June 21

Dear Ones,

This letter is not going to be about attitudes and theory; it will just be a recounting of fact; however, I will draw some conclusions.

Our platoon now has company drill with a lieutenant looking; there are 40 men in the platoon. The result is that with 2 or 3 men out in each squad, no one should be the company commander - the leader of the drill - more than once, or twice at the most. However, this last 10 days - starting last Wednesday - has been devoted to check-up; that is, supposedly those doubtful in drill are given the chance to prove themselves. (You have guessed what has happened to me already) - here it is only Monday and I was called up to be company commander again - my third time since the start but my second time in two days, since I was company commander on Friday also!! That does not look good. But the point is that I think I am doing well - or at least comparatively well! I do not make demerits either, I am in good voice, and I show presence and intelligent leadership qualities - or at least I think that those are - yet he continually calls me out there. I really don't know what it means of it. I am not at all

nerves - I have been out there so often it's
no novelty at all!! To be honest - I don't know
what conclusion to draw. But I want you to
see the picture as I see it and you can realize what
pressure, tension etc. really all on me.

You can also see, I hope, that my attitude
towards this second pressure period is much same
that the first one was. Realize what factors are
involved but I take everything and tension in stride.
But I still realize the pitfalls ahead; and I want
you to weigh the exceptions which I feel in
your letter and your voice. Make all vacation
plans for July but on a tentative basis. This will
probably not be the last time I mention this; it
should be a footnote to everything.

But the week is over - and all I wanted to do
was present to you one of the events that
mold my attitude, to explain that attitude to
you [redacted] so that you can put yourself in my
position.

The possibilities - I don't dare say probability -
of vacation are very, very real.

Love, Jimmie -