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HOTEL *Tuller*



Friday

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ON
GRAND CIRCUS PARK

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Mum,

I got home from the base early today, and Bar is downstairs doing her laundry; so I have a few minutes in which to write to tell you what is happening and that your 'middle sized' still loves you very much.

Bar probably told you we had our room here at the Hughes' house on Church Place in Trenton. It is a nice room ~~but~~ and we were lucky to get it the first day; but it costs \$14 per week and we don't get kitchen privileges; so now that we have time we are looking around for something else. Out at the base they help us find places. The main difficulty is I don't know how long we are going to be here.

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I eat at the base for lunch and
early breakfast (I get up at 645,
catch a 700 bus to get me out
on time) It's about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles
to the base and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
to the center of town. Bar walks in
for lunch and then we walk in
together for supper. They have some
small-townish restaurants, but
it's not too bad. It is sort of a
lonely existence for poor Bar, but
she doesn't complain at all, and I am
just in heaven having her here.

The base itself is nice - lovely
skating rink with music, swimming
pool, big gym etc., but the
routine is terrible. We get
treated like cadets, master leader
master thru - grand school (example:
combat lectures by men never in
combat) It's really sad. So far
I have just been checking in
but Monday I start work. We do.

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very little flying - a few instruments
logs are about all. As yet I haven't

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down. All I want



at this place is 12 hours so I can
get my back flight pay.

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with and I have applied
for F4U's (Corsairs) as fighter
bomber pilots. I don't think
will get them, but I am hoping.

The Corsair is much faster and
more exciting plus the fact that
it will be more interesting flying
a new plane. If I get F4U's

I probably won't go to Sanford
but I will get fast Cors.

If I stay in VT will probably go
to Quonset and then Sanford. In any
case I should be in the States
for 5 months anyway.

Bar has returned from the
laundry and is now sitting at this

table making a puzzle. Tomson she
is going out to check on a new place
to live.

This is the coldest spot in the
world. Yesterday it snowed a lot
then again a little today. I
imagine in the summer it is
beautiful at Grosse Ile. There
are a lot of lovely houses out
there, plenty of places to yacht
and swim etc.

Yesterday I had a day off
and Mitt, Ben, and I went to
Detroit; saw a show, dined
and came out - good fun.

Trenton is about 14 miles from

Retroit - map. N Det
↑ Peabody
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Som of the Illinois
live at Marce and Wyandotte
but they have cars. This is
the best place (not counting
Grosse Ile itself) for a walker. (Spur)
Wyandotte
Trenton
Grosse Ile
monorail

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Our landlady has an electric
massager which I love - I have
had a sore shoulder for a week
now, but it's well on its way to
recovery. Ben is in good health, and
is ~~amused~~ ^{amused} with ~~it~~ ^{it} is such
fun to come home and find her
here - she always is in a good
humor and when worryin' Popo
appears on the scene she always
shows him up.

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Give our love to Gango
Gango. ~~We~~ ^{we} are anxious to
know about the roosters next
door - how did Gango & Grace go
over with Mr. Grace.

Think I shall stop and
catch a quick bath before
dinner -

Think love to you Mum,
already it seems like ages since
I've seen you - your ever loving,
P.S. It's now raining! What weather!

Dear Mum,

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Monday

We got your 1st letter today - It arrived at the station. In case you didn't get the new address, it is Box 10 N.A.S. Bar and I roared over the worrying. It is true, I do worry foolishly, ~~but~~ No sooner had we finished your letter than I started worrying again, for Bar's ration book and the letter never did arrive. Also did you get my letter asking you to mail the values packets out. If not, I'll send you the addresses again.

We have been having such a time trying to find a more reasonable place to live. Every day I inquire at the base and Bar looks in town. Today at noon I walked out to a place on Grosz, E.L., only to find it full. ~~We~~^{we} would be perfectly satisfied with the place here if we didn't pay so much money. \$16 per week with no kitchen privileges runs into a sizeable sum in the end. Our landlady is funny - nice and friendly and I feel fine having Bar with her all day, but she is so odd. She thinks she is being so patriotic having those 2 rooms for rent, when actually she is making a mint on us. She even thinks this makes

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a huge sacrifice when she let's Bar & I use
the laundry. If she were a nasty soul
I'd report her to the OPA, and have her
in some trouble. Maybe something else
will turn up soon. West & McArthur are
living way on the other side of Detroit. They
have Mar's car so can manage it alright.
If I could buy a good car for a
fair price I would do it, I believe,
but that too is quite difficult even here
in the center of the auto industry.

I flew yesterday for the first
time. The weather has been terrible
but late yesterday was clear and
today the sun came out and it
really was nice. The rain started
melting though so it was rather sloppy.

Tonorrow Bar & I are going out
to the base to see National Velvet.

Turn Wed. we may go to a U20
dance on Grosse Ile. They have
dances Wed and Sunday. There are
no decent places to eat in town and
the base doesn't permit wives ^{to eat at BOQ} except
and nites; ~~the~~ 20 Bar hasn't been
eating too well. I usually get up at
630 - hitchhike out in time for breakfast
at BOQ before unstriking at the
squadron at 745.

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This week we have mostly ground school and swimming. 2 hours of swim per AM and 1 in the PM.

The pool is tremendous and really wonderful but 3 hours borders on the too much side. The ground school is everything from engines to etiquette and is mostly dull - some is interesting though.

I applied for a ration book today and tomorrow Bar goes to the board to get it over in Wyandotte, next town. Bar is quite the wife - launders, irons, cleans well etc. The only thing she hasn't tried is cooking, but perhaps she'll get a chance at that soon.

Well then, ~~the~~ we are off for the Trenton Restaurant for dinner - Cute Bar is finished dressing so I better stop and get ready to go. I am so very lucky having my little "bieber" here with me. In spite of being a woman open things, even if we had us roof over our heads I would still be happy just having Bar here. I shall try not to burden her with

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my worry, Mum - I assure you
all my love to you and Dad
and give Garry a kiss. Tom is
happy. There is no worry she is so much
improved.

Much love,
P.P.

P.S. I won't worry but I will
"sweat in" Dad's book and those letters.

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Dear Mum and Dad,

25 Monday - 2/26/

Time seems to be whizzing
right by, but still no orders. I am inclined
to believe will be here a few more weeks yet.
VT 152 forms soon, but we are not going with
them it seems, in spite of Commodore Martin's
endorsement. They go from here right to
Lanford Maine. Where my orders will take
me I do not know. There are rumors going
around that a big Nite Torpedo outfit
is forming - may get stuck in that.

I wouldn't like it too much, since I find
it enough work flying at a carrier during
the day. Worse than the nite part though is
the possibility that it may form at
Boa Guaca, way down in the Florida Keys
where you can't take wives. That would
be too much to take. I am hoping I won't
get a nite group. There's a possibility
on the other hand that I may get in
a CVB torpedo squadron. That means a
squadron to go aboard the new super.
Carriers (CVB) they are bigger than the
wasp class by quite a bit. That would be
a perfect deal for me if I could get it.

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So far I have heard no more about my transfer to Fighter bombers. I still am anxious to make the switch. The F4U is a much more versatile plane - fast as blazes, (actually one of the fastest in the world). In VF-8 we would carry bombs - glide bombing like in a TBF, then after dropping them ~~we~~ I'd have a good speedy fighter. Also there is no responsibility for anyone else's life since the cockpit is a single seat. Milt and I both applied for VF-8, but so far we have heard nothing. If I get VF-8 I'll go in a squadron to go aboard a ship, same as in VT.

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Yesterday was a clear day and I flew two TBF legs. It was sort of fun to get back to flying alone, though I must confess I was a bit nervous.

Today is a ~~very~~ rainy one. All the snow has disappeared leaving a muddy sea of slush. The field is fogged in and it looks as if I'll get to go home early this afternoon. We still are going to classes and athletics - Navigation, Biology, Medical lectures etc.

The package arrived. The Gorkan present
was from Mr. Olsen - a ^{silver} serving spoon.
Milt likes his knife - Lou Grab is
completely out of the picture!!

Am still looking for a car - if I can
get a good one I think it would be worth
to do it - save money on travelling, and
besides that it would be so convenient.
I wouldn't buy one from a dealer, as
they usually rob you, but if I could find
one directly from a private owner it
would be OK.

Am going down to check on my
union tax today - It comes to around \$100
thanks to a \$1500 unionman's deduction.

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Kately was my day off. Bar and I
stayed in the whole day - just rested
and read the paper and Nurseweek.

Cousin Betty's Fruit cake arrived
today - It was mailed to the Post last
Fall.

I don't that line about Red Dog
and Doty - I am so happy for Red. He
is such a wonderful guy.

Bar had a little cold a few days
ago but she is now completely cured.

He is really a good cook now. The other
day we had fancy 2 hard eggs - He is
good on vegetables, too. Yesterday we
had sausage, beets, and washed potatoes
a real good lunch. He always has the
100 100 Full of milk - we drink about
3 1/2 - 4 quarts a day, and that counts
my eating lunch out here

Dad, I really do want to see
Fighting Lady soon - sounds wonderful
to me

Must get going to Aerology,
close now - wish much love to Buck,
John, Nancy, Mrs. B. when you write,
and to your folks -

your ever loving,

Pop