July 3, 1943

Byant Service Club.

Received your package just before payday came around, so you can well imagine how they were appreciated.

You will probably note that I have a change in address, and it certainly was a good change. Left Camp Helen, Texas, the second week in May, and had a very beautiful trip thru Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Came thru the desert and it was rather warm, but never the less very beautiful.

Camp Helen is located about 8 miles from Riverside, and a small little city, full of palm trees and orange groves and a large share of maintenance.
Came here with a cadre and activated the 567th F.H.
Since our arrival we have been having more classes to keep us busy, but next week our fillers are coming in, and then we start training.

Three weeks ago I took a three day pass and went to Los Angeles and Hollywood but spent most of the time in Hollywood as we had a better time there.

One afternoon we visited the Universal Studios and met many actors and actresses that we've all seen on the screen. Also was quite interested in watching them "shoot" on set.

A service man out here is just about King (when on pass of course) I certainly fell that way when we went to the Hollywood Canteen and danced with some other beautiful.
activities. The only bad feature
there is that others may wish
to be in your shoes, and
a tap on the shoulder, and they are.

Of course you heard about the quiet
riot riots in Los Angeles at that time,
so we won't go into that.

The middle of June we went to Camp
Irvine for 10 days on the range. Camp
Irvine may sound nice, but it is actually
140 miles from the nearest anything, and is
in the middle of the Mojave desert (No. Amer.).

We shot the 30 cal.; 45 cal.; 50 cal. M.G.; and
the 40 m.m., went thru the infiltration course,
over obstacle course chased lizards, snakes,
rattle snakes, and a million other things.

It was a nice place to see for a couple
of hours, but for staying, no!
Hear from many of my classmates, and it sure brings back some\n
small memories. After the war, I think you will find many alumni around\n
school wanting to see their old friends and faculty.

Hear that it still rains in Providence.

The last time I saw rain was a light shower, two and a half months ago.

It's nice out here, but no matter what anyone tells you, New England is

the best part of the country, and I certainly looking forward to the day I

get back there to stay.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Eugene Schmidt.