Dear Mom:

Boy, now, this place is terrific. My day starts at 0600. I have 5 minutes
to get dressed in O.M.'s and shine
my shoes to Fall out for reveille
at 0605. I then go back to the room,
in which there is 2 other fellows
and clean the room, etc. Our beds
are made a special way. I have
two sheets here, and two blankets.
The bottom sheet is pulled right all
around the mattress, and then the top
sheet is folded down in a fold.
Six inches wide over the blanket.
The second blanket is folded in
half and then in thirds and put
under the pillow. The pillow is in
the case very tight. With corners
full. It rests on top of the folded
blanket. The blanket has to be
width of my hand away from
the top of the sheet that's folded
back. The blankets have to be pulled

Keep this.

Tuesday
1560

United States Army Air Force
very tight, tight enough to bounce
a quarter off of. To eat breakfast at
0625. We have to stand at attention
in the mess hall, while workers on
the system of a cafeteria. The
food here is small, much better than
that dump I just left. The table
sits six, 4 upperclassmen, and two
plebes, that is me. They are seated thus:

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The at the head of the table, (1B),
sits at attention and announces the
meals, for instance: 'Sir, the beverages
for this meal are milk and water.'
We are then given at ease, and
the plebs (17) proceeds to cut the
butter into six equal squares, while
(1B) starts passing the water, this is
passed clockwise around the table as
the name of the upperclassman for whom
it is intended announced. They wear
white ties with their name on them.
over their left pocket. Our own blue. If we want anything we
swap to the sitting position of attention and say, for example, "Sir, does anyone
care for the butter?" The upperclassmen will say "Help yourself," and the
meal proceeds in the same manner. I have to eat with both feet squarely
on the floor, and my left hand on my knee. When I am finished,
I have to arrange my plate and
silver in prescribed ways and say,"Sir, my I be excused?" and I then march
out of the hall, spooning all my counsellor.

Our classes begin at 0800. They consist of physics, history, English,
and arithmetic math. I will be here
2½ weeks, and will be a pleb for 5-6 weeks according to how
good our group is. All A/S's now
take college for that length of time,
no more of this "2,5 on 5 month stuff.
There are 1500 ways I can get gigged. I am allowed 2 gigs a week, and for every gig over six I have to walk and run on Saturday or Sunday.

Excuse this messy letter, but my time is really crammed now. I have homework to do, a haircut to get, and we have to see some B.I.F. movies tonight.

I have 5 hours of P.T. a day. We have to buy special uniforms for this, they cost $9.50, but consist of tennis shoes, sweat shirt, pants, suspenders, swimming trunks. I ran about 2 miles today. Saturday we ran 12 miles!! Not all at once, but with short walks about every 20 minutes.

Well, darling, I've still got allot to tell you, but I have to sign off now. It's almost 1100, and I have to wash my shoes, etc. Kiss my love to Biggie and Twig. Goodnight sweetheart. I love you.

Your devoted son,