

August 27, 1925.

Lieut. H. B. Potter,
Culver Military School,
Culver, Indiana.

Dear Lieut. Potter:

John Louis Simons returned home last night and we believe the summer's experience has been good for him, but we did not realize that his ear had been discharging for at least a month. When the trouble first developed we had word that he had been taken into the hospital for a day or two, but had been permitted to return to his tent. This was the last word we received concerning his physical condition, but when he came home his ear was discharging and the lobe of the ear had been scalded by the discharge until it was sore. Had we known of the continuance of this trouble, we should have had it attended to. As it is, we will take him to a specialist in Kansas City not later than tomorrow. It was our advice that he was to be given physical inspection almost daily. Since this letter was written we find that both ears were discharging.

We want you to know the above because we feel that we have reason for real criticism, as this lack of attention might easily have cost the boy his life. We trust it will readily yield to proper treatment.

Now we shall be pleased to have a candid report from you on the boy, so we may better know what to encourage and what to counteract as you see it. He was disappointed in not securing a Bronze C as a recognition of his service, but if his work did not warrant it, we have no complaint. We simply want you to tell us frankly about how he conducted himself. Was he manly, courageous in defending himself, peaceable and obedient? Did he show a fair degree of initiative and leadership, or not? Kindly let us hear from you as soon as you can and oblige.

John Louis speaks well of you and of his other officers and of the life there in general. I wish to thank you for your kindness to my boy. I do not think he had any charge accounts, but if so let me know.

A copy of this letter goes to the school authorities.

Sincerely yours,