Dear Members of Bryant Den. Club,

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Received your letter of March 14 a few days ago but waited till tonight to answer it because I'm on C.O. and have plenty of time in my hands.

Believe it or not I received a package and by you to me at my reception center at Fort Devens a couple of weeks ago. In the package at one time were two boxes of chocolate covered cherries. Here's the route the package took - from R.D. to Mass. To Miami to Colorado to Utah to (military record) & a long way. I don't know about the contents of the package was in pretty bad condition but appreciate you sending packages. About sending packages in the future, it is really not practical in that we can get almost anything at our PX for very reasonable prices. As far as sweets go we don't stand short. Certainly appreciate hearing from you and would enjoy receiving our paper on the campus.

I can't say where I am but will tell a little about the place. The majority of people here are colored and are referred to as "Gooks." There are a couple of towns...
The main attraction is the N 50 which is a large building containing a ping pong room, pool room, dance floor, lounge & library & outside horseshoe court & cafeteria. There are also some interesting sights to be seen. The natives' homes are built of clay & straw for the most part & open drawn carts are a common sight. The natives as a whole wear no shoes & those that have them seem to prefer not to wear them; in fact I saw a small boy walking barefoot with shoes in his hands. It seems it is compulsory to wear shoes while in a class room.

Although fruit is supposed to be plentiful here, I eat less fruit here than I did in states. The weather is fine & ideal for swimming. Some Sunday noon a convoy takes us to the beach or to on a sightseeing trip. We have a couple of movie houses on the post besides recreation or day room. Sports such as softball, ping pong & soccer ball take up a good deal of our free time. It's nothing like the states here but there are places much worse so at present I'm not complaining. There is a great difference in non-commissioned officers here in comparison to those in the states. The pay is privatized a million times better & that's without exaggeration.

I pity those boys who are only getting a year & a half to complete the accounting course. I was a lot of a struggle in two. That's enough hog wash for one night. P.S. (not necessary turner mail)

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