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Hi Pat!

Sorry I haven't written but
I've been busy + spending my
free time in K.C. + Topeka,
trying to get as much social
life as possible before leaving the
good old states.

We've been getting letters from
you regularly. The one you wrote
Thursday, however, was mislaid
& Fort Sill, Okla. & took on Wed-
nesday getting here.

I guess I forgot to tell you
all about my trip back in my
last letter.

I arrived in Englewood 12:15
but couldn't catch a cab till 12:30

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+ it was eight miles to the airport. I told the cab driver I'd give him an extra buck if I made it by 5 till one + I did. Boy, what a ride I got!

The plane was, about a half hour ^{late}, having so I had plenty of time. My seat reservation + priority was right there + they already had me on the passenger list. I arrived in K.C. at 4 a.m. + caught the 8:50 train to Topeka + a bunch of us took a cab out to the field + made it in plenty of time.

The hostess on the plane was really nice. She gave all the passengers peppermint gum to keep from getting airsick. I told her



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I didn't figure I needed it but took it anyway. She gave us pillows, blankets, handed the sack back for us & untied our shoes. Expected her to fill & give me a pipe but she didn't.

Am not so certain of England now. They really keep us guessing, damn 'em! Could very possibly be So. Pacific & I hope it is.

We're having a clothing check this afternoon & I may have to send some stuff home. If so you can send it to me when I write & ask for it. We're allowed 65 pounds but — hahaha!!

It is just within a well
 diggers ass in Hell here! I
 like it better than cold weather,
 tho. The nights are really mellow
 but they really make you want
 to come. Every thing's that way.

I am in a damn fool for not
 taking that instructor deal back in
 Putnam Field but I'm just not put
 together that way. I'd be safer there
 but I'd always feel I was shuffling
 something & I could never stand to
 be called yellow or coward. See
 what I mean? Hope so.

Get the quiet & write Ruthie
 so till tomorrow -

Love You All
 Steve