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Dear Mom and Dad,

I'll get off a few quick lines before we ship the sack. Then I wrote and told you about being busy in very short. We go to school at 7:30 and get through at 8:30 at night. We don't have time to wash clothes or even get our mail so far. They give us lectures and everything for one week and then give us a test. They give us in 10 hrs. what they give officers in 50 hrs., so you can see what we have to go through.

We moved from the lower part of the barracks to the upper part. Hope this is the end of moving for a while.

Went on a march this afternoon up in the mts. practicing our field movements. It was really tiresome too. Got back at five and



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ate Chow. Then we went
to school until 8:30 tonight.
Our course will last
8 weeks for sure now.
That is what the officer told
us. If so, it will be the
1st. of January when we get
out. If at all possible, send
more razor blades and get
some stuff of athletic foot.
Send it as soon as
possible too.

How is everything around
the town coming? How is
the football team coming?
How do Pa like his new
job?

Got through guard duty
alright even though it was
very tiresome. Heard Jack
Dutcher was home! How
long was he there? Can't
think of much else to write.
An argument is now
brewing over which park



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of the country is the best.
That starts up every time
we havint got something
else to argue about. I'll
close now. Love

Bill
Did Pa get an airdrop?