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Dear Summer:

Good morning!

I was in Ellsworth (30 miles the other side of Bangor) yesterday and so could not write you. When I came home and found your cheerful letter and, of course, a letter from you is always a bit of comfort. You write about O.C.S. as though that were imminent. Now I thought that you would have to have at least 13 weeks of basic before an officers' school would be considered. Does this mean that the basic is going to be shortened? Personally I don't believe in hastening the training period when it comes to youngsters of your age. In my opinion your group should have at least a year of training, all told. But, on the other hand, who am I to dictate the policies of military training.

We are so grateful for the thought back of your sending us the \$30.00 but, needless to tell you, this money is to be put away for you in the form of bonds. When you come out of the Army you will have every dollar you have earned for yourself and that is as it should be. You owe us nothing that you are not giving us every day in peace of mind and in comfort of filial devotion. It is no idle boast that we are proud parents.

Affectionately,