Dear Mom:

Boy, now this place is terrific.

My day starts at 0600. I have 5 minutes to get dressed in O.U.'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 bed is made a special way. I have two sheets here, and two blankets. The bottom sheet is pulled tight all around the mattress, and 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 the width of my hand away from the top of the sheet that's folded back. The blankets have to be pulled
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, which works 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 plebs, that is me. They are seated thus:

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The at the head of the table, (1L), sits at attention and announces the beverages for instance: "Sir, the beverages for this meal are milk and water.

We are then given at ease, and the plebs (1F) proceeds to cut the butter into six equal squares, while (1L) starts passing the water, this is passed clockwise around the table, and the name of the upperclassmen for whom it is intended announced. They wear white bags with their name on them.
over their left pocket. We were all dressed in blue. If we want anything we
sway 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 a prescribed way and say:
'Sir, may I be excused?' and I then march
out of the hall, spitting all my cornflakes.

Our classes begin at 0800. They
consist of Physics, History, English,
and Aviation Math. I will be here
2½ weeks, and will be a plebe
for 5-6 weeks according to how
good our group is. All A/S's now
take college Coo that length of time,
no more of this 2,5 or 4 months stuff.
There are 1500 ways I can get gaged. I am allowed 6 gigs a week, and for every gig over six I have to wake an hour or Saturday or Sunday.

Excuse this messiness letter how but my time is really cramped now. I have homework to do, a haircut to get, and we have to see some old movies tonight.

I have 5 hours of P.T. a day. We have to buy special uniforms for this; they cost $6.50, but consist of tennis shoes, sweat shirts, pants, support, swimming trunks. I ran about 2 miles today. Saturday we ran 12 miles!! Not all at once, but with short rests about every 20 minutes.

Well, darling, I've still got a lot to tell you, but I have to sign off now. It's almost 1100, and I have to sit down my shoes, etc. Be in my love to Biggie and Sgt. Goodnight sweetheart. I love you.

Your devoted son,