

Another Letter from Bennie Wilson
Camp Kearney, June 21, 1918

Dear Father and Mother:

Arrived here today. It took us three days from Camp Lewis, Wash., to Camp Kearney, Cal. It was an interesting trip going through the mountains and along the Pacific ocean. It is a fine country here, all right, but my, it is awful hot. They are harvesting here already, and the trees are all loaded with ripe oranges lemons and other fruits. We went through Los Angeles this morning, and I will tell you that that is a fine city. We will be here about ten weeks, then we will go across the big waters to France and finish training there. This camp is located about 15 miles from San Deigo, Cal., so we are just a few miles from the ocean. When I get off on Saturdays I will go down and take my first swim in the ocean. Well, how is everything in Hannaford? I kind of wish that I were back there as you know this country does not look very much like home to me, but it's nothing when you get used to it.

Will write you more when I have been here a while. Hoping to hear from you at once.

I am as ever your son,

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