

January 9,

Honey Chile:

I'm late again with my answer I guess you are used to that by now though. I have no excuse this time. I don't know why but I lose all track of time in this place and I'm getting lazy as can be, however. I have been working hard of late flying quite a bit trying to get in a crew. I have picked out a pilot and only hope that they will let me go with him when he goes.

I haven't left the post a single time since I got back from my leave. There isn't any place to go except Miami and I'm too broke to go there.

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I had a long talk with Hunter while I was at Barksdale. He isn't married and he's undecided. Everything is so uncertain with him just like it is with everyone else. He wants to go to combat, and he wants to get married. Peggy wants to get married and his folks advise waiting awhile so you see he might and might not.

I want to thank you for the candy. It was swell of you to send it. Tell your mom and Aunt thanks for me. It wasn't dry and <sup>was</sup> very good.

I hope you are receiving my letters without having to wait too long. Mom says that she has to wait four days sometimes.

Ladd is still doing fine and he seems to be having a wonderful time. He is going to lose his nick name

though as he now weighs 177 which  
is only 3 lbs more than I do.

Tell everyone hello for me and  
write again real soon.

Love

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