

December 25,

Beautiful:

I arose this morning at 10:30 to find your package and I can't tell how much I appreciate it. Things like that always come in very handy around an army camp.

I flew to Barksdale day before yesterday to visit Hunter. That wasn't what we made the trip for but I'm glad I got to see him. We then spent all of Christmas Eve trying to get back to our base. We had a lot of fun but the trip tired me out quite a bit and so I've done nothing today but sleep. I sure missed you last nite! We landed at 11:30 P.M. and I wondered, when I reached my room, what you and

the folks back home were doing. I guess you all had a big Christmas. I wish that I could have been there.

I want to say how sorry I am that I didn't get to tell you good-bye when I left Houston. When you called that morning I was so sleepy, I guess I made little sense. Any way it was a hell of a way for a guy to say good-bye to his best girl.

I had a terrible time getting back ~~today~~ too. When I did get back I was 12 hours late. Some day I'm going to write a book on the trip home and back. It would fill a book. Remind me someday to tell you about the people I met.

Tell everybody hello and a very "Happy New Year".

Love

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