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Dear Father:

Well we just got through with our personal S.I. inspection. Boy was I nervous, Dad knows what a S.I. inspection is, I made it o.k. Also this morning we took a military courtesy test there was ^{about} 300 men in my company and only five got a perfect paper, and was I ever proud of myself when the sergeant of my platoon told me I was one of the five. If I keep on working and studying like I have been I will really like it a lot better, so I will try my best to keep up the good work that I have started. We still

haul 21 exams left I
sure hope I can make a
good grade on them
~~and~~ Dad if he still
knows how to pack a
full lift pack, I had
a little trouble the first
time I tried if I
like it up better every
day and the classes
are hard but pretty tough
you get sleepy because
it is so hot but I
like the classes so well
that I have not gone
to sleep as yet, they
really give us a lot of
things to remember and have
classes every day and a
five minute break between
the hours, the time runs
from 1:00 to 24:00 it
really is funny getting
up at 18:00 which means

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by your time, 6:00
you have to keep on
your toes, and not miss
anything, if they catch you
sleeping in class you
get extra duty and I
hope I don't get any.
I got another letter
last night with my post-
check in it. Thanks a lot
as yet my package hasn't
arrived, tomorrow is
our only day of rest
if it is Sunday and I
have 17 hours of R.P. duty
so I won't be able to do
my ironing till later rest
week, we took a six mile
hike yesterday, and went
over the geologic course
I made them both O.K.
The only Russell boy
who didn't make the
course was Glenn Ward

and he fell in a
pond of water, they had
ropes to spring across
on and he missed the
rope and did he ever
get wet well I must go
now, I will write soon,
so long, tell everyone
~~hello~~ hello and to
write.

Long
Henry

Well I think I will write
some more if it is ~~too~~ late
and I am sitting under a
street light, Bob came
over tonight just as
I was opening my
package and I had
a good time, I got it
in the night mail call
when I reports the first
part of this letter

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was morning, and I
hadn't received my hat
as yet, Bob just cashed
his check, there was a
fellow in my hat that
had the money so he
got it, cashed ~~on~~ Bob
said Lawrence Schis
was over there and Jimmie
Sorech, John Stueck's wife
Rusty is over here going
to Russell to get their
car, maybe if I can
get a pass I can ride
to town with them
well that's about all
I have to say except I
got a letter from Norma,
Larry, Gloria, Norma Jean
and Oscar & Mildred I
was really and also from
Reverend Perkins, I got one
from Dad tonight, I get
my letters and out

small package, in one
mail call, I really
makes a guy feel good
to get so many letters
so keep on writing, don't
worry about me, and take
care of everything, all I
get there, you can send
me a package anytime if
you do send, and some
shorts, + tooth paste, tell
dad to send all the gun he
can, and can't get it
here at all, well so long
for now I will write
you again soon

Mom I don't think
it would be a very good
idea to come down, as
Bob and I will start
an one night Biowacks
or hikes overnight and we
wouldn't be able to see

you may after Bert
your wife Bob and ask
him what he thinks
about it, I really
wish you could come
down but you had
better ask Bert about it
first and see -

Love
Gene

Thanks for
the package
Merr. I really
enjoyed it, and
so did
Bob