



U. S. ARMY

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Dear Uncle Louis,

Believe it or not I have started to write to you about 3 times, and here it is on last night of basic - and yet I probably won't finish this until tomorrow. So I'll skip preliminaries and tell you the glad news: as far as I know I passed my company, regimental, and post interviews as well as my physical for O.C.S!! There are about 15 of us who have been separated from the rest of the company - which is breaking up anyway - and who are becoming prison chasers and guards - all work of unassigned men. We are supposedly acting corporals. This is the usual procedure taken with men who are waiting to enter an O.C.S course. Of course, nothing is definite until the actual order to report comes. But all the signs are favorable. Just keep your fingers crossed. Just in case anything goes wrong, I would appreciate no publicity - except in the



very immediate family of my OCS possibility. I'm sure  
you understand.

Your information and advice came in handy. The  
company board was pretty summary - altho important  
since the opinion of our immediate cadre is obviously a  
deciding factor; I think I impressed them well. The  
regimental found me nervous and flubbing the first  
question. I calmed down, however, and showed them I  
was on the ball on current events, government affairs,  
and our basic training material. The Post Board found  
me at my best; my heart was beating but I was  
calm, collected, and most important unflustered. My  
voice was strong and clear; my appearance should  
have been good. I was trying intently to be tense.  
All the questions were the same type as before but  
two had me confused. Fortunately the way you  
answer is at least as important as what you say.  
I stuck to my guns, answered as intelligently as I  
could, and, as I said, did not get flustered.

Well, were off to night maneuvers. (how do you spell  
it?)

Love  
Sumner