

Got "The Phone Call" Last Night

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My son had only a couple of minutes to talk, this being his first phone call back from basic training, and Matt picked up. I heard, "Hey!" then nothing but air for a bit, then, "Dude, I sounded exactly like that the first time I talked to MY dad. Just hang in."

Followed by the recitation and repeat, with scribbling, of the longest mailing address in the history of the world. Addresses in England are significantly shorter.

Matt then handed the phone over to me. The kid is not having an easy time of it. "... but I'm doing better every day," he concluded. "

I told him I was proud of him, and that I loved him, and then we were out of time.

I am proud of him.

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