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Dear Ones,

It is Wednesday afternoon - the sun is out, I got some mail, I don't have any known swords of Pericles - hey, that should be Damocles - handing over me ... even though this is Aberdeen I almost feel cheerful.

Your letter of April 16th just reached me today - Helen Babsy - it was properly addresssed and all: what held it up I'll never know. Of course I have visited with you since then and we have already discussed such matters as the Winthrop House dance, your week in Boston, the plans for college applications, the honor roll, and what have you... let's have more letters on that model, Toots... I am crying for news... You took your usual good picture with the Roosevelts, Daddy.

Today also brought your letter of the 6th Mother - it was wonderful to see your handwriting again and to know that you have your new classes and that you are progressing so well with them. Thanks for the family calendar - I'll take care of the various items. But you shouldn't have sent me that Harvard Club bulletin - you have teased me. Congratulations on your JWB award, Daddy - you'll have more ribbons than I do, if you get any more citations. I'll check my bank statement, it looks right... it is.

I am now back in the barracks. I'll go down to the PX and pick up some dolls and cards and stop at the carnival on the way. Rank and I went up to try our game today at noon - it is not half bad. Rake is a good fellow, wonderful sense of humor, and we get along well together - although I doubt if we are serious enough for these overstuffed Aberdeen Commandos. I heard from Dot Fried today - nothing special there. I cannot justify to myself the attitude which Jimist groups - as reflected in the News-Retter you sent to me - take toward the A-A commission report. Rejection of the short range promise of 100,000 because of admittedly "bunking, illogical, and inconsistent" long range recommendations reflects a serious shortcoming in this Jimist approach.

OK for tonight - looks like I will have to be on duty Saturday morning, so I will just have a short weekend - I still think I'll head for N.Y.C.

All my love  
Sammy

Regards to Dad.