



COLLEGE OF OUR LADY OF THE ELMS  
CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 1, 1962

Colonel Ralph Embrey  
Base Commander  
Westover Field

Dear Colonel:

On March 28th, I went over to the base, for the purpose of visiting my brother about to start a course in the non-com school. Since he had just arrived the day before, he was unsure of where his quarters etc. where to be. To add to the problem, it was around 7:45 when I got there.

I was given directions at the gate as to where the barracks were. Having gotten that far, I spent over a half hour asking if anyone knew him, or his whereabouts. This included some officer, but no one had the faintest idea as to how he could be located. To make it worse, I even got lost trying to find my way back out, and actually ended up at the other gate. As I gave in my visitor's pass to a Sgt Thurston, I told him my tale of woe, and that I was going home. Imagine my surprise to have him ask if he could help me try to locate him--my brother. The Sgt. got on the phone and made a call. After some few minutes--perhaps ten--, my brother was tracked down, and I was sent to a barracks. The brother was in the doorway.

I wanted to write to you because this kind of treatment, anywhere, is more than people even expect to get, let alone receive. If he is a typical example of your men at the gate, then you have my sincere congratulations for being surrounded with a courteous crew, and I'm sure you have many such letters thanking you for such kindnesses.

Sincerely,

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