

Camp Ward
October 17, 1942

Dear Mother,

Yesterday I got another shot. This time it was in the right arm. I think that I will only have to take two more now.

There is talk that some of our company is going to get [illegible deletion] a twelve hour leave about next Saturday or Sunday. Most of them will probably go to [Castleford], Idaho. It is about thirty miles from camp.

My training has not started yet, but I think that we will start marching about Monday. I hope so. The sooner that I get started the sooner that I will go to school. We may get to go swimming in the new swimming pool over in the drill hall in a few days.

I received a letter from Aunt Annie today and a card from you dated the 13th of October. I do not know why you [page 2] haven't been getting the letters from me because I have been writing to you almost every day. Some of them have been air mail and some free ones.

I wrote to uncle John and aunt Nettie today. If I have time I am going to write to Jackie and [illegible] Aunt [illegible deletion] Annie's letter today. I have been over here at the mess hall since five thirty this morning. This letter was just written in moments of my spare time.

Tomorrow we are going to have fried chicken and probably some ice cream for dinner.

Did Daddy have to go in the big bomber that caught afire [sic]? How is Captian [sic]? Is Betty doing all right in school. [sic]

Your son,
Tom D