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Dear Family:-

I hereby vow to write you
the first thing in the morning
from now on because something
always comes up in the afternoon
& either make my letter short
or not. Yesterday, Did fortify &
Did Driss come down to the
tunnels during P.T. & I talked
& then out on the field & then
when P.T. was over, we went down
to Turin Ave. & all went to school
together. By then it was 5:30 &
I had to start to school so I didn't
get your letter written.

I didn't get any mail from you
yesterday but did get the box &
thanks a lot. Everything was

well. I couldn't ask for more.

I'm down in the Day room
right now & have just placed
your call. Hope I don't have
to wait too long. I have to go
back to the Barracks soon &
make my bed, put away my
laundry that came back yes-
terday, & clean up around my
bed.

We are in Navigation now.
The instructor doesn't seem
to know just what it's all
about. At least not enough
about it to last a week. We
have learned about all he
knows about the Marker Beacon
& Standard Beacon Approach
& it's equipment so far. It's
quite interesting so far.

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In code we are taking up
Tactical Procedure. Just how
to send ^{take down} messages. There are
Q signals which mean a whole
sentence which are used. Such
as ^{INT} QRH = Have you any traffic
(message) for me? If used
with out the "INT" (~~not~~ a personal
& because it is our second, is
sent just like the letter), it means
"I have no traffic for you." You
can easily see how easy it is
to send a good deal with just
a few of the proper letters. This
very interesting. We also get
some stickers, hand sending
& code. For having a good deal
of trouble with 25 copies &
am not to sure I'll make it.

Just many to make it. A lot of
em are still on 14, 16, 18, 20, 20
I won't feel so bad if I don't
get 25. For a guy that the
Marines, Navy, & Coast Guard
wouldn't take because of his
name, I've done quite well
with the code! How about it?

I guess that's about all
for today. I'll come to work
to talk & go on. I'll write more
after I do. Till then —

I'll sure be glad when I can
talk with you face & face &
not on the phone but if there is
well & talk & you. And it'll be
well & see you next month too.
Till tomorrow —

Love
J. L. P.