

Lieut. H. B. Potter

Culver Military School

Culver, Ind.,

Dear Lieut. ~~Culver~~ 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 ~~given him expert treatment~~ 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.

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 <sup>proper</sup> 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 ~~button of some sort~~ <sup>Bronze C</sup> as a recognition of his service, but if his work did not warrant it, we have no complaint. We simply want <sup>you</sup> to tell us frankly about how he ~~conducted~~ <sup>and</sup> himself. Was he manly, courageous in defending himself, and peaceable, obedient/. Did he show a fair degree of ~~initiative~~ initiative and leadership, or not. Kinly let us hear from you as soon as ~~convenient~~ you can and oblige. John Louis speaks well of you and of his other officers and of the life there in general. \*

A copy of this letter goes to the school authorities  
Include thanks Sincerely yours