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Dear Mom,

Well, we finally got started on our training program today, & it was a welcome relief after laying around the past two weeks & feeling that the time was wasted. For the next few weeks, we'll be having some ground school to acquaint us with operations in this theatre, & also some missions. Then we will be assigned to a unit.

Up to now, we've gone swimming every day, took it easy, & went to the movies at night. Today, however, our morning & afternoon was completely taken up, & we didn't even have time for a swim.

Everything here is O.K. so far. The food is good - in fact, much better than I expected it to be. It's too far from home, however, & we are all anxious to get started so that we can get through as quickly as possible.

& get back home.

What's new at home? I haven't received any mail yet, but expect to in a few days. Do you & Orey still have the same jobs, & is Ceil still working with you?

There isn't anymore I can tell you right now. Perhaps, after I receive some of your letters, I'll be able to answer some of the questions I know you must have asked. In the meantime, give my best to Orey, Ceil, Al, Grandma & Grandpa, and let me hear from you.

Love,

Marty