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Dear Folks:

just finished the longest
guard duty that I've had
thus far in the Army. I walked
8 hours and was off 16 hours.

Carrying a nine pound rifle
makes it pretty tiresome before
the day is over so as soon
as I finish this letter I'm
going to bed.

The pictures of "hutch" and
Gloria are really swell. I
showed them to some of my
buddies and they agreed that
he was a cute little rascal.
They also remarked about the
basinette and how pretty it
was.

I'm still wanting to be
shipped to some school. It
may be some time this week
if it is I hope they send
me close to home so I would
be able to get there on a

3 day pass. I could get a 3 day pass from here but I probably wouldn't be home long enough to say "hello" and "goodbye".

I wrote Jimmy the other day so I should hear from him before long. All the fellows in our company went to Pennsylvania but they left before Jimmy got back so I imagine that he will go to some other ~~place~~ place.

I'm glad that you got to see Bud and I'll write him soon. I wrote him about a month ago but he must have been too busy to answer for I've never heard from him —

Haven't heard from Grace since I left Berkeley so she's evidently forgotten all about me. It seems sort of funny not hearing from her when I was used to getting a letter almost everyday. "Mom" you said that you hoped my luck holds out, I just wish that it would start one of the

days. We've been awfully unlucky
the last month and a half for
some reason -

I imagine "Dad" is busy
doing his Christmas shopping
and getting ready for the holiday
season. Have you drawn names
yet or did everyone forget about
the annual event.

I'm getting sleep so I'll
stop for tonight - Write -
Love

Bob

P.S. Don't forget to send the books -