still have to write Edna letter over. Don't know if I'll get time to write her this afternoon or not. am going to Boomtown tonight, just a small town near camp.

Am trying hard to stay in the States now, you know that yourself, but you know I go where they say have no choice at all, at what's the difference by I suppose to go nothing will hold me back. Right.

Still have to ~~see~~ laugh about Bobby's matter, must close, write soon take good care of yourself & everybody don't work too hard  
Love

Yours truly Son  
Sonny



B.F.C. Wm. Simon

Co. B. 9th Regt. 3rd Regt.

A.C.F.R.D. II

Fort George Is. Mich. M.D.

156<sup>th</sup>



Free



Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin

Saturday

Dear Mother:

Have just few minutes. Let you know  
I am leaving & where I don't know  
some P.O.F., as if we are leaving, am  
feeling fine hope you are too.

Think I know who that fellow  
was who knew me, haven't an idea  
who it is.

Must close, will write immediately  
when hit my destination or else will  
call.  
Love  
Your Loving Son Tony



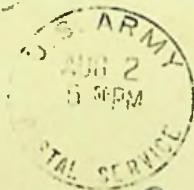
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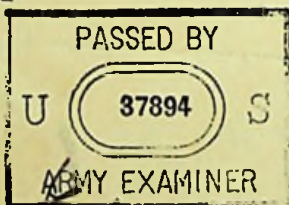
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Middletown  
Wisconsin



Edward Hughes Jr  
2nd Lt.

9 F. C. 70 m. Division  
Inf. Co. 7.  
7 P.O. 154 155  
70 P.M. N.Y. N.Y.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Sunday  
July 30, 1944

Dear Mother:

Hello Dear, arrived at my new camp, am  
feeling fine, got here this morning at 6:00,  
had a few shots today along with my favorite  
inspiration which goes down

as my buddies are here, seen Delbert  
this morning didn't get to talk with him  
as I was in ranks.

As you see mom they are now censoring  
my mail, (ain't it hell) I don't know of any  
one who has been here, but it seems like a swell  
place every thing is alot cheaper, we really  
had swell chow today of course we had  
alot of Preciousness when I am can get  
most any thing.

If ever you better cancel the paper





UNITED STATES ARMY

until I get to my new destination, only  
got it once since I left Ark, although I do  
know I got all your letters regular.

Can't think of anything to ~~say~~ write so  
will close, will write tomorrow night, take  
good care of yourself & everybody, don't work  
too hard.

Love  
Your darling Son  
Sonny

B. F. C. & M. J. Simon 36823444

Inf. Co. A.

M. P. O. 15415

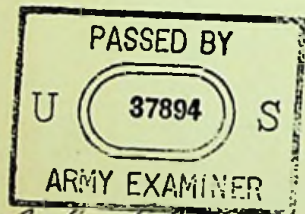
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W. Simon



Richard E. Conrick  
2nd Lt.





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Tuesday  
August 15 44

Dear Mother

Not much to say mom, really is hard to write haven't done much & haven't received any letters for about 5 days now, will probly get our mail tomorrow.

We really have it easy. Lay around most of the day went to the dentist today just had a different feeling but in, dentist said my teeth were very good, said I must of took good care of them when I was younger, Thank the Lord you kept me on the ball,

get a free Pass to see a Big boxer game tomorrow, if I get a Pass, he been hoping for one of the lucky 50.

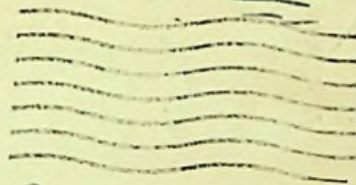
Must close am feeling fine. Take good care of yourself & every body, don't wait to hear from  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

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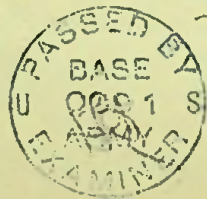
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Mrs. George M. Simon  
Middleton  
Wisconsin



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B. F. C. Wm. S. Simon 536823444

Inf. Co. 4

A.P.O.

To



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Postmaster New York, N. Y.

UNITED STATES ARMY

Wednesday  
August 2, 44

Dear Mother:

Hi Mom, long time no hear. Haven't received any letters since I left Fort Meade, sure would like a few soon.

Jimmie hasn't any thing on me, I also have a small dose of Boison. I took a shot for it today, am suppose to take five shots all together one each day, Probly won't have to take that many haven't got it very bad, just a little on my back an arm.

They are having it easy down here, lay around most of the day, right away haven't been to Mass for the last 6 wks. just can't get a chance to go, will try an make it this Sunday. Must close, take good care of yourself I everybody. don't wait to hear.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Harry

B. F. C. W. m. S. Simon

Inf. Co. A

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Postmaster New York N.Y.

UNITED STATES ARMY

Wednesday  
August 2, 44

Dear mother.

Am feeling fine, hope you all are, had  
a busy day today, in fact most of the days are  
filled about of night back

Saw two Italian generals today, ready  
about of Italian here they all have a insignia  
on their sleeve with Italy on it, saw about of  
young looking fellows.

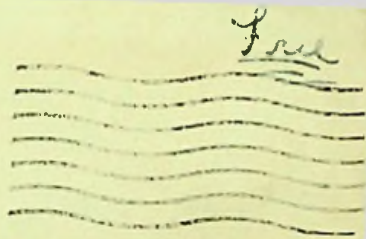
Every sleep below me get getting use to  
a upper bed really like it better than a low  
one now, learn by experience. (h)

Must close with much tomorrow  
might take good care of yourself & everybody  
don't work too hard.

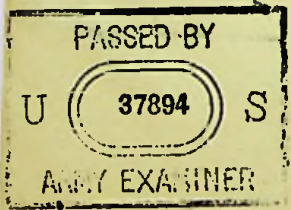
Love  
Sonny



G.F.C. Wm. S. Simon U 36823440  
Inf. Co. A  
H.P.O. 15415  
161<sup>st</sup>  
To Portmanteau New York N.Y.



Mrs. George S. Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin



Richard McConnick  
2nd Lt.

O.F.C. Wm. J. Simon  
2nd Lt. C.S.M.

17. P.O.

To



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Postmaster New York N.Y.

UNITED STATES ARMY

Thursday  
August 9, 44

Dear Mother:

Just got back from dispensary, my  
Boim Inj is alot better, took another shot for  
it today, says I'll Probly won't have to take  
any more since it got so much better in one  
day, but have to go back tomorrow any way.

Mom I was Out second in charge today  
of a squad of 15 men, it isn't nothing at all  
but it sounds good any way, (ll)

Had some Pictures ~~today~~ taken today,  
they will send them to you, Mom if I can't  
get to send one to Janette you send her one.  
Don't forget will Probly take a few weeks,  
right away there should be three Pictures  
if there's three send her one if only two





UNITED STATES ARMY

You keep them both. (Grab it) She ask me for one, got my first letters today since I got here one from your Janette, Only one I care to hear from of course in you so keep on writing about, right away the Pictures are taken with my crew cut, took my hat off, some Pictures I betcha.

Had another lousy day today, am feeling fine gaining weight, Now am glad you all are fine & Jimmie in good shape again, we must close take good care of yourself & everybody don't work too hard.

P.S. Tougher than hell  
writing aint much to  
say.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

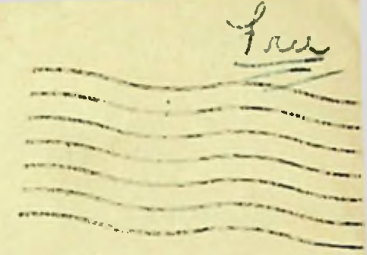
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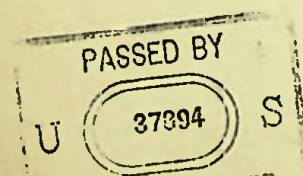
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Mr. George S. Simon  
Middleton  
Wisconsin



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2nd Lt



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Inf. Co H.

M.P.O

To Post



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Master New York N.Y.

UNITED STATES ARMY

Friday

August 4, 1944

Dear Mother:

Am writing during a break, not much to say took my Pictures last night, will get the proofs tonight so let me know if you get the Pictures, they are going to send them, it will take a couple weeks or more so they say.

Yes Ma'am I believe you Henry. I see that happen already myself, some fellows just don't care for stripes, it's no fun having stripes they got plenty of women, that is in some outfits, all depends what you in.

Am going to send some money home by a money order don't forget to let me know also if you get it, now ask me no questions I tell you no lie (got plenty of Jack in fact too much) Give some to Jimmie as you know I owe



UNITED STATES ARMY

here a litch, of course one you plenty, so do  
what you want with it, didn't I tell you Dean  
I'd send you some if I got lucky (abund)

which just blew must close, feel  
fine take good care of yourself & everybody  
don't work too hard

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny



B.F.C. Wm. J. Simon #36833444

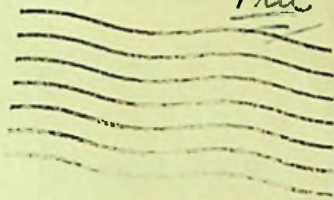
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Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin

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and Dr

B. F. C. Wm. S. Simon  
Co. Inf. Co. 4.

M.P.O.



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To Post Master New York, N.Y.

Sunday  
August 6, 44

UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Mother:

I received your letter last night with 7 ritz  
girls picture, I mean engagement picture, can't  
see it, but you 2-1 that day will never come to me.  
(I know.)

I was on K. P. yesterday, they have [redacted]  
every day, we serve [redacted] men every meal, I  
mean that's alot of men, it takes [redacted] to  
serve down which isn't bad for so many men.

Send home \$50.00 yesterday, Bobby won't  
get there for a week, you see some outfit in  
but I that means were all [redacted] as soon  
as the [redacted] is taken off, the money will leave  
from here, don't forget to let me know if  
you get it.

Must love, write son take good care of  
yourself & everybody. Don't wait to thank your loving son  
[redacted]

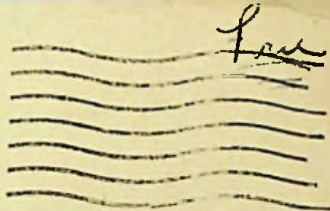


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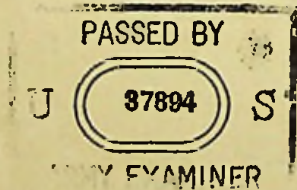
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To Postmaster, New York, N. Y. 164<sup>th</sup>



Mrs. George Simon  
Middleton  
Wisconsin



R. McCormick Sub St.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Monday  
August 7, 44

Dear Mother:

Received a letter from you today, still had my old address on it & I been here 8 days all ready maybe my mail isn't going through regularly.

No dear I don't know Betty Book, am trying to figure out who it could be, check in Mom think you must have the name wrong, but you 2-1 you misunderstood the last name who told you <sup>about</sup> this female.

I sure would like to see Jim boy come home but hell it won't be long he might as well stick it out.

No news so better done, alot work to do, am feeling fine hope you all are, take good care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard.

Love  
Your old ading son  
Sonny



G. F. C. William S. Simon 36823444  
Inf. Co. A. M. P.O. 15415  
70 Postmaster, New York, N.Y.



VIA AIR MAIL

165<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. George Simon  
Middleton  
Wisconsin



Friday  
August 24, 44

Dear Mother:

Am writing this letter on me love, so  
bare with me, if you can't make much out  
of it.

I beg your pardon I received 7 letters from you  
yesterday, keep it up dear the more the merrier, really  
look forward to them now more than anything,  
and for cry eye don't ever send me any money unless  
I ask for it, can't spend it anyhow, & it would  
be too much trouble converting it. That's an  
order don't send any. Walter.

Am sure glad you are receiving my letters  
regularly, guess I was on the back part of  
the month, but couldn't write for 11 days account  
of boat ride, hope you weren't worrying, as  
you know I can take care of myself. (ahem) Hope  
mom don't get me wrong I don't care for



Janette at all, first think she's nice atleast was  
to me I had a lot of fun with her, I want her to  
know it catch on, so don't get me wrong, first  
Ole never go with her, know too much about her  
don't want nothing to do with them, it reminds  
me I should drop her a few lines, she writes  
very nice letters, write about a letter, will  
most likely find up were he was fighting after we  
leave here, so don't worry if you don't hear from  
me much, sometimes hard to get time to write.

Send home \$81. so last night let me know when  
you receive it, I will take so long, second time I  
told you this really want to know if you get it.  
cause I have a ticket, don't want any thing to happen  
with it.

Must have am feeling fine, glad you all are  
all summer must really be on the ball even another  
game good for him, but hope I'm home soon to  
see him play high school sports but he'll <sup>burn</sup> be  
up the league. take good care of yourself & every  
body, don't work too hard.  
Love  
Your always son  
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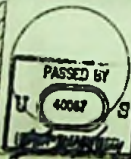


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166<sup>th</sup>

... you are here now  
... following, you are glad to see  
... I think I hear, when asked me  
... you are glad you heard in the  
... 49.03 to found every side





TO: Mrs George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave  
Middleton  
Wisconsin

FROM

BEC 3rd 1918  
Ed. C. H. A. P. O. 15415  
Zelbststadt, New York N.Y.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 7

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Mother,

Found a little more time <sup>today</sup> to drop you a few lines, as I told you I got here in England today, we are being kept very busy but got to squeeze you a few lines any how, (Thank the Lord)

I just sent \$1.00 home but may be it will take 20 days to get there, don't forget to let me know when you receive it, also the money I sent from camp 11 miles I handed in my assignments & also the 10 lines, I had taken there.

Can you imagine on the mail boat we have received five letters from you & one from the father, sure was glad to receive the letters, also the one Albert wrote & also, when Albert was fighting in war we are going, was sure glad you send me that letter, were going to convert \$4.03 to French money which will be 200 francs.

At 11 PM on must close, am going to try & drop Albert a few lines tonight, am feeling fine take good care of your self & every body, don't work too hard.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

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B.F.C. Wm. L. Simon

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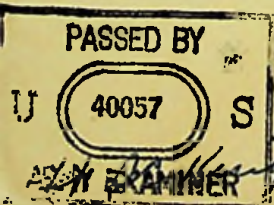
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Inf. Co. H. A.P.O. 15415

To Postmaster New York,



Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown,  
Wisconsin







UNITED STATES ARMY

Wed.  
Aug. 9, 44

Dear Mother:

Received your first letter today that had this address, (thank the Lord) I really got around to writing about a letter but it is so long!

About this Baby Book better find out who that is am very curious to know still think you got you misunderstood the name

All Mom I send you a Bellum case from M. Let me know if you got it, and

Don't forget to let me know when you get the \$50.00 I send home, and also the Pictures. Don't forget I want you to have that money. (By the way ain't I?) he he

Got a letter from Janette yesterday says she's going down to North Carolina



UNITED STATES ARMY

to see Sam, but he'll be happy, although he's  
way to good for her, she is very nice looking  
but not the type for a square fellow.

Well my own must close fellows are  
getting awful noisy, take good care of  
yourself & everybody. don't work to hard.

This letter was

returned to me, am  
feeling fine, hope you are  
all yet, Sam is at Gorman  
hope he's fine take good  
care of all Sam hope to  
see him soon, must close. do  
not worry every thing is fine &  
dandy.

Bye Now will write as  
soon as possible

Sam

Love

Goodbye Sam  
Sam



O.F.C. Wm. L. Simon #36823444

Inf. Co. A.

A.P.O. 15415

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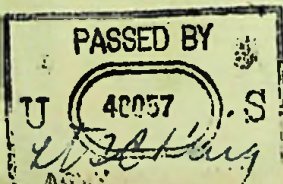
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Mrs. George Simon

Middleton

Wisconsin



just sented \$1.00 Thursday  
home let me know if you August 23, 44  
receive it. & also the other \$50.00  
dear mother:

Hello dear, just arrived here today  
was on the ship eleven days, came across  
on the Atlantic ocean, am somewhere  
in England, won't be here very long.  
we had very good weather all the way  
across wasn't very rough any of the  
days, all though a few fellows did  
get sea sick, was on the same boat  
as Albert Esser, Bob Lohman & all  
my pals (yes Moravski too) ha ha.

Am going to send more money home  
don't forget to let me know if you  
get it am going to send approx. maybe  
\$75.00

Had a swell time & enjoyed it  
very much, every thing is very cheap



Cigarettes only cost 4¢ a pack, every thing  
else was just as cheap.

Don't much to say about the trip Mom,  
although you might be interested we did  
go around Ireland some damn where, can't  
see much on the ocean, all was sun  
& wind getting use to the salt water, really  
tough to try & keep clean, you can't  
get any lather on at all, soap just  
don't work with salt water.

Well Mom must close have about on  
my mind, am feeling fine, hope you all  
are, please don't worry Mom, will write  
every possible <sup>time</sup> ~~chance~~ I get, take good care  
of yourself & every body, don't work to hard. write  
soon.

P. S. ~~Write to this~~  
~~Write to this~~ write to this

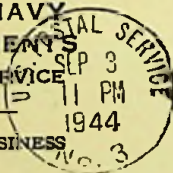
Same address, I'll always get the mail sooner or later, will give you my new address  
soon as possible

Love  
Your darling son

Sonny

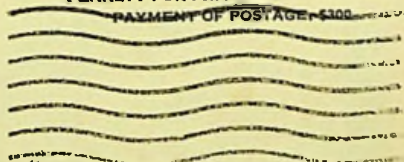
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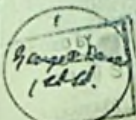
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TO MRS. GEORGE SIMON  
211 HUBBARD AVE.  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

10024 30023400  
POSTMAN: L. SIMON  
EMT. CO. N. W. PAULSEN  
70 Broadway N.Y. N.Y.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Mother:

Didn't receive any letters today, am awfully weary to hear from you, although I can't think your long pretty good guess in telling you. (think)

Mom what's the matter with Thomas Tatham is he nuts, never did like the kid, would really enjoy knocking a few brains in his head, about time he should <sup>rise</sup> ~~run~~ up. and about daddy's business, daddy machined whole going on around town, but you know something wrong there somewhere, John Machinery probably did something & went to far, I bitcha

Really like the way you are checking up on my letter writing was really on the bubble first part of the month, but the shop side road of broke it down a little.

Want to P.H. tonight & send my reply a hand telling you really a dory, any way getting late so must close, am feeling fine, hope you all are, take good care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard. Please write soon & love

Love  
 your baby  
 Dory

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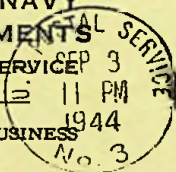
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*I met someone here at  
the factory in the bank, only go  
to factory, copy it and send it  
in from the B.C.C.*





(CENSOR'S STAMP)

MAE GEORGE SIMON  
2119 HURBARD BL.  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

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R.E. WHITNEY & SONS  
INC. C. O. A. R. P. D. I. V.  
70 RICHMOND ST. N.Y.C.

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Mother: Someone in England  
I have a little time so will drop you a few lines, have to  
dash a quite a little tonight yet today.

There's not much mail yet today, sure hope they do  
received letters every day from you since I was here, they do  
up Mom, really makes me feel good. would like to hear from  
allied could I really give me a few pointers.

As I told dad I met Lawrence Meyer at the Post  
I took off from, he was playing in the band, only got to talk  
with him a couple minutes, saying it sure did feel good  
talking to someone from home. He is also a P.F.C. says I am  
the only fellow he saw from home, to bad I couldn't talk with  
him longer.

There is fall out in a few minutes so must close, if  
you don't hear from me at for awhile don't worry, never know  
what might come up. Bye now, take good care of yourself  
and every body. Love to dad

Love,  
your Darling Son  
Sonny

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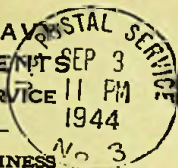


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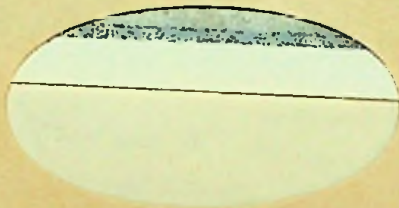
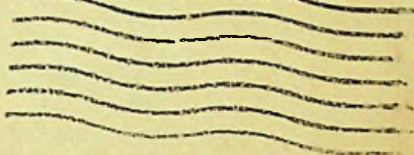
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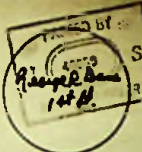
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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO: Mr. George Simon  
 2112 72nd Ave.  
 Mott Haven  
 Baltimore

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

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P. O. Box 2 Simon  
 Dist. Co. N. Y. P. O. 15410  
 72 Portland N. Y. 14

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Dad:

Received your letter today, sure was glad to hear from you, am glad you are feeling fine. Keep it up.

As you know I am here in England, guess its about time I got out of the states, talked to a couple fellows today that been in the army three months and are over here all ready. I consider my self lucky that I was in the states as long as I was.

The Harbor I look off from, I met someone George he was playing in the band, talked with him about two minutes, he says I was the first fellow he seen from home, anyway it sure was nice talking & seeing him even if it was only 2 minutes.

Well Dad must close here to face out for a formation at 10:00 tonight. Take good care of yourself. Write soon  
 am Praying every day. Love Son

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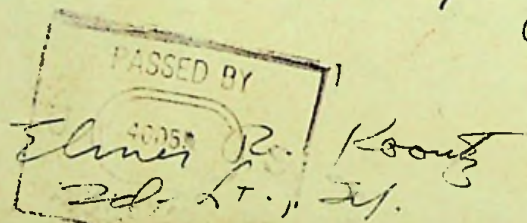
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B. F. C. William S. Simon 36823444  
Inf. Co. 17. H. P. O. 15415  
To Postmaster New York, N. Y.



Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin





O.F.C. Wm. S. Simon 36823444  
Inf. Co. A. 17.P.O. 15415

70 Postmaster New York, N.Y.

Sunday  
August 27/44

Dear Mother:

Just got back from church, try to go to confession but couldn't make it, all though I did get a absoluti<sup>on</sup> or something like that any way I'm sorry for my sin I'm all set but when I go to confession I have to tell the Priest the <sup>Sins</sup> I was sorry for, catch on, maybe you know what it is just can't think of that one word.

We haven't had any mail for the last two days, sure hope we have a mail call today.

Went to town last night, had a little beer but don't taste much like beer, got to give it one satisfaction any way it sure makes you go to the can, every one was getting up in the middle of the night, we also have a ration card, can only get

one bar of razor blades every two weeks, &  
only one bar of soap a week, along with  
candy, cigs & everything else rationed. Can't you  
just imagine me with a ration book.

Mom did I tell you here in England there  
is no color line, the English gals like the  
negroes, they marry together, think nothing  
of it here when you see a white & negro together.

The chow isn't very good, nothing has  
<sup>any</sup> salt on, but if you're hungry you'll eat  
most any thing.

Well dear must close, am feeling  
fine hope you all are, take good care of  
yourself & every body, don't work too hard.  
write soon.

P.S. Dr Eileen & I got  
tell her & Jim to  
write me a few lines,  
would like to hear from them.

Love

Your Darling Son  
Donny

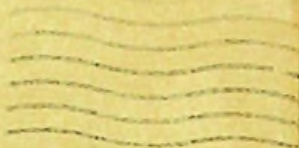
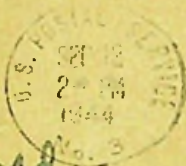


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will hear most clear, as I to  
until tomorrow last night, take  
everybody, don't work to hard.

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TO MRS GEORGE SIMON  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

37 C. WM. L. SIMON  
TNE CO. H. H. PO 1511  
26 POSTMASTER NY NY

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 1

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Mother. Remember in 4 name  
just got back from swimming, sure makes a  
feeling good, no kidding more there. Poor  
were waiting ducks in the river, the 3.  
and ladies sure to work.

See were 8. 12. 1941 sailing was in Europe in about  
through. Good Lord lets hope so.

Boy at sure does sure sure, today in the first time  
I have seen I was sure, right now the quiet night, it's  
really fair good.

Time about the picture. I know did you get it yet, my  
you have both by now, but don't forget to let me know  
well dear must close, as I told you I am feeling  
kind, until tomorrow good night, take good care of yourself  
and everybody, love with the love.

Love  
Your darling son  
John

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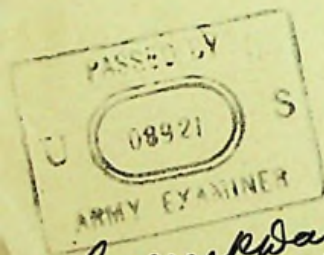


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7. Postmaster New York, N.Y.

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Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.  
Middletown  
Wisconsin



George P. Dane  
1st Lt.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Did you get the \$81.00 I  
send from England.

Saturday  
Sept. 9, 44

Lorient in France.

Dear Mother:

Well here it is raining again, sure rain  
about here, I hope one of these days it will  
rain some mail in, we still haven't got any mail  
since we left England. I am ready game up hopes.

Had a very big occasion last night Bing  
Crosby was here, entertained us for about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hrs.  
always did want to see him sing, boy he sure  
is good, the old son of a gun is getting pretty  
bold, I wouldn't mind being bold either if I  
was getting the money he gets. That's one thing  
they try to do for us here is give us enter-  
tainment.

Am feeling fine dear, sure hope you all are,  
isn't anything I can write about, we aren't doing  
nothing at all, over in awhile we take a little  
hike that's about all, of course we have a few  
classes in French.

Am going for a swim yet this afternoon, if  
it ever stops raining, its the Seine River we go  
swimming in. Well must close, take good care of  
yourself & everybody. Don't work too hard.  
Love  
your darling son  
Harry

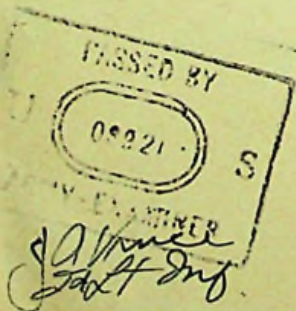


J.F. William J. Simon 36823-444  
H. F. S. M. Pl. Pool A.P.O. 153  
76 Cortlandt New York, NY

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Mrs. George J.  
Middletown  
Wisconsin





UNITED STATES ARMY

Saturday  
Sept 16/44

Dear Mother

Drop you a feel liner before I shall I wish  
Am still in the same place, aren't doing  
nothing at all. just took a small hike yesterday  
to keep us in half way descent shape. Boy  
this sure is the life for a lazy man.

Am feeling fine dear getting plenty to eat  
& plenty of sleep, the chow is getting better  
again.

Time sure goes fast over here, if the mail  
would only catch up it would be swell, the  
next area we go to they say we should get  
our mail for sure. we hope. of course I won't  
build my hopes up to much, can't believe a word  
they say.

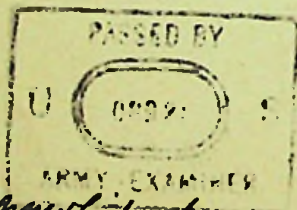
Well dear must close take good care of yourself  
& every body don't work too hard, tell Dad Jim & Helen  
to write when they get time your Darling  
Love  
Son



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Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave  
Middleton  
Wisconsin



W. W. Whitcomb



UNITED STATES ARMY

Monday  
Sept 18/44

Still in France

Dear Mother:

Same as always dear not much to say  
Aren't doing any thing yet except for a few dicker  
as I always tell you, this sure in the life  
for a lay of man.

I went through St. Lo bay but it was not  
a destiny there wasn't a building standing & it  
was a big city. Was also 76 miles from Paris  
for a quite awhile.

But there could have nothing to them but  
maybe you might like to see them. Right away  
did you get the \$51.00 I sent from England & the  
Buckner I sent from camp

Don't forget to let me know, one of these few days  
we should get some mail.

Don't forget to let me know how the High  
School makes out in their games, send me all the  
write up, but Jimmy's name will be in plenty of them  
(I hope)

Am feeling fine dear, am gaining a lot of weight  
of course I should don't do any thing but eat & sleep.  
Take good care of yourself & every body don't work  
too hard.

Love  
your Darling Son  
Sonny







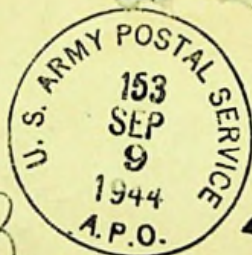




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Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown  
Wisconsin

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ARMY EXAMINER

J. W. Well  
1st Lt Inf.





UNITED STATES ARMY

Thursday  
Sept. 7, 44

Dear Mother:

Well Mom there isn't any thing I can say, we aren't doing any thing at all, but think we might start a little training tomorrow, we were supposed to start today but its raining out so they left us on our own again, are back up the front lines along ways, really are lucky if we start any training, actually don't think we will see combat I am feeling fine getting all the sleep I want as I told you on previous letters.

King Crosby is coming here tomorrow night his only 100 yds from where he'll most likely sing. Sam won't miss that always did want to see him when he's actually singing. We really get alot of breaks here. (Thank the Lord.)

Well Mom must close hope to get some mail soon, take good care of yourself & every body don't work too hard.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

G.F.C. Williams L. Simon 3682304v  
Inf. Co. A. A. P.O. 15415  
76 Portmanteau New York, N.Y.

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Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton  
Wisconsin

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Frank White  
1st Lt. Inf.





UNITED STATES ARMY

Wednesday  
Sept 13, 44

Still in France

Dear Mother

Not much to say in on, we moved up a little farther again, guess our mail will never catch up with us it is now 14 days that we haven't got mail just as soon as it would reach us we would be out, I all ready gave up hopes.

I am feeling fine and hope you all are, the chum is getting terrible we ate German food yesterday can plainly see why they are retreating.

I am still in France going over alot of the country the last war was fought, we really did alot by traveling didn't know a fellow could travel so far in the short time we have, am really seeing alot of France.

I know these letters aren't abit interesting but we can't write about nothing we aren't doing anything at all, except a little traveling, otherwise just laying around.

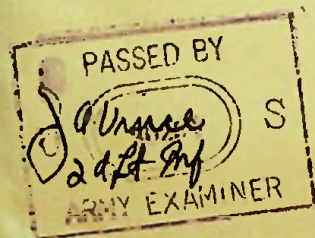
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Love  
Your Darling Son  
Lonny

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Inf. Co. H. H. P. O. 15415  
76 Eastwater New York, N.Y. 178<sup>th</sup>



Mrs. George Simon  
Middletown,  
Wisconsin







UNITED STATES ARMY

Friday  
Sept. 1, 1944

Dear Mother!

Hi. Dear, first chance I had to write since I left England, I am now somewhere in France, am feeling fine sure hope you all are, I just finished pitching my tent, am going to show very shortly, the show is pretty good even the N. Nations are better than they have to be.

Were fed sorry for their French People, they sure took a beating, they haven't anything to show none, there all on the streets waiting for the soldier to throw them something. Went through alot of cities that were bombed to the ground not a thing standing in one piece.

Haven't wrote for so long, that I nearly forgot how to, sure hope you aren't wondering am a long ways back from danger, really think will stay were we are for a long while, by time they need us, I don't



UNITED STATES ARMY

think Germany will have a big order then.  
am anxiously waiting for mail haven't had  
any since we left England, but we sure are  
looking forward to some soon.

We are all going for a swim after shower  
we'll have a nice day out here, can wash our  
clothes, shave & everything at the same time, ain't  
very many that have it that nice, I mean alive &  
really need a shave.

The officers don't have any more than  
we do, but the same rough sleep out with  
us & make their own tents.

But some wine in one of the small towns  
that wasn't touched, these French people are  
very friendly, but haven't a damn thing except  
wine.

Mum & Dad, hope to hear from you soon, take  
good care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard  
P.S. Tell Dad, Jim & Eileen  
to write soon.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Solmy



B. F. C. Williams S. Senior 36823444  
Inf Co. H. M. P. O. 15415  
% Postmaster New York, N.Y.

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Mrs. George Senior  
Middletown  
Wisconsin

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E. R. [Signature]  
0254  
ARMY EXAMINER



UNITED STATES ARMY

Saturday  
Sept 2, 1917

Dear Mother.

Well here I am just getting back from Chien  
I noticed that the cheese we got comes from  
Green Bay Wis, I to let it off its the best pack  
of any of the nation.

Havent got any letters for a long while  
now, sure hope I'll catch up with you soon  
Mom there so much I'd like to tell you, but  
it wont go through, really seen what that  
I never believed.

Got 14 hrs. sleep last night, not bad  
sleeping either, we really packed our tent good,  
the fellow I sleep with lives in Washburn Wis,  
been here all the while, was in 7th & 8th  
regiment in Texas.

I notice its around school time now  
in a couple days school will start, imagine  
Eden is home now, sure would like to get  
home to see Jimmie play football, the





UNITED STATES ARMY

lucky stuff. the little devil better take  
advantage of those three years, or more. I  
don't mind this life at all, like to sleep out  
aren't doing nothing much of anything. I'm sure  
don't go fast.

Well dear must close. am going to make  
myself a little coffee yet before I hit the fast  
sack. Should drop Janette a few lines, haven't  
written her for a long while.

am feeling fine, good has I ever have.  
hope you all feel the same, take good care of  
yourself & every body don't work too hard.

Love

your Darling Son  
Sonny

F.C. Walker & Son 368 3444

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To Portland New York N.Y.

From Belgium

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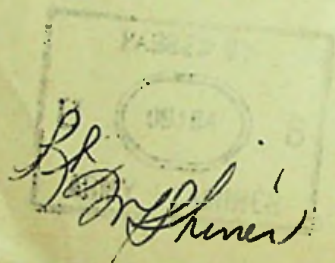


Mrs. George Simon

2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton

Wisconsin







UNITED STATES ARMY

Wednesday  
Sept. 20, 1914

Somewhere in Belgium.

Dear Mother:

Well dear here I am somewhere in Belgium  
am feeling fine, getting plenty to eat & plenty  
sleep. This is really the life now am having  
 alot of fun what a hell of a good time. Am  
still sleeping with brother you know that kid  
from Washburn Wisconsin, really a swell kid, am  
still with the fellow from Brookings.

Havent got any mail yet hope to get some  
soon really think we will here,

Brother Sam very fine here really came out  
to find the ~~distance~~ of course France & England  
was the same way,

Well dear its down here so must dear  
take good care of yourself & everybody, dont work  
to hard.

Give us our short  
letters and anything  
I can write about.

Love  
your Darling Son  
Sonny.

FROM:

*BFC William S. Simon 36823440*  
*Co. C. 109th Inf. Regt.*  
*2nd Battalion New York*

181 <sup>st</sup>

*First letter arrived in Germany*

REGULAR MAIL... — MAIL

FROM V-MAIL STATION

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NO. 5

ARMY POSTAL  
3.7  
1944  
A.F.O.

TO,

*Mrs. George Simon*  
*2119 Hubbard Ave.*  
*Middleton*  
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TO:

Mrs. Helen Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave  
Milwaukee  
Wisconsin

FROM

3682 3400  
3 FC William L. Simon  
Co. H. 109th Inf. Regt  
2 Postmaster New York N.Y.  
Tuesday Sept 26, 44

(Sender's complete address above)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Dear Mother:

Hello Dear, same as always not much to write about, am feeling fine sure hope you all are. Still haven't got any mail, but really do expect some soon.

Well Dear I might as well tell you, I am somewhere in Germany, I am quit away back from the front, sure hope I stay back. But as long as I am feeling good & getting good chow I won't complain, only thing in me hard to pray a little harder now.

Well Mom must close, take good care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard.

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

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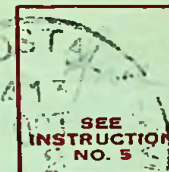
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*Co. G 105th Inf. Recd.*  
*2. Brooklyn New York, N.Y.*

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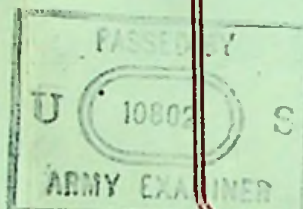
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**REGULAR MAIL**

**FROM V-MAIL STATION**

TO,

*Mr. George Simon*  
*2119 Hubbard Ave.*  
*Madison*  
*Wisconsin*



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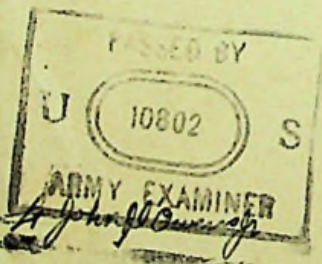


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Co. B. 104 Inf. Regt. H. P.O. 28  
Postmaster New York, N.Y.

182<sup>nd</sup>



Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.  
Middleton  
Wisconsin





UNITED STATES ARMY

Sunday  
Sept. 24, 64

Dear Mother:

As usual my own not much to say, I am feeling fine sure hope you all are. I still haven't got any mail, but a very little comes in now and then.

As you see I'm now in a regular outfit I'm in Co. C, got broke up with my Buddy from good old Win, he is in Co. H. they sure do break us up.

The weather has been very bad couple days rain out most of the time & getting a little colder which I hate.

How indeed I every body feeling. Haven't heard from no one for so long, don't know what's going on at home at all, sure hope you all feeling as good as ever.

Well dear must close, take good care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard.

Love  
Your darling son  
Sonny



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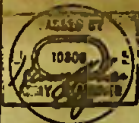
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(CHICAGO STAMP)

PO. Mrs. GEORGE SIMON  
2119 HURDARD AVE  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

SEE INSTRUCTION 1-10, 2

FROM 365 E. 10th  
RECEIVED SIMON  
THE CO. G. 109th P.P. 2d  
2. B. STANLEY, 2nd V.P., N.Y.  
SATURDAY SEPT. 25, 1915  
(Sender's name and address above)

Dear Mother:

There isn't much to say dear, I am feeling fine, getting plenty to eat & plenty of sleep, am just away from the front line nothing to worry about at all.

We still haven't got any mail, one of these days we will catch up with us. (unhappy)

Imagine Jimmie & Helen are right in the Pinky school by now, sure hope Jimmie goes out on the football team in his big leather Pinky good now.

Don't hope I get a letter from you soon, kind a thing to write about, if I only could hear from you I could write about about most.

Well dear, must close take good care of yourself. I everybody, don't work too hard.

Love  
Your darling son



P. F. C. William L. Simon 36823444

Inf. Co. A. M. P. O. 15415

To Postmaster New York, N.Y.

184<sup>th</sup>



Free

Mrs. George Simon

2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton,  
Wisconsin



Frederick M. Cornell  
L. H. N.Y.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Monday  
Sept. 4, 44

Dear Mother:

Well Mom there isn't much to say, haven't received any mail yet, Probly won't for a month yet, but when we do it will most likely all come at once.

We are still Bivouac'ing here, aren't doing much of any thing, feel fine & getting plenty to eat & plenty of sleep.

Just got through cleaning my rifle & they are going to inspect them sometime today, we also have a few inspections over here, guess we'll never get out of inspections.

I notice our company is now going on guard, that's the first detail we had since we landed, so we can't bitch on that.

I got broke up with most of my Buddies including Morawski, Whiteley, Bob Lohman





UNITED STATES ARMY

and a few of the other fellows, they are all around here also, hope to bump into them soon, as you know I haven't seen Sam named for a long while, sure wish we all could be stuck together.

Did you get the \$81.00 & pictures I sent home yet, I send the \$81.00 from England don't forget to let me know when you get it.

we got a wonderful company commander he looks exactly like Leo Gorman or should I say Uncle Leo, think he's an Irishman as I got a lot of confidence in him, really treats us swell, gives us all the breaks he can.

Well Mom must close, take good care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sam

O.F.C. William L. Simon 3682-3444  
Inf. Co. A. A.P.O. 15415  
To Postmaster New York, N.Y.

Free

185<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton  
Wisconsin







UNITED STATES ARMY

Tuesday  
Sept 7, 1914

Somewhere in France

Dear my other:

Hi m om how is every body, just as good as  
always I hope, am feeling fine I think I'm gaining  
weight aren't doing any thing at all, just sleep  
and eat, the chow is still pretty good. only thing  
is that makes me mad is we haven't got any  
mail yet, they say we should get some within  
five days, such hope so.

Went to town last night, had some good old  
French wine darn good stough, anyhow it was  
good enough to make me feel a little happy. (hehe)  
We had a class on French yesterday, they  
trying to teach us a few friendly words such as  
hello, good evening, and so on, these French  
people are very friendly, maybe they <sup>sneer</sup> at  
us who know.

Well dear must close, nothing I can write  
about, take good care of yourself & every body, don't  
work too hard.

P.S. Tell dad Jim &  
Eileen to write, but they  
are glad school started. (hehe)

Love  
your Darling Son  
Sonny

J. F. C. Williams & Simon 348 2344  
U.F.R.S. Rept. Pool  
H.P.O. 153  
To Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

1864



Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton  
Wisconsin



George Kane  
1864





UNITED STATES ARMY

At Wednesday  
Sept 17, '14

Dear mother;

Just got through baking some potatoes, gave  
a Frenchman some gum & cigarettes for a set of  
fruit of spuds, sure were good, didn't think I  
could cook but you know, I'll do a little of  
your cooking when I get home, I'm afraid if I do  
I'll be elected to cook at the mess. Mom. Th.

We still haven't got any mail it sure is  
hell without mail, sure hope we get it soon  
Probably once we get it, it will keep coming regularly

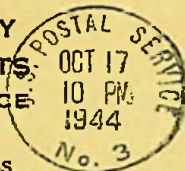
Am feeling fine, think I am gaining a lot of weight  
this outside living is all right, it isn't raining near  
as much as it did when we first got here. Thank  
the Lord,

Am way in the back line, don't think we'll see  
any fighting, <sup>they</sup> ~~we~~ sure are giving the Germans hell,  
Boy were lucky we didn't go to the S. Pacific (tho)

Well dear must close, take good care of yourself  
& everybody. Don't work too hard  
Love your darling son  
Sonny

WAR & NAVY  
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For each bond in my  
drawn down for auction. In  
an item of 1000 lbs. can  
be in the way of 1000 lbs.  
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TO: Mrs George SIMON  
2119 HUBBARD AVE.  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

365200-  
SEC. 1092 INT. 7  
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SEPT. 30, 44  
Sender's complete address above

Dear Mother:

Well dear isn't much to say, I am feeling fine  
I hope you all are, still haven't got any mail  
but I expect some soon.

I might as well tell you more I am waiting  
the letter in a fox hole, as you know I am stationed  
in Germany, the isn't near as bad as I thought. it  
would be, no more, no complaints to make, if you  
don't hear from me for awhile don't worry because  
I am much too busy to write here for awhile. So please  
don't worry, as you know I can take care of  
myself, all we have to do is bring a little bit  
of mail now, and hope for it to end soon.

Must dear can't think of any thing to write, there  
isn't much mind when I get back to rest.

Take good care of yourself & everybody. Don't worry  
about a thing.

Love  
Your darling son  
Jimmy

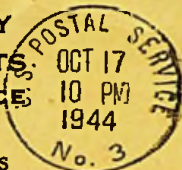
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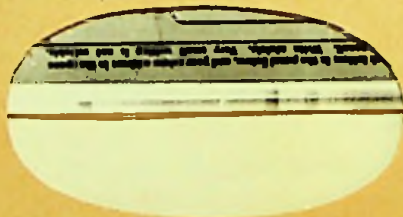
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Mrs. Moore - SIMON  
 212 HARBARD AVE.  
 MIDDLETON  
 WISCONSIN

3-18-1918  
 (Sender's name)  
 C. J. Simon  
 (Sender's address)  
 212 HARBARD AVE.  
 MIDDLETON  
 WISCONSIN  
 (Date)

Dear Mother

The longer long time no hear, we still haven't got any mail. Some of the fellows around town got mail yesterday and I'll get some soon.

Will hear any more from the prisoners in Germany. I was at a rest camp at the present time, and feeling better. I hope you all are.

There isn't a thing to write about, so don't worry about what I can letter, and if you don't hear from me for a few days don't worry either. It is really hard to find time to write. Sometimes it doesn't go out right away.

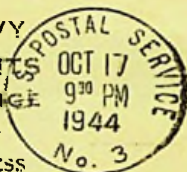
Don't forget to write in the States, if you can get to see him get the letter. All men must take good care of yourself & every body. Don't work too hard.

P.S. Tell Dad Jim & Ellen  
 to write soon, hope to see  
 you all soon

Love  
 Your Darling Son  
 Jimmy

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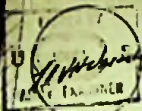
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I am a good at heart  
and for another man's good  
I don't mind any more any  
more I will be up in the old  
and you know how I feel





POSTAGE STAMP

To: Mrs. MESSIE SIMON  
2114 HURBAND AVE.  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

See Instruction No. 2

From: 96823 WYV  
REC WILLIAM SIMON  
Co. B. 109th TROPICAL  
P.O. BOX 2570  
San Francisco, Calif.  
July 7, 1944  
(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Mom, I'm sorry I haven't written you in a long time. I've been so busy with the war, and the fact it would take up to me soon, getting to know they don't care if we get any mail or not.

I mean the Cardinals lost the first game, we were a home field for Matt Cooper giving the Browns only two hits, gave the Browns a 6-0 win. I don't know any more about it, I came there for fun & got it hard.

I haven't been paid for while now, will get a good amount when I do, of course I don't need any money any way, I've got a chance to spend it.

My health is over now will be up in the old top of Lake Superior again, it is getting cold here now later to see winter coming.

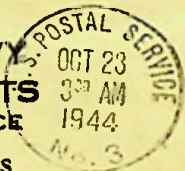
At all times, must close, am feeling fine now. Hope you all are, my love to all for me, take good care of yourself and every body, don't work too hard.

Love  
 Your Darling Son  
 Jimmy

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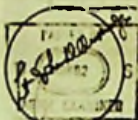
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Will dear must love, tell  
to them, really want to know how I  
achieve.  
- feeling fine hope you are, to  
body, don't work +

12/10





(GIBSON'S STAMP)

TO: MRS. GEORGE SIMON  
2119 HUBBARD AVE  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM 3623344  
REC WILLIAM SIMON  
Co. B. 109d INF. APO 28  
P. POSTMASTER, N.Y.C.  
TUC. OCT. 10, 1944  
(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Mother:

Just got change eating down. Expected mail but it won't come in until tonight, here hoping I get some.

I saw in the Paper the World Series in 2-2, boy I bet you'd love to see there last 3 games, about the Paper no I haven't got the Capital Times or Milwaukee Times since I left the States, don't care for it so much anyhow.

So Dorothy K. Albrecht really celebrated her Birthday that she did. My friend really did a story on his Birthday. Hope I get a chance to celebrate mine. Hahaha.

Really a gloomy day here in Germany today, it's been raining all day, of course there are clouds over that.

Well dear must close, but really to write also Jimmie and Eileen, really want to know how Jimmie is making out in football.

Am feeling fine hope you all are, take good care of yourself & every body. Don't work too hard.

Love  
your Dad  
Dorothy

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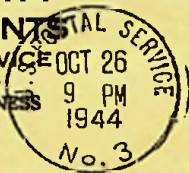
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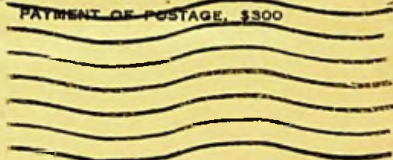
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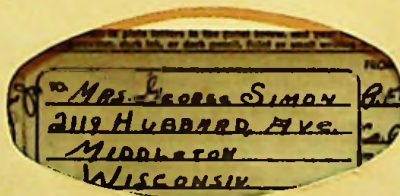


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Mrs. George Simon  
2119 HUBBARD AVE.  
MIDDLETON  
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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO MRS. GEORGE SIMON  
2119 HUBBARD AVE.  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

FROM

36833444

RFC WILLIAM SIMON  
C-6-1090 FIVE PAGES  
% POSTMASTER N.Y. 44  
OCT. 12, 1944  
(Sender's complete address please)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 7

Dear Mother:

I'm here in Germany

Finally found something to write a letter on, maybe you can find this one a little better than the first letter. I'm feeling fine sure hope you all are, I just ran into a few Wisconsin boys in this outfit, one from Oakbrook one from Milwaukee, both seemed like sweet fellows.

Mother it is very hard getting any V mail or letters to write home, would appreciate it very much if you would send me an envelope & a couple sheets of paper in your letters, don't send any more as you know every thing I run over here I have to carry, you see they would most likely tear in my pockets. Just got mail that one day sure hope to get some more today.

Not seeing much lately here pretty quiet, our outfit got a relief. Thank the Lord nothing to worry about, just hope it gets over soon.

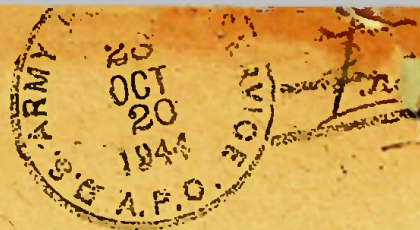
Well dear must close, take good care of yourself and every body, don't work too hard. Let me know how doubly and I hope I am making out in Germany & forward your Darling Son

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J.F.C. William Simon 36823444  
Co. B, 109th Inf. A.P.O. 28  
To Postmaster New York, N.Y.



Mr. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton,  
Wisconsin

By John D. Owen, Jr.



Dear Dad:

Oct. 14, 1944

Well Dad its been along while since I written you, but as long as you all read the letter I write my other I guess its all right.

As you know I'm somewhere in Germany, seen a little action but not to much, I know you know its hell over here but if it gets over soon it will be all right, getting pretty cold here sure hope its over before it starts to snow, the mail situation is terrible, only got mail once since I left England. Mom I sure will appreciate home & a ~~bed~~ bed.

Well how is our Star making out in football, everyone's his running wild, sure wish I could see him play, I sure should by next year.

Imagine you on top of the Bowling  
League I betcha your average in 190 or  
more, I'll never forget when I beat you  
on my furlough, beat you one game &  
by total Pins of two games. Ha ha.

I see the Cardinals won the World  
Series again, did you make any bets  
on the games, are you playing much  
Pond now imagine there is one around  
to play with.

Am feeling fine sure hope you  
all are, take good care of yourself  
hope to be home soon.

Write as much as possible, get Edna  
& Jimmie on the bus to.

Love  
your Darling Son  
Sonny



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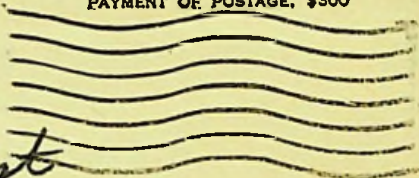
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FROM

36823444

TO MRS. GEORGE SIMON  
2119 HUBBARD AVE  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

GEC WILLIAM SIMON

Ca. 10944 ETC H. P. 22

7. POSTMASTER V. X.

Wed. OCT 17, 1944  
(Sender's complete address above)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 3

Dear Mother:

Get a couple more letters from you, it makes sense now I received from you, none of these letters had this address on.

I am writing this letter in my fox hole, first time I had to write for three days, its been terrible weather the last few days rained just about every minute of the day and night.

So daddy finally caught a plane but he a tough time to get it in the boat, I bet you jumped a foot when you saw it. Ha Ha.

Yes, I'm what people would do, I'm sure I should have been in with to marry John McSherry, all why should we worry its none of our business, so Blondie is taking up a nice honest rethinking, but you 2-1 never does her any good for a girl its just a waste of money.

Well then getting near the bottom so must have been feeling fine just you see, take good care of yourself & every body I don't work its bad. Keep on being my best, I'm sure glad you're happy in being my also, she sure is a wonderful baby.

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REPLY BY  
**V---MAIL**

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FROM:

192<sup>nd</sup>

SEE  
INSTRUCTION  
NO. 5

REGULAR MAIL  
V. MAIL  
FROM V. MAIL SECTION

TO,

Mrs. George L. Simon  
249 Hubbard Ave.  
St. Middleton  
Wisconsin

10/21

FROM:

SEE  
INSTRUCTION  
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192<sup>nd</sup>  
REGULAR MAIL  
V-MAIL SECTION

TO:

Mrs. Mary Johnson  
1149 Hubbard Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wis.

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TO:

MRS. GEORGE S. SIMON  
2119 HUBBARD ST.  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

FROM

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To Postmaster N.Y.

OCT 21 1944

(Sender's complete address above)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

LEONARD S. KLEINER

Dear Mother:

I received two letters from you last night both were addressed to my regular outfit and let you know when I receive the packages. Am glad you got the \$1.00.

Mom just doesn't like me, I don't like her, as you know she's engaged. I have no desire for her at all, just good friends.

Am sure glad Jimmie is going good, he has to keep the Simons on the track.

I am in the first Army under General ~~XXXXXX~~ haven't seen him as yet.

Serving Chow now so must close, take good care of yourself & every body, am glad you are all feeling fine.  
Love  
Sonny

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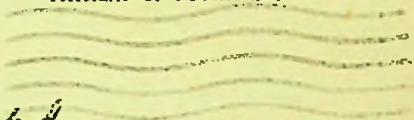
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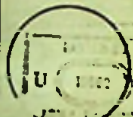
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193<sup>rd</sup>

most dear,  
now am feeling fine, am glad  
that we have been able to make our  
6 days' vacation. We shall  
let you know when I  
leave.





TO MRS GEORGE SIMON  
2119 HUBBARD AVE  
MIDDLETON  
WISCONSIN

FROM 36523444  
RES. WILLIAM SIMON  
C. B. 109th INF 4th REG 28  
7th POSTMASTER, N.Y.  
OCT. 21, 1944  
(Sender's complete address above)

*See INSTRUCTION NO. 2*

*My other*

Just bumped some ink from a fellow so will drop you a few more lines, I took a shower yesterday sure did feel good, you know we have plenty of clothes now, hope I don't need them all you know what I mean hope this letter was in over soon.

We had a parade also yesterday went much to it except the general talked to us a little it was a time star general was only about five yards from him so I got a good look at him, as you know I am in the first army.

It rained for six straight days now, looks like more again today.

Well then must close, thank your letter will come regular now am feeling fine, am glad you are all.

Let me know how that is making out in Ansbury, I want about 6 more letters. The the P.S. will let you know when I receive the packages.

*Love*  
*your brother*  
*Donny*

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194<sup>th</sup>



Mrs. George Senior

2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton

Wisconsin

LT John D. Owens Jr.



Dear Mother.

Oct. 26, 1944

Mom I had the biggest surprise, day before yesterday, I was at the Red Cross I seen one of my old Buddies from the Airborne we got talking & he told me were Bob Lohman was so I ran down to him & honest the God it was like coming home it sure was good seeing & talking to him, he is in the same Division as I only a different Company, will see him more often from now on. He told you I have a different job name it sure is alot better & alot more safer. So I hear dear don't worry about me at all.

Albute's letter sure was sad, really feel sorry for him, sure hope he doesn't have to see any more, although I had a few close shaves myself, that's all we have to do in Bray, and every thing will

turn out all right, from now on I am  
going to be out of alot more danger. (thank  
the Lord.)

If Delbert is an M.P. his gut it made  
its a good job over here, most likely won't  
see any action at all, of course nothing over  
here in long.

Now I want you to buy yourself  
& everybody a damn good Christmas Present, I  
really mean it so I leave do, and as far as  
~~that you every bit I send home in for you~~  
use it when ever you can, and send word  
and this month will have this months  
pay coming, will send most of it, can't  
spend any here at all.

Well dear must close, write after,  
take good care of yourself & everybody,  
don't work too hard

Love

P.S. am very <sup>lucky</sup> lucky, got  
a break.

Your darling son  
Sonny



195-2



Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton

Wisconsin

10/5  
Capt. [Signature]

G.F.C. William Simon  
Co. D. 104th Inf. H.P.O. 28.  
77. Buttrick St. N.Y.



Sunday  
Oct 8, 1917

Dear Mother:

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Just got through eating chow, we had hot chow this morning for change, it sure does taste good compared to K-rations.

We would like to send you some money I think. money, but can only send a dollar or so. I haven't any more change, but who cares for money? I don't. I got money but still haven't got Paul Samuels' (th).

Today is my Forster Budden Birthday, a damn good Birthday, at least went up to the front lines, all though I been up there all ready, or I told you it's not to bad, but sure isn't a picnic.

Mother your going to have to live with me in trench and a small tunnel on my line. Pretty tough quarters, things aren't quite so convenient over here. Ha Ha.

Am sure you're waiting to hear how Jimmie is coming out of football, I still haven't got any mail, damn it I'd.





AMERICAN RED CROSS

Just any thing to get just one letter from you.  
Don't forget to tell me how Jimmie is making  
out.

Just heard Protestant services are about to  
begin. Many Catholic men will be going. Some  
hope I get a chance to go to Confession.

More about Christmas Greetings. Please  
don't send me any thing, its hard getting mail  
here and I don't want anything, will get double  
from you next Christmas. Hope to be home by  
that time. (I better be.)

Well dear, must close. Take good care of  
yourself + every body, don't work too hard. I am  
feeling fine. Hope you all are.

P.S. Don't I tell you  
Jim in the [redacted]  
Division. It really  
has a good name.

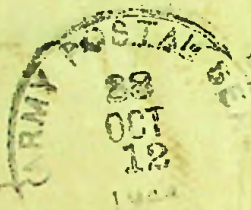
Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

W. William Simon 368-23444  
S. 109th St. M.F.O. 28  
Middletown New York, N.Y.

196<sup>th</sup>

From

Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.  
Middletown  
Wisconsin



Lt John D. Owens Jr

12/2



Dear Mother:

Monday  
Oct 9, 1944

Honest the good mom, I'm the  
happiest guy in the world today, I  
got my first mail since I left  
England, got three letters from you, one  
from Janette & one from Eileen, just  
hope they keep coming like that.

About this Ryan girl from Sun  
Broom I think her & the Principal  
sort of exaggerated a little bit  
about my football playing, any  
way sounds good to me. Wa Ha.

Janette said she was with Sam  
for two weeks but they had fun <sup>was</sup>.  
Guess she only wants a snap shot of me  
Sam did make a mistake when I send  
her that large picture, says she afraid  
Sam won't like it. (and that me  
always pulling a Boner.) But it doesn't  
bother me.

2

Got the Picture of Albert's girl.  
Says she sure took a good Picture. was  
glad to hear Albert is feeling good again.  
Sure hope he doesn't come into combat  
again, I went through St. Lo. it was  
really bombed to hell, can't see how  
any one came out of it alive.

Now I have in a few foreign  
Countries now: England, France, Belgium  
Luxemburg & now Germany, yes now  
its pretty hot here shells come down  
at times to close, all I need is a bit  
of luck & more O-rang & I'd be all  
right, sure hope these damn Germans  
give up soon, just don't worry, as you  
know I can take care of myself & won't  
take any foolish risk. (you are telling  
you) (ha ha) Germany is really a beautiful  
Country very pretty here & really



Good land for farming, sure can't see  
why they to fight for!

Don't forget to let me know how  
Gunner is making out in football &  
daddy in Bowling, but daddy average 190  
or more this year. But he's got a bunch  
of Gunks on his team like he  
usually gets.

So Ellen we got a sailor boy  
friend, we don't think you have to  
worry about her, I think she can  
handle Frank Sailor all right. (I hope)

Well dear will love, am feeling  
fine sure hope you all are, take  
good care of yourself & everybody. don't  
work too hard.

Haven't wrote Janette since I left  
England maybe over three days I'll drop  
her a few lines.

Hope to get more mail  
today

Love  
Your Darling Son  
Sonny

F. C. William Simon 36823444  
B. 109th Inf. T. P. O. 28  
Postmaster New York, NY



Mr. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.  
Middleton  
Wisconsin

Whale  
aptdy.



Dear Dad:

Oct. 27, '44

I received your letter today & will answer when I think time

May. I am sure glad Jimmy is coming & will hope to beat the heat Oregon, tho' M and I is a big fellow with a lot of time played against him last year when you were in the hospital. Just tell Jimmy to run hard they just have to beat Oregon and beat them 13-0 last year.

Am still in Germany, its pretty quiet at the moment here but gets awful hot.

once in awhile, those Germans  
are smart fighters, got all  
kinds of tricks, of course we got  
a few more than they.

Would you would of told me  
your Bowling Average, must  
not be too good or you would  
of told me. Ha Ha.

Am gaining weight Dad, my  
face is really fat now, should  
top 165 lbs now.

Well Dad will cheer, think  
you are feeling fine, just fine  
it and soon take good care  
yourself. Love  
your son  
Sonny



B.F.C. William Simon 368 23444  
Co. B. 104th Inf. F.P.O. 28  
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Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.  
Middletown,  
Wisconsin

W.E. Ballard / St. St.



Saturday  
Oct. 28, 1944

Dear Mother:

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Got your letter with same address,  
dropped him a few lines yesterday, hope to  
hear from him soon.

Am sending you some regular French  
money its worth ten cents to us, all the  
French money has pictures like that, they  
really have some beautiful bills. I have  
some English money to but its in coins  
cant send it.

Am anxiously waiting to hear how  
the Idaho & Oregon came out, sure hope  
they win the championship

Now I am attached to any any





AMERICAN RED CROSS

Headquarters, all I do is take messengers  
to my Platoon, really a small job, yes we  
get the stars & stripes every day really a  
wonderful Paper, thats another thing I do  
take the Paper & cigarette ration & etc.  
to my Platoon; finally got a break. I  
did what you always I reached to me.

Well dear will soon hope to hear  
from you every day, keep on writing, tell  
Daddy & Ilean & Jimmie to write now often.  
am still in Germany feeling fine & gaining  
alot of weight, my face is actually fat  
now, get at least 10 hrs sleep every night.  
Take good care your self Love  
& every body. dont work hard. Sunny

F. C. Williams Senior 368-3444

E. 109th St. N.Y.C. 28

Postmaster, New York, N.Y. 198<sup>th</sup>



Mrs. George Simon

2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton,

Wisconsin

DiMatteo  
Capt. D.





AMERICAN RED CROSS

Sunday  
Oct. 29, 44

Dear Mother:

Just a few lines to let you know I'm  
feeling fine, my Buddy is waiting for me  
to help him pitch our tent so will have  
to rush this a little, also have to take  
rations to my Battalion cigarettes & candy,  
really like my new job, sort of on my  
own just what I like

Mom will appreciate it if you  
would send me a Pipe just as soon  
as possible, just a cheap Pipe. I rather  
smoke a Pipe than cigarettes, we get plenty  
of cigarettes here.

Well then must close take good care  
of yourself & every body, don't work too  
hard.

Yours truly  
Harry D.  
Long

G.F.C. Walburn Simon 36823444  
Co. B. 109th Inf. A.P.O. 28  
Y. Postmaster N.Y. N.Y.

199th



Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.  
Middleton  
Wisconsin

Lt. E. P. Killip



Oct. 31, 44

Dear Mother:

Just a few lines let you know for  
feeling fine haven't heard from you for  
four days now, got a letter from Alvin Suban  
last night.

Today is Day Day have three months pay  
coming so will send you I have some & make damn  
sure you buy yourself a damn good Christmas Present  
quickly. like my new job Mom, something I always wanted  
to do now I was over here, just hope & pray I can hurry  
on to it. Don't forget to let me know how Oregon &  
Madison. cant out. sure hope Jimmie was on.  
I have to run to my doctor so will close.  
good can yourself & everybody, don't work.  
to love

Love  
you fairly for  
love

J.F.C. William Simon #36823444  
Co. D. 109th Inf. A.P.O. 25  
Postmaster, N.Y. N.Y.



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200<sup>th</sup> ~~199<sup>th</sup>~~

Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.  
Middletown,  
Wisconsin

Capt. O. G. Gato



dear mother:

Nov. 1, 1944

Well mom I am starting out the month right, dropping you a few lines, hope you keep on writing every day, really look forward to mail every night.

We got paid yesterday first time I got paid for three months, I got paid \$135.00. Pretty good word, anyway I send you \$120.00 one way through P. I. T. like I did in England it will take six weeks until you get it so be damn sure you let me know when you get it, then I send \$50.00 more through the mail clerk was it in a crap game so it will make a total of \$170.00 & I want you to buy yourself & daddy, Jimmy & Helen the best Christmas present you can, if you don't I'll be damn mad at you. Money is no good to me over here have no place to spend it at all.

Got a letter from George Newton last night, he is on his last week y

training than will be shipped over seas.  
Did I tell you I got a letter from Alvin  
Sabann, he sure does like our family, guess  
they all do. Ma Ma, haven't got any packages  
of I as yet, will let you know when ever I get  
one.

Still haven't heard how daddy is doing  
in Bowling so let me know what in average is  
and what place his team is in. Am also waiting  
to hear how Oregon came out with the Big Shells.

Well dear have to run to my Platoon  
so will close, all I did what Arby Benson  
did it sure did the trick you owe me  
Plenty for that it was hard to do. Take  
good care of yourself I all don't work too  
hard.

Love

Your Darling Son  
Sonny



F. C. Williams Simon 36823414  
Co. D. 109th Inf. 87. P.O. 28  
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201 <sup>st</sup>



Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard Ave.  
Middleton  
Wisconsin

L. E. P. Kinnigworth



Sunday  
Oct. 22. 1944

Dear Mother:

I am very happy I am receiving  
your mail regularly now.

Just got back from church didn't get to go to  
Confession, the churches are different here but very pretty

They have an enormous amount of statues. I might say this  
Paper is some of the finer writing I ever saw. Don't forget to send me  
one envelope & a sheet of Paper in the letter you send me.  
So Dorothy got married but you its same tough on her, if she  
has to bring her own water & so.

We all love you, will write today if I find time  
am feeling fine and glad you all are, take good care of yourself  
and every body, don't work too hard.

P.S. Please at least  
write letter.

Love  
your Darling Son  
Johnny



P.F.C. William Simon 3682344  
Co. B. 109th Inf. A.P.O. 28  
% Postmaster New York, N.Y.

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202<sup>nd</sup>

Mrs. George Simon

2119 Hubbard Ave.

Middleton

Wisconsin

Lt. John D. Owens Jr

Dear Mother:

Monday  
Oct 23, 1944

I received one letter from you only took 12 days to get here the fellow says that's a very rare occasion, am sure God Jimmie is going <sup>good</sup> and, I believe his home is all right now. (Thank the Lord.) How about Helen over the lake school who she going with except a few sailors over in awhile. I seen a few good looking German girls could talk a little English also, one was pretty as a doll about 17 yrs. old. (to young)

Had my first Beer last night since I been over here, got one Canten cup full from the Red Cross, every once in awhile the Red Cross gives us Coffee & donuts. about 3 times so far.

Wrote Albert a letter when I was in France haven't.

Heard from Jimmie as yet, hope to hear from George Newton soon he's the fellow from Madison, he was a Cpl. really got a break. Jim in the thick of it now have no chance to go to school.

All Dear must close, am feeling fine, hope you are keep on feeling the same, take good care of yourself & every body.

Hope to be home soon keep on writing regularly. Love  
Your darling son  
Sonny

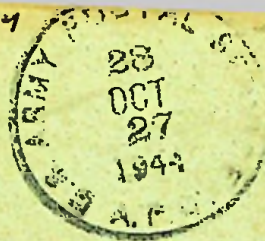


G. F. C. William Simon 36823444

Co. E. 109th Inf. A.P.O. 28

To Postmaster New York, N.Y.

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Free

Mrs. George Simon  
2119 Hubbard ave.

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Wisconsin

RM  
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10/26

Remember in  
Germany



Thursday  
Oct. 24, 1944

Dear Mother:

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Well Mom no mail from you yesterday  
hope to get some today, saw a show last  
night dam good show, like three Monahan, with  
Donald O'Connor & Peggy Ryan, also got a cigar  
from Red Cross yesterday, but of course had to pay  
for it.

Am sending you a two Frank piece which is  
French invasion money its worth four cents, good in  
France, this one mark is German Invasion money  
worth ten cents good in Germany, would send  
you more but haven't got paid for three months,  
this is only was given to me.

The show has been very good the  
last few days, am getting a lot of things & know  
in gaining weight.

Nothing to write so will close, take good  
care of yourself & everybody, don't work too hard.  
P.S. I would like to  
hear from Daddy

Love  
Your Mom & Dad  
Long