Fri afternoon
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Dear Swell Family +

Boy, did I hit the jackpot today — 4 letters, all from you, — 5 packs which really come in handy! — and a neat folder of cards. It's really cute + will be plenty handy. Thanks again for everything — I'll never be able to thank you enough for all your love for me tho:!

Today at 3:00 p.m. we have "Short Arm" Inspection. I'm not worried — I haven't even had a date — I did dance two selections last nite might get my mind off things. I'm sure out of practice. Guess I'll have to get back into the swing of things again!

You sure are having enough rain back home. The weather here is really swell! Last night we didn't even have to wear our "long johns" under our khakis!

We're really been having tough calisthenics lately. Some Lt. who was a 2nd string All Am. football from Iowa a couple years ago is giving us a hell of a really tough. This morning he caught me & some other guys cutting up & made us run a couple miles. I didn't mind it a bit this time cause I had it coming. When he told us to quit & fall in our flights I slipped on running & got my jacket which was lying on the ground about a hundred yds. away & he

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walked to give me hell for not
staying but when I was
back he saw what I had gone
after he just grinned + stopped
me + we walked on over
to where the rest were playing
football. He asked me how
I liked it here + when I had
been + when I expected to
go from here. Says he can't
get active service cause of his
eyes but he won't wear glasses.
He was really a swell guy +
kind of a kid different from
most s-a-d Sewers!

So you're glad school is
out, eh, Dale? That's unusual
for you!

think of me I'll be going to school here till at least Sept. & if I work back, I'll be here till about Nov. or Dec. & that's more 15 weeks of grammar school! And this school is plenty tough !! Ask mom. She saw what we have. I'll be able to do & hear what the code sounds like.

Last night I checked the receiver Tim building all over & found where I'd lost the condenser & resistor, so I then showed it ~~[illegible]~~ & the instructor & he checked it & but the damned thing blew another fuse. Tim got a short in it somewhere. Tim checked every thing but the coil from the switch & I'll get that tonight — tomorrow —

Love to you all Steve — } Your actual worker, Dad, but I'd like to see you work!