

February One
Fort Wood, Mo.

Dear John,

I guess I had may as well answer your letter now or else I am liable to put it off too long. I am CQ runner tonight from 5:30 until 7:00 in the morning. I don't know if I will get any sleep tonight, but they let CQ runners sleep 4 hrs the next day. I get a little, but I slept most of the time today after chapel. The captain has a case of the ass and didn't give us post liberty at all yesterday or today. Now I got a case of the ass.

I passed that p.t. test last friday so I do not

have to train anymore. I am back to being a holdover again - that means I'll be doing details for a while. That is a hell of a lot better than training though, can goof-off more. Most detail are clean-up details at supply, the chapel, or special services. Just like being a janitor 8 hours a day.

I don't know for sure when I will get my orders to leave this place. It could be they will take up to a month to come down. They probably won't change from the last ones - IIE armor crewman at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. It's not the best but it isn't

the worst either.

I called Paula at Greensburg this morning.

Wanda is there for a while and will be in Dodge for a few days too.

Tim is going to Denver for a few days and she doesn't want to stay by herself.

Tim is supposed to pick her up and take her back to Wichita about Thursday I think.

I guess you heard that Larry got orders for his PCS. He is going to some base around Kansas City. I don't think he'll be there too long but I don't know. He ought to be home in a couple weeks on leave.

As soon as I get done
with AIT I will probably
get a leave too. That
should be at the end
of April or early May.
Where I go after that is
guesswork - probably Nam.

Tomorrow I might
go to supply and try
to get my clothes exchanged.
I will have to go to
quartermaster supply. I
hope they don't screw
me around up there. I
would like to get some
decent clothes that fit
for a change. These baggy
fatigues are for the birds.

It has started to
rain here pretty steady
now. It hasn't been cold

enough yet to turn to snow. The last couple of weeks have been real nice. It gets up to the fifties during the day. It usually freezes at night but sometimes it doesn't. It seems to be real weird weather. I hear it's awful dry and dirty at home. Hope it rains there soon or it all might blow away.

It's 9:30 now, have been here since 5:30. It will be a boring night. I think I will try to sneak in a little sleep now. There isn't much going on at all. The CQ sleeps anyway, the fire

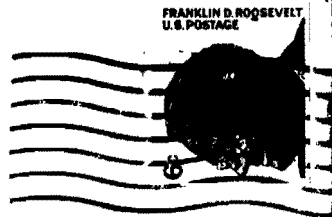
guards are awake though.

Be sure to write when you have any news. Hope you are feeling okay now. I am feeling good. I have been eating plenty of breakfast, usually pan cakes and bacon.

That's all I have to write tonight. The lieutenant just came in anyway. Will write again later.

As ever,
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