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Undated Letter from Don Yeager to Glennis Yeager

Don Yeager

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DEAR MOM -

SORRY ABOUT NOT WRITING. LAST WEEK WE HAD GROUND WEEK & I JUST DID NOT HAVE THE TIME TO WRITE. IT WAS HARD, BUT I MADE IT. THIS NEXT WEEK IS TOWER WEEK - WE GET DROPPED 250' IN A PARACHUTE - SHOULD BE EXCITING. THE FOLLOWING WEEK WE ~~ARE~~ GO OUT OF THE PLANES - 5 TIMES. I FIND OUT TUES. IF I CAN GO TO RIGGER SCHOOL, WHICH IS AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA JUST OUTSIDE OF RICHMOND. IF I'M A PARACHUTE PACKER, I'LL PROBABLY BE STATIONED HERE IN THE STATES, WHICH WOULD BE GREAT. THE FIRST WEEK I WAS HERE, MY FOOT (RIGHT ONE) GOT A LOT ~~B~~ MORE PAINFUL THAN IT USUALLY IS, SO I TOOK OFF TO THE HOSPITAL & HAD IT X-RAYED. I'VE GOT STRESS FRACTURES IN THE 3RD & 4TH META-TARSALS. I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE

TAR
DISQUALIFIED FROM TRAINING FOR
2 WEEKS, BUT THE PEOPLE HERE
APPARENTLY FORGOT ABOUT IT, & I
DON'T THINK 2 WEEKS WOULD
MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE SINCE I'VE
HAD IT FOR 3 MONTHS OR SO. ANY
WAY, I'VE GOT JUST ONE MORE
WEEK OF HARD PHYSICAL TRAINING,
& I'M SURE I CAN MAKE IT. I'LL
LET YOU KNOW WHAT THE SCORE
IS AS SOON AS I FIND OUT.

SAY HI TO THE KLAN - WHAT'S
THE SKINNY ON DAD?

LOVE, Don

P.S. THEY DID PUT A STEEL BAR
IN MY BOOT WHICH HELPS A LOT.