

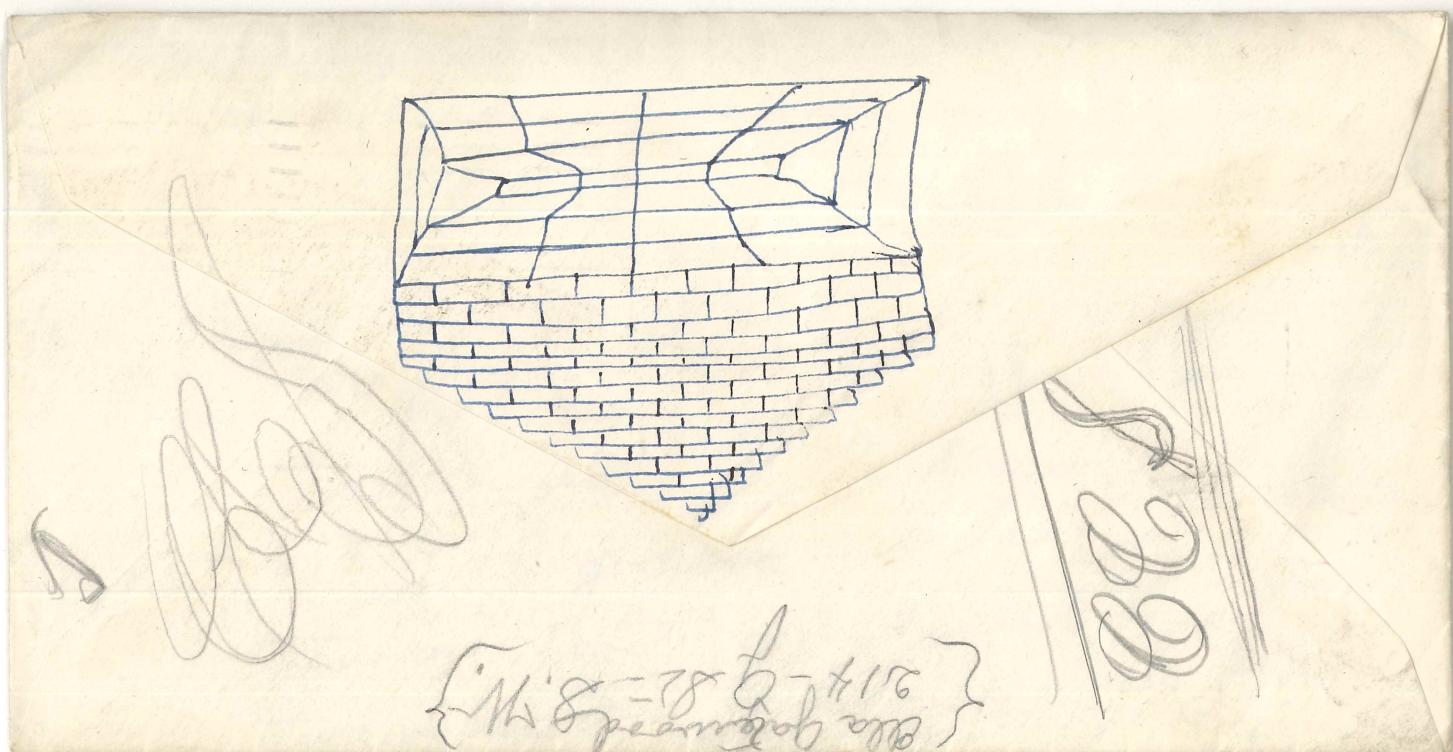
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To Staging Director  
Flight Test Section  
Hunter Field, Ga.  
January 1, 1944

Hiya, Folks,-

Did you think I'd never get around

to writing? - I do have a piece of one I  
started over at the section today but - as  
always, - a plane came in to be flown  
and I had to leave it unfinished. - And  
naturally I forgot to bring it along to  
finish when I left there this afternoon. -

See - you don't even know about

my Christmas do you? - Got my package  
on Saturday from the Post Office - and brought  
it on over to the room for my own Christmas.

It was a swell one, believe me. - The shirt is  
a timely gift and a needed one - and the  
cookies, & brownies - are still good. - The fruit  
cake looked good, but a little hard - so it's  
now soaking in some brandy - ~~so~~ softening

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up, and soaking up some added  
nourishment! - Thanks again to all.

My trip back was a little on the  
hectic side - but all was o.k. - We spent that  
night in Charleston, S.C. - I started to call  
you, but decided against it. I figured I  
flew every day, anyway - and it was a sorta  
needless expense to call, just because I  
left home instead of flying locally  
around Savannah!

We didn't make quite as good a time  
coming back. - Was over Savannah at 6:10  
and took off at 4:00. - Had head winds, but  
even then it didn't hold us back much.

We couldn't land here at Savannah. - A local  
cloud condition had developed (on low  
stratus, again) and even at 500ft - I couldn't  
see the ground! - (Don't know how I flew the  
instruments without an inst. card!) Anyhow,  
we turned around - flew back to Charleston -  
and made us a night landing! - Now I guess

I checked out in A-26's at night!

The next morning we took off &  
found Hunter Field just as we left it - and

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no one at all concerned about us! - Damn my conscience anyhow!

Friday night I went to my one & only party connected with the Debutants. - The "date" was supposed to have had <sup>had</sup> given me up - but I went anyhow - and found <sup>I'm</sup> not an outcast at all. - Ford had gotten around that I was in D.C. on official business - so no one felt hurt! -

New Year's Eve at 5 P.M. - I went on duty as Airplane officer - and spent at least a sober time - ~~of~~ even tho' not so quiet. - The club gave quite a party - and I looked in on it about midnight to see what was happening. - Didn't stay long - it was no place for a sober man! - to even watch!

Got Daddy's & Sister's letter today - sorry Sister missed my take-off. It was a special one just for her benefit. -

Buzz - is o.k. - He was off yesterday & today, and had gone to his girls in S.C.. (Due to bad visibility we didn't "buzz" on our way back!)

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He called & talked to her from Charleston and said  
he really was in the dog-house! - I think  
he really enjoyed his stay and appreciated  
what people did for him. Don't be surprised  
to receive some pecans from him.

Gotta go now - to bed. Starting  
tomorrow I go to ground school for about  
two weeks - one half day, each day. - Studying  
on how & why a B-29 works - and what goes  
on inside of all of its ~~secret~~ (?) - Looks like  
I'm one of those to get checked out in those too!  
Bye for now - and lots of love till  
later. Frank.

no known - M.9-2 to 13 days wif  
to trip a kno - info available as yet  
other all were ~~so~~ - int idea's a hard  
I know - just a tiny map but it - being  
from east to jinjim turbo to no info on  
- in south - first get shibels - swiped our  
! action most - men who - very well  
good - just cut the wires & pulled tail  
leaps & bounds - so that you know it had  
- tipped all of tang we  
just & get back off course - to in - good  
book at end). I - by in doing in at end had hand  
(I don't know who was "good" but it was still in