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Dearest Audrey:

I was sorry to hear of Eileen's misfortune and do hope that she and the baby are coming along O.K. Graham said they were doing all right the last he heard. What seemed to cause all the trouble?

Sorry that I didn't get to talk to you Saturday evening, Audrey. I found out that I could get the evening rates after 7 o'clock here and didn't have to wait until it was 7 there. The telephone office here closes at 10, so I went ahead and called. When you were not there I talked to Graham because I was afraid you had not received my letter and would worry about

what I wanted. I just² wanted to talk to you, Hon., and hear your voice again.

Have you been getting my letters? I've written three or four - two of which were air mail and at least one special since I've been here in camp.

As I told Graham, we have been busy every minute. Even today I've been on the go all the time. Got up at 7:45, had breakfast, started to wash clothes but got caught right in the middle of the job by Church call. Nearly all of the company went to church. It was at a different chapel and I liked it much better than last Sunday. They have a choir. I may try to sing with them but probably won't have time.

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Since lunch I've been polishing my mess gear and canteen. That took nearly 3 hours. Also finished up the laundry which probably won't get dry.

Then there were shoes to polish and a letter to write to my sweetheart - which I am now doing. Later I've got some studying to do in preparation for tomorrow's training program. The first few days will probably be mostly lecture. We worked like h— Friday and Sat. It was drill, drill, drill. Saturday we spent nine hours at it including a review. Yea, a review even before

our training starts. ④

The Company Commander talked to us and among other things he said to tell our wives to stay at home unless they had a place to live here and if they did come they would be lucky to see us once a week. And, that he didn't want to be bothered by wives calling up and wondering why Johnny couldn't come to town tonight. We are supposed to have evenings and Sundays off but probably will never get them. And, being a squad leader I have to keep one jump ahead of the rest and set a good example. The next six weeks will be hell, but should pass quickly. I hope.

Is Mrs Ford going to come up and help Eileen?

I certainly hope so, Hon?
It is too much for you
to try to take care of Danny
and look for Hayle and
Danny and also teach
school. Knowing you, it
worries me to even think of
about it. I know you will do all you

Some of the boys went
to a football game this afternoon.
One of the Lieutenants marched
them up and when they
came back three were
missing. Two of them were
found but one is still missing.
If he doesn't show up P.S.C.
it will probably mean we
will be confined to the
area for another week.

They are having mail
call right here in front
of my bunk but none
for "Grindle". I know you
must be busy Hon, but I
would sure like to have
just one letter,

Don't let anyone tell you
it doesn't get cold in
Virginia. While there is
a lot of sunshine, the
nights and mornings are
cold as the dickens.

Well, Butch, it is nearly
chow time. I may not
be able to write very often
during the next six
weeks but remember, Hon,
it is always,

Love,
Harold.