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Dear Mom and Dad:

I really like this new place although its plenty rough or rather it has been the last 2 days.

Yesterday we spent the entire day creeping and crawling and im still pretty sore and stiff. My elbows and knees are sort of skinned up.

The ground is so hard down here that its just like crawling on a sidewalk. We practiced crawling in and out of foot holes, under barbed wire and through rocks and grass. In about 6 weeks we have to crawl 150 yards with machine guns firing 40 inches above our heads. You can see that we have to stay pretty low for if we ever raised up it would be our last time. Today we marched 8 miles in an hour and forty-five minutes. It was really

hot and 40 fellows out of 200 fell
out or passed out. Most of them were
fellows 20 year old or older though.

I'm a guide now, my job is
to lead our platoon of 63 men. It's
a lot of fun and I hope I'm good
enough to keep the position. One
thing nice about being at the front
the officers and now coms: can see
you easily and if you do a good
job it's all the better for you.

Had a letter from Gloria today.
and she's getting along O.K. according
to her letter. I haven't had time
to write her up till now so I must
do it tonight.

In the 61st I can wear dress
shoes and I think we can wear
garrison caps.

Saw Kenny a while tonight,
he gets 3 shots tonight so I imagine
his arm will be too sore to
write. I've had 6 shots and
I have only one more to take.

Had a letter from Grace
today and she was pretty mad

at me for not writing her last week.
I wrote to her and tried to explain
to her that I was too damn busy to
even turn around last week. I hope
she understands.

Thanks a lot for the \$5, I really
don't need it though; but I guess I
can save it. We've got \$25 now and
we get paid tomorrow for sure so
I'll have plenty of ready cash. If
I have any shorts around there you
might send them to me and I
would like some stamps too if
you would get me some. I never
have time here and I would like
to write a special delivery letter now
and then. Get me some 10 cent
special delivery stamps and some
3 cent stamps, please. If I don't
have time to write Gladys tonight
you call her and thank her for the
house shoes. They're really nice and
I wear them every night. Tell her
to buy Kenny size 10 for his feet are
a little bigger than mine.

Sounds like you're really getting the house up. I'd like to be home to see it one of these days.

Dad what do you want for your birthday? There isn't much I can get you in camp, but I'll try to think of something.

I doubt if you can read this I'm writing it on my bed for we have no tables in our huts.

Tell everyone hello for me and take it easy.

Jane
Bob.