

Dear Ones,

May 1-2
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everything here in Banacha #1
of company B, the 52nd class of
ordinance O.C.S. at the Aberdeen
Proving Grounds, Maryland is
charged with excitement and tension.
Monday our O.C.S. starts - we are
expected for the first time, classes
start, and the wheels start
turning. we are liable for grip-
pushover buttons, shoes, beds
all have to be perfect & clean. over
5 grips per week means a lost
weekend; over 9 a yr means a
complete house on a tour of duty;
and altho they won't kick you
out, too many grips do not look
good in the record. I will keep
in the ball the best I can. I will
be gripped for one thing only me - I
assume you. Besides being us-

possible for you are personal effects
and the area around you lot, you
may get a detail to clean the
latrines, the stores, on the upper
rafters. We are on the go and
on the alert all the time, liable for
exams and constant inspection.

I managed to squeeze out a
very stilted note to Mr. Bradley.
From now on I refuse to worry
about answering mail; even
you will have to be satisfied with
perfunctory cards with little news.

I have but no job to do and that's
O.C.S. I will try to write a good
letter on Sunday but even then no
promises - I'm sure you will
understand - please make it clear
to all my loyal correspondents.

It is now Sunday morning.
all is well. My shoes are

shined and my tonight I'll
have everything in line. I'll do
my best not to get pegged - and
that requires an awful lot of
work.

I really don't know what to write.
I have written to Florida telling
Grandpa + Grandma that I can't
see them on their way north.

I am happy, but a little
on edge. After a few inspections
I'll know where I stand.

Love,
Lummy

I have a questionnaire to
fill out - please rush me
the following info:

① Daddy's rank, dates, Branch of service in last war.

② All my relatives (up to cousins) in service or govt pay - remember Uncle Harold in OAA et al. - + their branch of service. Any missing kids died?

③ I am not putting down my childhood slandering as a nervous disorder. Was it ever considered a nervous disorder? Check up + inform me please. This questionnaire is complete and checked by the FBI. I don't want to kid around with it. But if it wasn't a nervous disorder, skip it.

④ I need 3 credit references! Please send me 3 with addresses.

Thanks - Dave