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Dear Mom and Dad,

Here is a quick letter as I didn't have any time to write any at all this evening. It's after taps and the mail goes out in the morning. I had to attend a lecture and it ruined the whole evening. A lecture on First Aid. I guess they figure that we will be in on something the way they stress caution and drills all the time.

Well, I'm fine and in good health and taking good as care of myself as can be expected. I have a cyst on the upper part of my lip so they say. Upper right and I'm going to have it taken off when I get the nerve to go down and have them cut it off. I don't know for sure when I'll go as I think it will hurt like hell when they cut it out. I guess I'll get up some nerve and go down and get it cut out. It's about as big as a pea, a big green pea. I hope that it doesn't bother me too much or I'd go nuts if it hurt too much. It started from a pimple and I squeezed it and it felt like an ingrown hair. I talked to a few of the corpsman and they feel that I ought to have it cut out as it might lead to a bigger one and develop cancer or something like that.

Well, how is my Mom and Pop getting along? Hope you two are well and taking care of each other for me. I got three letters yesterday and they were sure welcome to me. Just had to stop typing my letters and read them a couple of times. I enjoyed reading them and had a lot of enjoyment in them. I'm sorry that I didn't have time to answer all of them but I will in due time. I have the duty tomorrow night and will write more then. I mailed the fishing rod and Rollie gear already. Yesterday the Rollie gear and today the fishing rod.

Well, I'm only writing a short one and will stop at the end of this page just to let you two know that I haven't gone and forgotten you two. I'm going to close off now as flight operations are over for the night and I'm turning in. It's now 15 minutes to 11, 23 June, and I have to get up at six. Be good and write like you have been. Only takes six days for my mail to reach me so far. I can imagine that it will take longer from now on. Except when we are in Japan. Be good and take care of Tiny. So long for now. Say hello to all the folks for me and I'll drop off some letters to them as soon as I can. So long for now. Write when you can.