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Sunday -

Dear Father:

The box I got today was so big that I could hardly carry it. Henry hasn't been over to get his stuff yet, but he probably will be before I get this written.

I'm not going to town today, I have so many letters to write that I doubt that I will have time. It's still hotter than the devil down here and there doesn't seem to be any let-up in sight. There is talk of lengthening our basic training to 16 weeks instead of 12. I only hope they don't, but if they do I guess there isn't much one can do about it.

Eric had a sore foot the last 3 days so this morning I had it lanced. It was a callous which had become infected on the bottom of my foot and this marching ~~about~~ didn't help it any. One of the

the trainees in our company was a foot specialist before he was drafted so he fixed it for me this morning for 45 cents. It feels much better now so I imagine it will be O.K.

I have a question to ask you and 'Dad'. Would you rather I try to go back to school or try to go to Officer's Training. I have to make up my mind pretty soon and I would like to know what you would rather I do. If I go to school they think that I would have to stay 5 years after the war is over. There are about 70 boys in our company eligible for Army Specialized Training and some of them, like me, aren't sure whether they want to stay in the Army 5 years or not.

I would like to go to school and I would like to be an officer too. I can't do both so I have to decide within the next week or two.

To go to O.C.S. one has to complete basic training with a recommendation.

from the commanding officer. I would also love to be interviewed 5 different times by different high ranking officers.

If they thought that I had had the qualifications and was capable of being an officer, I would then go one month to Officer's Candidate Preparatory School. If I got through that I would then go four months to O.C.S and, providing I passed, would graduate a 2nd lieutenant in the M. Medical Administration Corp. It's a long tough course, but it may be worth it. I would finish the course about April 1. I would really like to be an officer; but then again I would like to go on to school.

I'll write you more about the school deal when you find out more about it. What do you and Dad think I should do?

I went to church this morning, it was really pretty nice and I'm going try to go every Sunday from now on. Henry's going with me next

Sunday.

I haven't had time to send my ring in yet, but I have it all wrapped and ready to mail.

I didn't go to town today so I've been trying to catch up on my letter writing. We have a hike a 5:30 in the morning so we will have to get up at 4:15. This coming week is going to be pretty tough so I doubt that I'll have much time to write letters, but I'll try to send you a card or two.

You might tell Mr. Hogue my new address so my paper will get here sooner.

Before I close I want to thank you for the food and shoes. The shoes seem a little big, I haven't worn them yet so if they are I can send them back I imagine. I like the style all right though. The candy and cookies are really good

and oranges are my favorite fruit.

You needn't send me stuff so often for I imagine it costs quite a little and it probably takes most of your food coupons.

Hope you had a happy birthday Dad, I'm sorry I couldn't find anything down here to send you.

Well, goodnight folks and thanks again for everything. Kenny got his stuff this afternoon. I haven't seen him since either.

There haven't been many cases of infantile paralysis around here so don't worry about it.

Grace says that there are 15 cases in Hutchinson.

Mom have you gotten those nylon hose for her yet.

You can buy them and I'll pay you when I get paid again -

P.S. - Tell Phil to write me. Love -  
Bob