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Dear Mom, Dad:

Well, I've plenty of time to write for a few days unless I do too much sightseeing. I finally got a break and wound up in Rome. It's really swell here almost like home, but it won't last long.

I was very fortunate today I ran on to Dean Nesmith and Bill Hargiss who are in Rome conducting a sports program. Nesmith was our trainer at K.U. and Hargiss was my track coach. I've spent the entire day visiting with them. I've a pretty good chance of going to the next class if I do I'll be back in Rome here

too long. Maybe you've read about  
the Sports School in the K.C. paper. A  
class lasts 2 weeks and is composed of  
60 men, half officers and  $\frac{1}{2}$  enlisted men.  
During the two week period you are  
taught practically every sport in the  
business. What they are trying to do  
is to develop instructors for the post  
war world. If you're lucky enough  
to get in I'll let you know. I'd sure  
like to relax for 2 weeks with nothing  
to do but play basketball, football and  
run.

I plan on taking a train tomorrow  
to see some of the sights that I used  
to study in history.

I had my first plane ride  
yesterday. I caught my ride from

Tolerance to Rome, it is as really a thrill. I'm really convinced now that the Air Corp is a racket. I think I'd trade my bars for a (P.F.C) stripe in the Air Corp. They go home after 50 missions we stay until the war ends.

When I saw Coach Hargiss and my old trainer Neerwith I was convinced that I'm going back to school. Primarily to study but also to compete in Athletics. I love to play basketball and football and compete in track meets. I hope I'm not too old when the war ends for I really want to do a lot of things. I weighed myself today, I tip the scales at 193 pounds which is more than I've ever weighed before. I guess these 'C' rations must agree with me.

I have a lot of letters to answer in but since this is a rest day I don't



think I'll do in a hurry, all write  
home as long as I'm here though.

Hope everyone is O.K. at home, let me  
know the news and tell "Aunt" hello  
for me.

Good night for now.

Love

"Babe"