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Abstract: This collection contains one letter written by Technical Sergeant Christian J. Taranta to his sister-in-law's 4th grade class during the Iraq War.

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Content Description
This collection contains one correspondence written by Technical Sergeant Christian J. Taranta, United States Air Force. Taranta served in the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. In his letter, Taranta is writing to teacher Catherine Overmyer's class of 4th grade students at Waynedale Elementary School in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Overmyer is Taranta's sister-in-law and her students wrote letters to Taranta.
Taranta was stationed at Kirkuk Air Base about 150 miles north of Bagdhad. He explains to the students that he is not a pilot, but part of the security forces which protect the base from attacks. He mentions he has a wife named Becky and an 18 month-old daughter named Claire. They live in Germany when he is not on tour. He answers the questions that the students asked him in their letters to him. One question was whether or not he has any friends. He answers "no," stating that his only friend is his wife Becky. He tells the students his favorite book is "All Quiet on the Western Front." He closes his letter "PSS: Free Kurdistan."
Written on the pages of a military notebook.

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