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Monday eve.

Dearest Folks,

It looks as if I never will get on a regular writing schedule - as long as I am in boot camp anyway. I was all set to write you yesterday - in fact I had the first paragraph done when I was called into the office and told to get into my dress blues and to report to the football coach. It ended up that I was water boy at the Coast Guard - University of S.F. football game. We won 26-0 after the game we were taken to a navy station and feed - by then it was 9:00 and we got back here in time for a shower and brush my teeth and then to bed.

Our chapel today was very good. The Chaplain is away and the Chaplain of the Air Station (Naval) near here preached. He used one of Walter Wmchell's texts "It is better to carve your carrier than to chisel it." I think that we had our ~~big~~ largest crowd as yet. The choir did not sing for our choir director is in Kansas City getting married.



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mothers letter came yesterday - thanks a lot mom. I am glad that Rich is taking care of my shoes for me - thanks Rich.

what is this about ~~and~~ Barb and the North Junior Paper?? are you following in Ruths footsteps - Barb? I thought that I mentioned receiving the money you sent; if not thanks Ruth and Robert - and also mother. My financial standing is O.K. I am not rich but I manage to keep a few sheddles in my pocket. The certainly dont give me much chance to save money. I have been payed twice since coming here.

thanks for enclosing Bobs, Beans and Sallys letters - I have written to Bob and Beas and I shall write to Sally as soon as possible.

Yes mom they make the Babs long enough, that is if as long as I get my toes out the end.

Maybe I didnt tell you but we are issued a mattress - pillow - and two white blankets. also two pillow slips



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and two mattress covers.

I tried to find the Korsts new place the last liberty I had but I was given a bum steer - I shall try again - It sure will be swell to see Grandma again.

It looks like our company is breaking up real soon. As soon as things are more definite I shall write and let you know. I know that I will be here for some time tho. Probably waiting for a school to open.

The longer I am gone, the more I appreciate our family. I certainly do miss all of you. We certainly have a great deal to be thank full for you.

Love

Jim