

Wednesday afternoon

Dear Papa,

Well, I got the newspapers Monday, and your letter yesterday, so I guess maybe it's my turn to write. I really enjoyed both newspapers, so I hope you'll keep sending them. I appreciate your sending the deposit slip, also. Things like that really help.

I finished Rope School last Friday and got my yellow rope. Being a rope may not be much, but rope school was a lot of fun. It consisted of double-hard inspections every day, a lot of drill, and classroom study on military bearing & traditions, duties of a rope, and how to handle personal problems of other airmen.

Being a student leader is a lot more hassle than I expected. Every morning I inspect all the rooms in the bay, taking roll at the same time. Once every two weeks I have to pull "duty rope." That's four hours of helping in the training office, like I did before I started school. My room has to be the cleanest one in the bay, of course (believe it or not, it's not always the cleanest ~~of~~ H!). I have to make sure that the hall is waxed & buffed, ~~and~~ that the latrine, janitor room, and storage room are clean. The only privilege ~~is~~ is that I don't have to clean any of those things, except my own room. I just make sure that other men in the bay do it every once in

awhile.

I called Mr. Griffith the other day, and he said he wouldn't mind palpating Pam for me. I sure hope she's carrying. Let me know as soon as you find out, if you don't mind.

I have about ~~one~~ one hundred and seventy dollars coming back from working for the Air Force, but I still haven't received W-2 forms from Glen Miller, W.D. Miller, Price Const. Co., or Dr. Pepper. Try to get Glen's address from W.D., so I can write to him. Also, ask W.D. if he usually sends them, I won't demand one from him because he didn't take out for income tax, so be sure to tell him this. As soon as you get the W-2's from the other places though, please send them to me.

Ask Mom if she would mind doing something for me. In the bottom of my closet there is a black suitcase. Ask her to sew up the crotch and send them to me, to cut off for gym shorts. Also, there should be a pair of ~~tennis~~ tennis shoes or track shoes in my closet. I'm losing weight, but my arms & legs are getting weaker, so I'm going to start lifting weights again as soon as I get the jeans & shoes.

Well, I guess I'd better go.

Love always,
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