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Thur [Thursday] Eve [evening] 7:35 PM

Dear Wife

I am a well satisfied boy tonight as my back mail finally caught up with me. Fifteen letters all old except one from mom dated the 10th of March, I really enjoyed reading all of them. I found out a lot of back news that I didn't know about. Yes I suppose it will be okay to go to the Fort Hospital (you probally [sic] know your way around up there to from the past experience of your soldier boyfriends). One thing I know that if Ferb thinks it is a good hospital then it suits me fine. As for the names I doubt if I would be very good although if it should be a girl I think Janice Marie Tinder isn't to bad. Personally I think Janice is pretty. I will think of a boys name later. Why don't you think up some names and write me some that you like. Tell me what you think of my secltion [selection]? [page 2] Be truthful what you say too. I'll lay you odds it is a boy, wanta bet? I am sorry that you don't agree with me on the cattle. Tell you what I will do thou [sic], I figure half of all I have is yours so if you don't trust myself or Dad (whom is much more capable of handling money then I am) I will write Dad and have him give you your 5 hundred. You can then put it in the bank or do with it what ever [sic] you like. One think I would like to get straight don't ever think that my Pop would cheat us out of anything. I have learned one thing in my short life you have to take a chance to ever get ahead. About the only way we could lose is for all the cattle to die which is hardly likely. Speaking of money you must never got the letter I sent wanting you to send me \$20 bucks. I believe I left off the APO number or else it takes a long time for us to exchange letters. Another week is fast drawing to a close I haven't did anything as usual, yesterday I went to Kaiserslautern to get [page 3] a military drivers license. I kind of need it were [where] I work I might want to run around a little some time. Tomorrow I have training as always it will be a lot easier than last Fri [Friday] at least I think it will. I am dreading this weekend as I am not going to have a thing to do. I shall clue you in since I never have. You needen't [sic] worry about me stepping out on you. First off I don't want to, second as for the stories about women on every corner is a lot of hooey. I wouldn't care to go with them if there were for there are to many soldiers around I don't think you would find to many having having [sic]. Before my tour of duty is over I will be more nuts then I am now because I am used to having something to do. I never said anything about my making PFC [Private First Class] I was wondering if you would notice it on my address did you? Actually I was really surprised at it coming so soon after I got here. I have some swell officers [sic] over me I will say that much. I only hope I can handle the job I have to do. Wish I was through school I am going [page 4] to start next month. It lasts 6 wks [weeks] I figure on getting out around the middle of May. I will probally [sic] learn how to operate the Bulldozer crane, road grader, no telling what else. I figure they may be some use to me in civilian life which at present seems a long way off. Well Angel I hope this finds you feeling fine. Take care of yourself and keep writing letters. Tell all hello for me.

As Allways [sic]

Jr Tinder

P.S. Believe you me it is awful boring over here, sometimes I feel mighty low. I doubt if I will ever get used to it either.