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Dear Mom & Dad;

Thanks for the news from home; it looks like Jackie Braslau (or should I say Springwater) got her wish, she's Europe bound. The Romanehs should be happy too, they love to see their name in print.

Well after the holiday it took me a few minutes to get back into the grind but I'm back in the habit of 5:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. & marching everywhere - Dad's walks will seem like piddling affairs after this marathon. We didn't do too much today - we went through a maintenance Squadron in the morning & in the afternoon we listened to a British War Correspondent (VPI) tell us about the British position in the far east; when I'm home we can talk about it - I'll say one thing he was a true Imperialistic Englishman who still believed England protected the world. Later in the

afternoon we went to the hospital  
& were given a lecture by  
the head doctor on the health  
conditions of a jet pilot (I  
just remembered the corres-  
pondent's name was William  
Coastney - a major in the R.A.F.  
I believe)

Well its lights out & I have  
to end this letter by flash  
light. Went to the movies  
tonight (cost 25¢) & saw "About  
Mrs Leslie" starring Shirley Booth;  
it was pretty good.

Got a letter from Jackie  
today & will try to answer  
it soon. Do you know if the  
turtles arrived from S.F. for the  
kids (Peter & Sandy got one &  
Richard, Ralph & Eliz. got one)?

I'm enclosing the B.O.S.A. letter  
could someone go in & tell them  
the check is still missing & therefore  
I imagine ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> "stop payment" should  
be renewed. See you soon  
Paul of love & <sup>Dee</sup> Dick



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Dear Mom + Dad,

I can't say that this is a dull place; everyday we've been here we've been hopping around from class rooms to physicals to field maneuvers. We start the day at 5:30 A.M., have breakfast, + immediately start classes; we stop for lunch at 11:00, going back to classes + other training until 4:30 P.M. From 4:30 P.M. until 5:30 A.M. we're on our own.

Except for a few sore muscles I'm in good shape; the lectures keep us mentally sharp + the exercise keeps us trim - no worries about gaining too much weight + the weight that is put on is turned to muscle from the exercise. I had a good long ways to go so I'm still far from a physical culturist. The fellows in the flight are a good bunch - slowly but surely

we're learning to live together under adverse conditions; the boys come from all over & from many different walks of life - at times they ask questions that seem ridiculous because I've always considered the answers common knowledge. Nevertheless we've found common grounds & enjoy each others company. Four of us who hope to continue on to flight school together are already planning to ask for the same base - we're hoping we can get out of the BOQ's & save money by living in an aptment together.

They~~are~~ (the Air Force) are giving us three choices of bases - Bartow, Florida; Bainbridge, Georgia and Spence, Georgia. Bartow is the most sort after but we prefer Spence - it is the lesser of the evils. We are never sure of getting our request nor are we positive of these three bases. I'd still like to get Monro in Tucson, Arizona. When I find



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out more I'll let you know. As you've  
already seen by the events in the  
past you're never sure of anything  
in the A.F. until it happens.

The weather down here is  
bad - one day it's hot the next  
freezing. I had to put anti-  
freeze in the car - the temperature  
hit  $28^{\circ}$  the other night. Yesterday  
morning we drove to breakfast  
in sleet & rain; the same day  
the temperature hit  $82^{\circ}$  in I.U.

I went to Bunny Mendel's  
house for dinner Sunday night -  
great steak dinner. There I  
met a boy from the Univ. of Texas  
whose relative to Eddie Kosberg,  
his name is Livingston Kosberg & he's  
from the Texas Kosbergs. Bunny's  
older sister Rochelle (Pay) knows

Tealby & David & has met Jackie.  
Small world!!

How's everything at home -  
apologies to David & Jackie, & Eric  
for me; explain that I just haven't  
had time to write!!

Keep writing; letters are  
the necessities of life.

As of yet I don't know about  
X'mas; I'll probably have to  
go to my duty station first  
& then try & get leave. We leave  
Jackland on December 2; that is  
if we're not held over. Nobody  
knows anything about our  
departures & stations so I can't  
relate the info.

Time to sack out (9:15 P.M.)

All my love  
Dad.

P.S. forward the bills, I'll pay by check  
from here - hate to have debts.