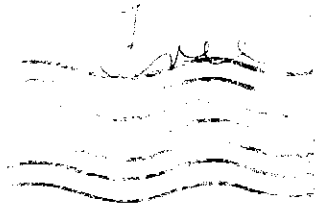


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Saturday

Dear Folks:

I hope that you noted the new rank of your son. It came thru yesterday. I now make \$54. a month, and while not a substantial increase, it helps.

I'm really quite proud of my self, and I'm rather griped that I can't get any stripes. The P.X's are all out of Pfc. stripes, so in the mean while I just look like a buck private.

We had a speed march yesterday. We covered a mile in about ten minutes. That's really walking, especially when you can't break step, and have a lousy canteen of water hitting your hip at every step. Your legs feel as though they are going to fall off after about 200 yds. Its really quite tough.

I'd appreciate Vic's address if you have it, we could compare notes

and see what gives.

Yesterday I had an insatiable appetite. It would have done Mother's heart good to see me. I had seconds for two meals, and thirds for the other. This, along with several slices of bread, two large Hershey bars and a few apples almost filled me up.

Nothing new, so I'll close and send the pictures I've taken, tomorrow or Monday —

Be Good —

Bruce