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Dear Family -

I'm afraid that this is going to be one of the quick note variety, inasmuch as I've got an enormous amount of work to do today. It's about two days until payday, so today I went down to the PA and spent what I had left of my last paycheck (after the bank, which gets most of it) on food for the twenty hours of the day when the mess-hall isn't open. Also read a little in Louis XIV and The Voyage of the Dawn-Treader, since I had (more or less) part of the day off after spending the night on guard-duty. I forgot to table the last letter or so, so I'll arbitrarily say that this one is #6 - I think that that's about right.

As you can see, this is all rather disjointed - however, I'm trying to get as much down as I possibly can in the next few moments before I have to go back to work - which is coming fast and furious today. Anyway, to continue...

I don't know about the tape recorder...At the rate things are going around here I'll probably be able to play it for you as I walk in the door to the house. Even so, I'll try to get back to it - the next time I have part of a day off, probably some time next week. However, it still plays for me at odd moments - mostly the DDG "Age of the Baroque."

What else? I'm sure this doesn't sound at all inspired; it's more of the write-it-now-while-you-have-the-time-so-that-you-don't-forget-and-maybe-you-can-write-something-better sort of letter. But I hope that's acceptable. Things are quite tolerable at the moment; rather boring, but it gives me a moment or so to do my reading and so forth, so I really can't complain. Tomorrow night maybe I'll go see a movie if it's at all interesting. The last thing I saw was an Italian western (i.e. an Italian-made cowboy movie, not an "Eastern western" or a "French western" as my former terminology ran) which made absolutely no sense at all.

That's about as much as I have time for right now. I miss you all and love you all very much.

Rob

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