

June 16

Dear Ones,

Today is the half way point; in just 45 days, we will complete the last leg of this course!! and actually only 10 of those days will drag since the last 35 will be in technical which will be new and should be most interesting. The last formal examination comes in the 9th or perhaps at the start of the 10th week. After that hell - which does not frighten me as much as the first although it is always bleakly staring me in the face - I will just have to work hard and apply myself to the mastering of my specialty - I hope to get into artillery or ammunition. The big "ifs" and "buts" of pessimism are still a necessary adjunct to every hope and plan, of course.

I think I will rest up this weekend. Uncle David is to be in Boston; the weekend after that I have guard duty, the weekend after that I am restricted; so you can see that we may in the last half but that there is no let up. as for gips, in 6 gips weeks I

have only 4 gigs so far - although I might pick
up a couple in this past week for future to fill
out one of our innumerable forms correctly. That is
not bad - we are in a good company - our lieutenants
help us on the ball but they do not dig us unreasonably.
In fact, Lieutenant Wallace has one of the best
reputations of all the company commanders here at school.
Sgt. Meloy is also a swell chap. I've been lucky
all around - good company, good officers, good companions -
lucky just to have the chance to be here and show that
I have the real stuff. (Speaking of that, I might I
met Allen Lane (Haward '44) who went through
basic with me at Lee and is now in C. E. here at
OCS - he is 6 weeks behind me in a 28 week course.)
Yes, I'm pretty lucky all the way around. I just
had to keep supplementing that good fortune by making
my own plans with my own ability.

Please excuse all split infinitives and misspellings.
I haven't even got time to read these letters, let
alone correct them.
My Best to Mom.
Sgt. Sumner