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Wed. Date

10:00 p.m.

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Dear Parents & Bud:

This will be kind short
cause I've had to write. I have
written before but I've been
working around with the guys
& taking it out - he didn't ship
today or yesterday because of some-
thing getting mixed up. Boy is he
mad.

I sure was well to talk to
you last night. I was so happy I
didn't know what to say & probably wouldn't
have said it any way. There was a lot
of things I wanted to say but I didn't
have a chance to say. Such as: How much
I miss you all, how much I love you
all, how much you mean to me, how
thankful I am that I have such a
good family as you are, how I
wish I could see you, how I wish

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I hadn't waited as long as all,
& many other things. But that
was one of the quickest 3 min I ever
spent. The other night Be was
when I talked to Ruth about a
half hour later. The telephone
is really a wonderful invention.

It's hard to realize sometimes.

Our voices came thru well.

Look, but it was worth it to hear
them. When were you, Dad. I'd
have liked to have heard you too.
Now, mother, don't worry about
my throat. I was just hoarse &
it's not bad really. I don't know
when I'll phone again but Lolo
knows it won't be another 6 weeks.
I couldn't wait that long again.

Dad, they told us here that
our father could sign our names
on the income tax & then counter-sign



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it with ⁻³⁻your own & it would
be ok. Thanks an awful lot
for taking care of it for me.
Some day I'll pay you back.
After all, I had the benefit
of the money.

Yes, my 28 days are up &
I have started on my supplementary
training (tougher calisthenics & more
drilling - we may have come 8 hr. miles).
We should be shipped any day tho.
but if a school doesn't open up
away, we may be here another
month. I sure hope not. We
started with 200 guys & only have
about 60 left. Heard today that a
Colonel had condemned this life &
that no more fellows would be sent
here & that when all the fellows here
were gone the camp would be

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at a moment. I would have Dgid
caught. ~~three months~~ old + I have
to be here during some of them.
Damnation!!!

Gerry is on shipment +
Ned found out today that he was
supposed to go with him but
someone forgot to read off his
name. He may get to go tho'.
I sure hope so, for his sake,
'cause Ned just isn't the type to
take this life. He can take orders
better than any of the rest of us tho'.
I guess Gerry will be, London.
I'm on the cocky but wire leaning.
I guess you'd call it getting "crazy
wise".

Boy, were we fanned up about
the fraud run at the court house. We
don't give a damn if our names are even
put on it, but we wish that we
could have those damn "draft dodgers"
down here for just one week. They'd



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be digging for their cushions
& mattresses & someone to do
their laundry & some of the
food mother used to cook, &
for electricity, & hot water, &
wish they wouldn't get quite so
dirty, & could see their folks
& girls & friends, & could stand
around Cook's News stand, & have
a chance to make more money,
& a chance to spend it for lunches
& val. bds, & a million other
things that we can't have. If we
could just have iron for just one
short week or even a day. We'd
have iron falling like his in col-
lectibles & on the drill field. For
see some mighty big boys go
down & try to get up but couldn't
make it. Just one damned week

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is all we ask. We're still
mad. The issues!!!!

Love
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