

Dear Folks,

I'll bet youre glad to hear from me. I had Gaurd Duty Christmas Eve and I have CQ in one of the companies now. I am permant party here and I hate it. My name is on the duty roster again for gaurd duty New Years Eve. They are really putting the screws to me onthis deal. Maybe after the first I will be able to take thirty days leave. They don't have any record of the last leave I took. Finance says I have 27 and one half days leave acrued. That means that the thirtieth of Januray I will have thirty days built up.

The reason I didn't take any leave now is because they would only let me have a week and I thought it wasn't worth a hundred and fifty dollars to spend five or six days at home. Do you think I should have t taken the week? Would you have? I don't think you would waste your money that way.

I'll bet I'm the fastest rank maker in our family. I will come home on my next leave wearing E-5 stripes. That is one grade more than I should have by this time. Of course it will only be ~~temporary~~ temporary but still it will be rank. I will have all the respect of a sergeant, and all the prividleges. The only thing I win't be getting the pay of a e-5.

I am so good in this field they are making me an instructor. That is something to be proud of. Don't you think? Me a teacher! impossible tothink about but it is true.

Well enough about me. How was Christmas? Everybody have a nice time? Get all the presents opened and all? Did you take any pictures? I still haven't gotten you anything but don't worry I will.

I'm getting paid \$311.00 a month. I get paid twice a month now. I'm never broke for more than three or four days anymore. I've finally adjusted to the moderate income of a soldier. Speaking of soldiering when I was walking my guard post Christmas morning I thought about how happy all of the Nephews and Nieces would be opening their presents and all. I walked from 0330 on the 24th to 1130 on the 25 so I was walking my post while they were getting up and seeing what Santa had left for them. I know you and Daddy were thinking about me when you got up that morning just as I thought about you and every other person on the government payroll was thinking of his family. I'm not getting homesick but I wish I could have been there to see. / I never knew how important Christmas was until now. If you are up at midnight on new years eve think about me out here walking around with a M-16 walking up and down a fence keeping people from stealing government equipment. I will be thinking about you at the same time.

Your Loving Son,

Danny J. Mills

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P.S. Gifts will be there soon after payday. I'm broke right now. I'm sending a little theme I just typed up. Hope you understand it.

Danny