

May 16,

Dear Uncle Louis,

It's taken a long time,
but it looks now as though
you are in the right spot and
on the right track to go up
the ladder and really do the
job you've wanted for. Good luck!

as for me, - well, no one
can tell. of course, it is something
just to be here - but it is
something else to be graduated
from here. It is really tough and
the washout rate is high. add
this to the fact that ours is the
last 13 week course - the army
has decided that its officers
should have 6 months of training
instead of just 3 - the ground

the pressures are really intense.
I have the stuff for the academic
angle - I am sure. I should also
take the strain of public speaking
o. k. But infantry drill is where
I have to keep on the ball. I don't
mind the discipline and order, but
marching around was never my
meat. The other main
difficulty is that our sleep is
limited. we go to bed late and
are up at 5:20. As a result it
is hard to keep at an efficient
peak and here you have to be on
the tip of your toes at all times.
another fact for me is that I
am used to getting to know my
teachers and instructors - you can
imagine how friendly the 2nd
Coies are here! They ridges
all the time, continually keep

on axes in a sling to see if
we can take it. This is the
tough side of life here - it is no
disgrace to be flunked or worked
out. But don't get the wrong idea.
Hard work doesn't bother me. I
can stand the gaff. I am able to
relax and unwind. We have a
good bunch of boys here. We laugh
rather than get tense. For myself,
I want to get through and be
commissioned but I refuse to
get so tightened up that I will
break. I feel sure that the
army should see what I have to
offer. It's just as I say - I
have to keep on the ball - especially
in dull. In 9 days of
official inspection I have received
only 'gig' - as I'm not bad on
that score. I'm neither pumped nor!

at any rate. I think my attitude is
the only sane one - & must keep alert
without being tense to an extreme degree.
By the 5th week - my first washout -
I should know of my success.

That's about it. There is no
news except that I can outline my
courses: map reading, military customs,
First aid, chemical warfare, Defense measures,
Maintenance and supply. - all short
courses crowded into the first 4 weeks.
The next four weeks we take the 2
big courses - Depot & supply and
company administration. The next 5
are spent in specialty.

Get me hear from you - let me
know what you want to know about
my work and progress.

Love

Sumner