

Family,

Thursday 03/06/03

Hey, got some good news I've been  
 promoted to Lance Corporal. So now it's LCpl  
 Aviles. That's pretty good, it means, it's more money.  
 Good news also is I should be moving forward  
 real soon. Right now the magic number floating  
 around is the 11<sup>th</sup>. So, by the time you get  
 this letter we'll see if that held up. But, I  
 think there's a really good chance. But, I  
 wouldn't worry if I were you.

plus I'm travelling w/ a platoon of tanks  
 + 2 Cobras. So, to say the least we have some  
 big guns going in. And on top of that my  
 track has all the big wigs so I ride around  
 surrounded by other amtraks. Continue to writing  
 letters if you can. I'll be able to get mail on  
 occasion get our packages when we drop back to  
 a camp. So don't hesitate. The weather's gotten  
 a little nicer, but today it was raining. It's  
 like I can never win. Ah well. I've been  
 leaving a lot since I've been here. My crew

Chief Cpl. Mendelin's pretty laid back. Our  
platoon commander Lt. Wetherbee's pretty cool too.  
This afternoon we were doing nothing & we just  
sat in the tent bullshiting while it was raining.  
I'm pretty sure that I'll be back for football  
season. So dad, better make sure you buy a lot  
of beer because I'll have some catching up to do.  
Well, time for me to go. Send my love to everyone.

Your son,

Andy