

Dear folks:

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Today is Saturday and it really hot here. I wrote a letter to sis + Larry last night. I hope I had the right address so they can answer me soon, we start basic Monday so I won't have any time at all. The longest hike that we have is a mere ~~28~~²⁸ miles and we have to make it in seven hours with a full field pack which weighs 68 pounds and our shoes weigh 5 pounds. I sure wish I was home so I could work for dad today, instead of being here at this place.

There isn't really much I can say except they told us today what our basic moves consist of. Our first hike is four miles long and from then on we add a mile every day and sometimes we will hike the same distance but that longest hike will be the worst at all, but I think I can

make it o.k. please send me
two pair of those heavy wool
socks, to help fill up my
shoes, so my feet won't get so
sore, and by the way my first
sargent asked me if I could
get him some gas compounds so
please send me all you can
get as it might help me
get a furlough at the end of
my basic training, so send
all you can get, maybe if
you asked Jack Critzel for some
of those C compounds he would
send them down to me. it's
worth a try. To get a furlough
from here would be worth anything.
also see about the Russell papers,
and mom you can send me
some more cookies anytime, well
I have to go to work now so
I will write us soon as I can.
Tell all hello & to Louise &
write. Dorothy