

Sunday 5/10

Dear Mom, Orey, Cecil, etc,

Received your letters a couple of days ago, & was glad to hear everything in New York is O.K. We're still kept very busy here, so I didn't get a chance to write until today. It is about 9 A.M. now, & since we had open post yesterday, I have a few free hours this morning before Pearl gets here.

Everything here is fine, & it seems more like home now that Pearl is here. She stayed at a hotel for three or four days until she found a room, & then moved on Friday morning. She has a very nice room in the swellest section of town - North Monroe. Most of the houses there are really nice & some are actually mansions. The house she is in is only a couple of years old, & the room is furnished very nicely & is very clean. Only two people - a couple - live there, & they treat Pearl very well. Whether they are home at night or not, they always leave a light on so that Pearl shouldn't come home to a dark house, & Mrs. Hill told Pearl that she must have breakfast there in the morning because she doesn't like her to go out without it. There is a large park & swimming pool here, & it's only a

couple of blocks from the house. The only bad situation here in town is food. There isn't a real good place to eat. The hotels aren't bad, but none are very good. However, Pearl has tentatively taken an apartment with another girl, which will be ready about June 1, & they will be able to do their own cooking, & buy their food at the commissary on the post where it is much cheaper.

The food here is still O.K. We get meat at every meal, & all kinds - lamb, steak, roast beef, liver, pork, ham, etc. We also get potatoes at practically every meal.

We're still busy with classes, & are completing courses one after another. In 4 weeks we'll be through pre-flight, & then we don't know what there are all sorts of rumors. We may go to gunnery school or we may go across the street to advanced school. Some may get furloughs, or perhaps there won't be any at all. Things are changing every day.

I'm glad you like your job & find it easy, although I hear it's very hot in New York. It was very warm here for a few days, but it's much cooler now.

Give my regards to everyone & let me hear from you soon.

Marty