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Sunday

Dear O'ma —

It was good to hear from you again and to know that you're back in New York. I'm sure I don't know the occasion for my deserving such a generous check but none the less I do appreciate it very much and can't thank you enough. You can be certain that I'll find some good use for it in one way or another. It was really so swell of you O'ma, and I can't express how grateful I am — a millions thanks!

Life here at preflight is swell although it's quite tough. The classes are very difficult for me and they move darn fast trying to cram alot of work into a small period of time. Right now I'm taking math, physics, code, maps and charts, and military science.

Besides our classes we have an hour of calisthenics and drill every day. From 5:00 in the morning until 5:30 at night we haven't a minute to ourselves — we're really busy!

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The weather here is just like mid-summer back East. All day long there's a bright sun shining down that tends to sap all your energy out of you. Slowly but surely I'm getting used to *[inserted: it,]* and it doesn't bother me too much any more.

The food here is the best I've ever eaten at college, prep-school, or even home. We really have the most wonderful selection of delicious meals *[struck: that] [inserted: and]* every chow is a real pleasure.

My fellow classmates are a great bunch and we all get on just fine. On the whole we're all about the same age ranging from about twenty to twenty-six. We have boys from all sections of the country stretching from Maine to California.

I can't think of any more news to write but again I want to thank you so much for the very generous check, Oma. Many, many thanks!

Much love —

Bobby

Notes:

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