

August 12.

Dear Father:

Today was payday and I got \$74.25 for 2 months. I had about \$25, already so I'll send \$80. dollar home and you can pay some on my bills. I guess you had better ~~not~~ give Banker's about \$20 and the rest to the bank. Find out my balance from "Wag" so I'll know how much more I owe him. I know it's quite a little so you tell him that I'll pay him as soon as I can.

Mom, if you haven't sent my shoes yet I want you to throw in my track shoes too. I can use them to run around in the evenings. It will help get my body in condition for these hikes and other things that we have to do. I had guard duty about

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night from 3 in the morning until 5
so I'm pretty sleepy today.

I may go into Wheeling this week-
end to see about having my pictures
taken.

I haven't been away from this
place since I got here and the change
would probably do me good. I imagine
Henry will go with me if he could and
if I decide to go.

It's so hot down here that
the Army officials have decided to
cut out all forced marches. A forced
march in any march over $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles
per hour. So many men have been
in the hospitals because of heat
exhaustion and sunstroke that it
was doing more harm than good.

We will still have marches
to make but they will be slower
and we will be allowed more
water to drink.

I like the 61st march
~~but~~ better than I did the 57th,
the officers are better and the
non-coms aren't always cursing.

some one out for making a mistake.
Our food is better and the training seems
a little easier.

We had athletics today, I won the
hundred yard dash and got second
in weight lifting. I lifted 150 pounds
above my head and the fellow that
one lifted 165. I guess my practice
on that stone dumbbell did me some
good.

Mom, have you ever sent
space that Student Directory, that
I asked you about? I think that
she still wants it if you can find
it. It ~~is~~ should be in my room
someplace.

I'm not going to take a chance
on sending the money in an envelope
so I'll send it Saturday by money
order. I'd hate to lose it for it was
the hardest money I ever earned.

Goodnight

Love

Bob.

Saw Kenny about an hour tonight,
he had a letter from "Dad", I hope

you can get my insurance straightened
up. ill pay for it ---