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Dear Mom &oney,

I get your letters this afternoon & I'm answering right away.

Since I wrote you we have been given all our equipment, assigned to our squadron & moved into our permanent (for at least 3 weeks anyway) barracks last Saturday. The weather here stinks, we have had one nice day since we are here. That day it was like spring. Up to that time it was freezing & for the past two days, it's been pouring rain. Most of the fellows have colds & the rest have coughs or have lost their voices I'm still healthy though.

We are in quarantine until a week from tomorrow & are restricted to one square block. We have a swell commanding officer (the best on the post - Lt. Elias) & he has arranged several details or groups for us. We are allowed to move out of the quarantine area if we are in such groups, & we go to the movies, the post exchange store, the tailor, the post office, etc.

Nothing much is done here except to classify us, so the average stay here is from 3 to 4 weeks. All we do here,

is to take out psychological & physical exams necessary to classify or disqualify us. Part of our squadron has started their psychs, but the rest of us will probably start on Monday. I hope so, because the quicker we finish these exams, the sooner we get out of here. In the meantime, we do some drilling every day. This is pretty good & we all enjoy it.

We are continually told we are the cream of the crop & we are treated like it. Actually, we outrank all non-commissioned officers, but we take orders from them for the time being. It really is surprising, though, that after a couple of hours drilling for 2 or 3 days, we actually looked like an army squadron when drilling. We are supposed to be prospective officers & we are always treated accordingly.

Those cousins you mentioned are not in the Air Corps. They're in the ground crew & I wouldn't come into contact with them unless I wash out & am re-vested to the rank of private.

The 15 month training plan doesn't apply to us & it's better. Those that come under the new program, go into the army as privates, then become pre-cadets & only after about a year become cadets, if they qualify.

You won't get any pictures of me until after I



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am classified. I don't even wear my insignia yet, because I would hate to have to take them off, if I did wash out here. So, if & when I'm classified, I'll have pictures taken by the photographer on the post. We are not allowed to have cameras of our own here.

Nashville is 7 miles away & after our quarantine is over there is open post every Wednesday & Friday from 4:30 to 11 P.M. During these times we ~~can~~ will be able to go off the post after next week. I heard that there's nothing much in Nashville anyway.

Well, that's about all there is to tell. Everything here is O.K. I'll write again ^{as} soon as you answer. Regards to Cecil & Al.

Marty