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San Diego, 33

Dear Dad + all

It is about 1830 now. I took off today or the even(*ing*) and reported for early chow. There sure are a lot of recruits comeing every day about 900 a day. The last company or the last one I here about. 487 and I am in 382. That makes 105 companies. The most of the guys are from Texas and the South but they are started to come from the East. I don't know what-- what the papers say, but things look like something is going to happen. When there is supposed to be just so many of guys coming in and the same amount going out, but they are coming 21 and they have them sleeping 4 to a 2 man bunk. One night they had 500 guys with bunks on the grinder. They said it was chilly.

Today is the first time it rained since I came down here, I had all of my cloths on the line and I was in church and it started to rain. I got all of my cloths hanging from my bunk.

Im glad the weather is holding out and you are getting the work all done.

Is Joan going to leave before the first of December? I probably be home sometime around the 4 of Dec. They like to have a nice long boot camp Training. They are cutting the new ones down to 7 or 8 weeks now.

I took an alotment for a war savings bond every 3 months. 5 dollars. I put John as second on my insurance. I put Jims second beneficiary and I put your name first.

Well they are completing colors now. The other day we had fire fighting set a brick building with oil and gasoline spreading on the walls set it afire and 4 of us put it out with a 1 ½ inch fire hose with 100 tons of pressure. The building is about as big as the log cabin and it has hatches like boat and deportments. We had about 12 different fires to put out. We had a tank about 50 feet across filled with gas & oil and put that out with a chemical they call chemical foam. I will have to close for now. I got to shower, shave, shin my shoes, and brush my teeth. We have a daily 4 s'es.

Love,  
Dan