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Dear Mom and Dad,

How come no one has been writing me? I haven't gotten a letter from anyone in over two weeks. ~~the~~ Hope everyone doesn't have polio of the finger or cancer of the hand! I sure wish I'd get some mail. So please have every one sit down and write me. ~~Have~~ But the Navy write me too.

Your son is ok and fine. I wrote you all a letter about a week ago. A lot has happened to me since I've written you last. My address has changed. I'm no longer with Hotel Company. I am attached to H's Company in ~~island~~ ~~Cebu~~ ~~5th Marines~~. I'm now the battalion bugler! I play for morning & evening colors and for chow, church, pay and assembly calls. I also take care of all the mail for H's company. My most important job - sit ~~dad~~ ~~down~~ - he won't believe this - your son is the personal body guard of the



batalion colonel Lt. Col. Higgins USMC. I played so well for the Colonel with the bugle calls that he personally asked me if I would be his body guard. So now I go wherever he goes and ride in his jeep. I have my own jeep and driver. I'm no longer playing quart and out on patrols shooting at the enemy.

I am a house mouse for the colonel and the majors as well. You know, get coffee made, sweep the floors, make his bed etc.

In 9 days we will be leaving for the mountains. We plan to be up in the mountains until September sometime. So you can start sending me some packages of food again.

The Lord gets all the credit for giving me this job. I won't be getting shot at anymore. I'm very happy about that.

Did you get your pictures back that I sent back to you - the ones of the church? How is everyone back home? Hope everyone is



just fine.

Are you getting any of the rain and flooding from Lake Erie? I understand that Ohio is really getting flooded out.

What's Gary doing on his spare time? Have him drop me line. I've only gotten one letter from him since he's been home.

I'm as homesick as can be. I cried myself to sleep last night. I just wanted to be home away from this place.

I'll close for now. I'll write again tomorrow. Please mom - have everyone write me - I need some mail!

Love,

Larry

P.S. Get me David Tim's address -

I've got 26 more weeks to go. 208 days! counting down!



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