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Dear Dad:

I really feel pretty good tonight. Bertie just got up to St. Pete & is quartered on the floor just below us. Sgt. Van is taking it hard for about an hour. Sears & Thompson were shipped here, too, but they are living in a different world. I won't be able to see him till Fri or Sat when I can get my 1st pass. I may not get it even then. The brown guy had his watch stolen today & if it is not returned by Fri. noon, one of our floor will get a pass to it is wanted. One guy does something wrong & his whole command flight catches hell & the consequences. That's the way for you too.

Another news I feel good is that
I passed my board test - passed
but tonight. If you pass it you get
to go to a Mechanical Training School.
If I didn't pass it I could have
tried for Air or Air Summers.

The idea of Air Summers kind
of upside down. After you go
there you training & Test School
you are much a Staff Adjutant
& draw \$1,440 (thick) a month plus
flying pay which is 50¢ a regular
pay for it. Not bad is it? You
don't have to train so long either.

You shall be here, Dad, -
I sure wish you were. I'd really
like it. Good food, lots of it -
properly prepared & proportioned (v.p.)
The Officers here are well & the
living quarters are perfect.



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St. Pete. is the most beautiful City I've ever seen & everyone who says the same thing. I'd guess me if I can buy film for my camera down here & if I can I send for it. You are allowed to have things here.

Of course there are some bad joints, too. Such as celestines. We had an hour of this & an hour & 1/2 of drilling this morning. Then this afternoon we had some lectures, drilled an hour & had another hour of celestines & I mean they are tough!! We are supposed to get 2 double shots like the 1st one we had at Camp Perry. My vaccination is worn any bit

even could be. We get up
at either 5 or 6:30. 15 min-
utes after we get up we have
to be shaved & brushed for roll
call. After that we get up to our
~~staterooms~~ rooms & have half an
hour to wash, shoe, sweep & sweep
floor of room & bathroom, make
beds, roll our cigarettes & straighten
everything out. Our cigarettes, other
smoking, shoe shine kits, chairs,
stationery, files, & such have to be
arranged & specification is a certain
manner. Then we have another 15 minutes
in which to put handkerchiefs, hand
towel, ties, caps, underwear & toilet
articles have to be put in a certain
way & those of us here to shave
drawn. Duffle Bags have to
be tied & hanging from bunks.
Shoes have to be shined every day
& the one upon the bed have to be
laced neatly to the top. We have to
shoe & shine our shoes every day.
Wear clean socks every day. Afta



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hair cut every week + if we
are in our rooms after light go
out we can't leave them. That's
not all but I have to write
Ruth yet so till I see you in
six months + more - maybe in
time for a football game - I
hope - be good!! If you ain't
playing ball I kick you out of your
+ after the workouts they give us
here - I'll be able to. Don't
say a word! So long, kid +
remember - for God's sake -
be good.

Your brother
+ pal

"Perry"
Private

Would better answer
this right away!!

P.S. Suppose your
going "Perry" over
the phone
now.