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Dear Sumner:

Daddy tells me that you are to be discharged on July 3rd and that you would like to have the discharge date moved back to June 12th. He also told me that your Commanding Officer will not approve of the June 12th date and that you would like to go over his head to accomplish that end. You have had your belly full of Army life, you have done your share, and you have served a damn good portion of your time over seas. However, knowing the Army as I do, I am afraid that you will be jeopardizing the July 3rd date by arousing the ire of your Commanding Officer who could be damn mean if he wants to be and could delay your discharge by claiming you essential for an additional period of ninety days. That latter statement was the practice in effect when I was discharged.

In view of the fact that there ^{are} ~~is~~ twenty-one days between the date on ~~which~~ you will be discharged and the date ^{on} which you would like to be discharged, I suggest that you leave well enough alone and come back to us to celebrate Helen's birthday and the Declaration of Independence.

only I might add that you may advance the date of July 3rd ~~with~~ after you have the written order in your possession which will direct you to be at a discharge center. Then you might ask for permission to appear at that Center a few days ahead of the schedule time in order that you may prepare yourself for college.

The most important thing is to make sure that you celebrate the fourth of July with us.

Love,