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Tree

Dear Flash,
I have an excellent excuse
for bad writing - Today I sprained
my thumb wrestling, so you'll just
have to excuse this poor penmanship.

Your cookies were simply
swell. They were very good. Notice
the were. Food around this place
goes like snow in the sun.
Well by the schedule we
are only supposed to have 4
more weeks to go. All in all the
life hasn't been too bad. At first
I got awfully tired, but now
we're used to it. It still is hard
to leap out of my upper berth
at 5.30, but I guess that will
never change. This last week,
as a matter of fact I've been
in sad shape. Bad knee, foot,
back and I was in the infirmary with

an infected side; and now I have
a sore throat and a sprained thumb
so you can see I'm pretty well
bruised. Oh how I'd love a
"Flash massage - back and head,
legs etc." No kidding I'd probably
die from the comfort and relaxation
on my liberty (there's a chance it may
be 7 or 8 days around Nov. 3 or 10)
you'll have to come through with
a rub.

Barbara There came down here to
see me. Wasn't that swell? She
told me all about spending the
night at your apartment. When
is coming down maybe within
the next couple of weeks.

I weigh 170, so I'm not
losing along those lines.

Many thanks again, Nance.
It was sure wonderful of you
to make sure about this back
rub, now - as always, love,
Mark BJB

Dear Mom and Dad,

(Fri. sunny paper)

Your numerous letters mean so much to me. It is a great feeling to come back to the room and find a letter.  Mom - I do love the clippings. I subscribed to the Sunday paper to keep in with what's going on.

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Today I felt better than I have since I've been here. It was hot but not unbearable. One fellow fainted at drill just to remind us that it was still hot. It is amazing how our moods change here. So many little things affect us. A cold coke after drill can do more for one than you can imagine. I have never appreciated little things before. Ice cream, movies, a 15 minutes rest, a letter, a compliment to our platoon. All these little things amount to so much in your mind and it's fun. Spirits go way up and way down, but when they're up you feel so wonderful.

The football calisthenics are uncharacteristically hard, but I can already feel myself in much better shape. We have started plays now and our game is only a week off.

Today we (Wildcats) played the Hellcats in soccer and lost 3-1. I am on the 1st team but am not too sharp - my wind is still off. If they have a varsity this fall I may make it - conceivably. Boxing is also tough but a good course.

I have gotten to know most of the fellows in the platoon. They are a damn good-hearted bunch. Jim Henry is my main pal - also Charley Wankler. My roommates are nice but I like some others better. There are so many different types here. We have a pretty friendly platoon - also good spirit. Tomorrow at 6.50 we leave for a 15 miles hike. Then after lunch leave - I can

hardly believe it. The week has gone fast
Back - we can't leave the station at
all any time except when we have Town liberty,
and then we can walk ~~into~~ ⁹⁰⁰ yds into town.

Now for a little bad news. It is not
definite, but they say it is probable. They have
told us not to count on getting home for a
year. It is very doubtful whether we will
be in the East. It looks like Texas or Ill.

This is scuttle-butts (rumor) but I'm afraid
it might be true. There are also rumors that
some battalions may have to stay here extra time
for lack of joining bases. I hope none
of these rumors are true, but we might
as well face the possibilities. I'll let you
know any further developments.

Today we had our first math test.
It was very elementary and I'm sure I
passed. Got a nice letter from Stu
Clement.

Our platoon leader Lt. Kirkland is my
soccer coach too. One swell Southern gentleman.
He's tough but good. They are cracking
down on discipline. Sudden inspections -
rigid drilling. There is a marine here who
helps the Lt drill. He loves to be tough
and to take away liberty etc. The fellows
don't like him.

On our 5 hr hike tomorrow my
heart'll be with you in the "dacks"
So drink a cup of water for me. It is our
greatest luxury - a swallow of cold water.
I think I'm really going to get a lot out of this
place. Already we have learned a lot about
people and our own and found ourselves. Much love,
Pop.

We have our 2nd and worst run shot soon. (Mk.)
They feel well and then they stay you again - (Mk.)

Dear Mom,
Well today sure was wonderful. I guess I'll
start with Friday. Friday afternoon we won in
soccer. We won ~~last~~ 3 was 2 one loss.
Varsity starts tomorrow and I am going to take
a crack at it.



Friday evening I reported for my watch.
Luckily I was Cadet Messenger in Wooden
Gym. I didn't have to start till Sat-
~~urday~~ at 0700 and I got off at noon.

It counts as a full watch. I was scheduled
to have a weekend watch, but luckily I
got a guy to change with me. He never
would have, had he known that the
watch would have been so easy.

It poured Saturday. Saturday aft. we had
to march to the game. It poured so hard
that we left around the 2nd quarter and
came home. We just had blue jackets and
they soaked right through. I went home
and took a shower. Last night we took
in a movie.

This morning regimental inspection
was called off so we just went to
church.

I met Barbara at the inn at 12.
She took a cab over from Raleigh. She
looked too cute for words - really beautiful.
We had a sandwich in town and then
walked. I showed her the plant and then
we walked over to Keenan stadium. When
we started it was clear, but once

there it poured - just buckets. We
got some protection from the canvas
covered press box, but couldn't leave
there. We had left our coat here at
Lewis. We just stayed out there all
afternoon - Not thrilling but such fun
just seeing it. We laughed at everything.

I had conversation at six so we went
back to the inn. She took a bus for
Raleigh where she is staying over night.
with a girl from school. She was so
sure to come way over here.
I sure am glad you said "good idea"
to Mrs. Pierce.

Bruce Barnes finished his training
and received orders to go to
San Diego to a Fleet air base. He seemed
pretty pleased about it all and glad
to get out.

My watch got me out of the
line.

~~Then~~ The 4 to bat were not
told, as they should have been, when they
are to leave for the maneuvers of the
third get 10 days leave. Maybe we
will. We have no idea what will happen.

Mean your plan to come down here
naturally would be such for me, but.
in the first place it would be an
awful trip. 2nd it I am playing soccer

we might be going to have a game that
Saturday away somewhere. Also if I got
a 10 days leave I would be home in 2 weeks
more. I hope the doctor doesn't sound like



I don't want you because I've do

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but I could see you so little and
everything is so indefinite. I most
certainly will understand if you
decide not to come, ~~to~~ ^{but} if ~~you~~ ^{you}
do come I will be pleased - very pleased.
Please do what you think best either way
is O.K. "but the gods" "I write
Must
again soon -

Make love to all
Love
[Signature]



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Fri eve.

Dear Mom,
Well we may be leaving soon. Things are really looking up. Tonight we were told to immediately send home for our luggage and have any alterations we need made on our uniforms. I don't know what this means but we all think it means well at least leave on time. So, if you come down next week, please bring my stuff (1 bag is all I need). If you do not come, please send my ~~stuff~~ luggage as soon as possible.

Still out for soccer, cause they coach wouldn't let us quit. We are issued uniforms - real snappy. Blue "sabina" pants with gold stripe. Gold and blue striped jersey & gold and blue socks. It is wonderful equipment. Now all we need is competition. Our coach who coached Westchester nat'l champs, says he thinks we could beat any college team in the East. Boy to work we had a shot

at Yale -

~~the~~ The last few days they've
nuttly changed down on us as far as
discipline goes. The tension is increasing.
We ~~are~~ are just eagerly awaiting
any news. Latest and best scuttlebutt.
(doesn't seem likely but -) "The 6th will leave
week early for the new Pitcairn base in Philly."
Chances of leave look O.K. still.

When as far as weather goes think
how much better Philly would be than
Minnesota for example. (Minneapolis is
a possible base)

Let me know if you're coming
down -

Much love, JPP

If you don't come please send those
links as I need them.

for my bag please send one right
away - also don't forget Gnu's
cutlery when you come home, if you
do. If you do perhaps you can
take my whites and any other things
I don't need home with you.
We all are so done. Thilled over
these letters being - it sure looks
good for us - keep 'em crossed.

One of the tragic reasons for this
exodus is that 75 RAF fledglings
en route to Detroit from England to
train were sunk and killed.
This is restricted until you read
it in the papers.

Today we had a good long
~~Soccer~~ scrimmage. I played wing on the
first team - left wing of all things.

My left is terrible too. I tried
to drive one and it floated into
the goal - What a laugh. They all

yelled "nice shot, Bush!" All I
could do was shut up, because I
hadn't meant to do it at all.

All well except for a sprained thumb
(in an awful hurry) - Bush very
Pop.

Dear Mum,
Well today may effect quite a change
in us of the 6th battalion. Here was the set up
before today. ²⁰ ~~50~~ of the 3rd
batts (3 weeks late) — the whole 4th



battalion on NAVAL AVIATION PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL
CHapel Hill (1 week late) and
all the rest 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 ~~as~~ were all

here. Today they called a surprise meeting
of 3rd 4, 5th batts. All the 3rd and

4th leave shortly — 3/5 of the 5th with
3 and 4, and the remainder of the 5th
get out on the next Sat (a week from

the Sat) This means we may, probably
will get out on time. Some may

even leave early. There is a chance
however still that we may get out
late. Anyway all the fellows

having got from 4 to 9 days leave
depending on the base, that is except
those going to Detroit. They leave
tomorrow morning and go right to
Detroit. The Kate boys plus some
of the 5th are all going there.

No leave for Freddy Rock. This
just shows how the Navy works.

I may be told to go direct, get leave,
go to leave know where. We just
can't plan on a thing. When I write



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Dear Mom,
Wednesday $\frac{1}{2}$ afternoon liberty is on
so I'll take this chance to write. This liberty
is not "four liberty" but what they call "yard liberty"
just around the Navy grounds. It is my
welcome, however, this morning we had our first
hike. We marched in the rain in our regular
uniforms thru the woods at better than 120
per 5 miles. We were "marching at attention" about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ the time. Half way we had a rest. The hike
came after our football and being so we were
really soggy. I'd rather go in the rain though
because the sun is so tawdry. At our rest $\frac{1}{2}$ way
we pitched ourselves in the mud and lay there
till called to form. The ^{hiking} officer who leads is
known as "the carb". On the way back we
were allowed to "route march" - talk and break
step. This is much easier. When you stopped
our legs were in knots. At various points during
the day we ~~and~~ just don't think you can
go another minute, but somehow we get by.

One of these times is 5.30 in the morning.
When I'm gone you decide by the bell - Whee!

I shipped all stuff I don't need home
today. They made us ship C.O.P.

Please tell anyone who might write me
my room address at they ask because the
office here much prefers it.

We have started our classes, and they all seem O.K. Math & Physics; Essentials of Naval Service (ENS); Blinker Code; and Nomenclature & Recognition of planes and ships. This last is a brand new course never given in this manner before - i.e. the system is new and scientific. It really is wonderful. I wish I could tell you about it.

The other night we were all given \$10,000 worth of insurance by the govt. It is payable to you & Dad.

I think I am going to be able to play soccer as my chosen sport, but am not sure yet. Our platoon is in the Wildcat squadron. The whole regiment is divided into about 6 squadrons.

Football is tough. We are starting contacts work. Tim Henry and I are both ends and we play together - i.e. paired. I doubt whether we will be 1st string for our platoon - he might very easily beat me. We play the 5th battalion platoon a week from Friday in a real game. The calisthenics are truly hell. We wear full equipment - change in 5 minutes and the next thing we know we are boxing and really punching.

Our other platoon leader (Lt Jg) Kirkland is wonderful too. We are really lucky to have 2 such leaders. Soon we also get cadet leaders, fellows from the platoon having had university experience & so long - B'll with Sunday. Let me know your address in the Admiralty. Tell M.B. I'll write soon. Much much love, Pop

Dear Mum,
 Well tonight I feel more full of aches & pains ^{Two.} than ever before. Monday playing touch football became a full force collision. He landed on his tail, but I skinned small of my back and head-out like a light. It didn't hurt too much then but that whole area is now very sore and sensitive. Playing soccer I ruined my foot. It hurts to even touch a ball - today I hit it in the same place. My right knee is scraped, both arms and a big raspberry on my right side which has affected the glands in my groin. All this from getting speckled in soccer. This morning I could hardly move, but gradually I have loosened up. I went to the trainer and he put me in a big tank for my back. You sit in it up to your shoulders and it is full of hot water. Hot water squirts onto the sore back. The temper. is 110°. There I sat getting weaker and weaker, feeling worse and worse. After 15 minutes I staggered out having lost considerable weight and salt. I felt lousy for a while but it sure loosened up my back and also helped my foot - I go back tomorrow. Enough of my miseries - They will be O.K I'm sure.

Varsity soccer has been going two days. I have this terrible foot and consequently look awful. I'll probably be axed from the



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squad before long unless the foot gets better. Trying not to be conceited - but I do think that I should be able to make the squad, I most certainly wait in this condition, however.

It isn't as much fun as I thought yet. Squadron soccer was real fun and our coach Lt (jg) Kirkland is a perfect peach.

The Varsity coach is a little old man - rather tough, but I suppose he's an excellent coach. There are a couple of officers out for the team who are really good. One was capt of the Rugby team when they went to England as National Champions. He plays inside forward. We have two real good cadets who'll be first string wings. One played first string on Brown. I would like to make the team just to satisfy myself, but if I get cut I won't be terribly disappointed because Squadron soccer is such fun.

This week instead of swimming they are giving us what they call "rest week." We choose any sport we want in our athletic period in place of our scheduled sport. We play it for supposedly half the period and then can go home and rest. We have athletics this week at 0700 so we don't need rest that early, and besides we don't even quit on time. Nevertheless, it is fun doing this unusual work. The trouble is -

this next week means definitely one or 2 weeks extra here. ~~to~~ There still is hope for maybe a week's leave. We will know nothing definite for quite a while.

Another reason for next week is - by a survey it is shown that cashiers reach their peak by the 8th week.

Also the reason we may get leave is because it has been proven that ~~the~~ many fellows leave here so tense that they "wash out" at Reserve Base. Leave is supposed to relieve this. No matter what happens or when it happens I am almost sure of a couple of days anyway, so I'll be home, when it may be mid-Nov. it may be Dec. but I'll be home for a few days. I can't wait and just thinking of it makes me happy. What is Randy in - i.e. what branch - also Witcox. When will Ed be called up?

Tamp Pierce is in the AAF too. I don't know when he will go either - I am under the impression that they have to wait quite a while before they go. Once started, however, they get commissioned in a shorter time. As far as training goes, however, ours is more thorough and versatile.

Which Sue did Peggy go to N.Y. with - Tompkins?

Yesterday and today, instead of Military, we had lectures on the Pacific Islands by Ex. Senator Bingham of Yale. He was very interesting and well informed. He claims that the problem ~~of~~ ^{capture of} the control of those ~~very~~ strategic islands is one for Naval aviation primarily. He told us some most interesting confidential matter - amongst it - the living conditions of the Marines out on the Solomons. Insects are frightful and very numerous.

I'm afraid I am due for one more sat. watch and thus our "bat" is through with 24-hr. watch. We start "Security watches" next week. Those are the ones where we have to get up at 12.30, 1.30, or 3.30 and do sentry duty for 2 hours.

The weather has been real cold the last few days. We wear our thin jackets at all times outdoors - need blankets badly at night and freeze at 5.30.

There's a cadet down Sat night. I might drop in - but I don't know. I just don't seem to care about that stuff now any more. I haven't met one real nice girl yet here. Hope tomorrow per usual -
So long, plum, and much much love,


Dear Mum,

Enclosed is a picture that turned up. Ken
Kauttel had it,  and I took it
back. You might give it to Vance if your
book is too full. Speaking of
pictures I'm glad the "whites" were good.

If you send Barbara one and also
Don that would be fine. Also I'd
like you to send me one so I can
sign it and send it to Count Barrows.
He asked me for one. He has a request
gallery of several of his friends at P.A.

About you're coming down. I'll
try to discover what I can about
our soccer games and let you know
as soon as possible. There is a chance
we 'd have a game here. If not we
could see N. Car. play Rice in football.

This 'd be a good game. Gosh it'll
be good to see you Mom. I just
late to think of your making that awful
trip, but having you here will really
be a treat. Any weekend is fine for
me except for soccer. We scrimmaged
Sat. and I didn't do to bad so I
might make the squad. I sure hope
so. After 2 days in the infirmary I
was released and was as good as
new. The field we play on is so rough, that

if I fall again it'll probably "infect" again.
The problem is all the rocks on the
field. We will play our home game on
a football field I guess.

Tonight I have a 2 w. security
watch. I'm tired now, so tomorrow I'll be
in pretty miserable shape. 9.30 - 11.30 is
my shift.

Physics is toughening up now
also all the other. So far I have
had marks a little over average, but I've
really got to get on the ball.

I called home Sat night hoping
you'd be there - I forgot you'd be
gone. I talked to Pro. I just
wanted to talk to someone (especially
you) at home for a treat. Getting
a phone anywhere in town is almost
impossible. I saw a chance so I
took it. Every pay phone in every
store is always in use when we
have liberty.

Nothing much else, now I'll
let you know about that
soccer as soon as possible -

So much love
Pop

Dear Mum, Well Today I got out of the infirmary. Wed. morning my side was swollen and my glands hurt when I walked "manky" I got in soccer. It was all some and infected, so I went to sick bay. The dr. told me I'd better get off the leg, and that he might have to lance the sore. At the infirmary, however, they applied hot compresses and now it is completely healed. I got quite a bit of sleep and didn't miss much work. The infirmary (the University's - Navy has a few rooms) can't touch P.A.'s. The food was O.K. but we didn't get enough. I'm real glad to be out.

Tomorrow the regiment again marches to the football game. I had both a security and a T.C.O.R. watch scheduled for Sat. but being sick I got out of both. Our "batt" is almost through 24 hr watches. The next 2 weeks will be in the thick of the securities and then no more at all. I really got off lucky on the 24 hr watches.

There is a soccer practice right before the game tomorrow. I guess I'm pretty well out of the picture now, though!

Have those pictures come yet from the Navy or rather that Company? If so and if they are any good don't forget to please order me 3 or better make it six. I would like them small, 4x6" if possible.

Don't get them unless you think they're pretty good! let me know what happens.

Florence Follankee sent me a gold baseball,
with an "A" and my name and Brother 2 - Extra 1
1942 on it. It is lovely and I sure am glad to
have it.

If you come down don't forget to bring
Griff's cut-throat.

If Garry wants to know what I want
for Xmas even - tell her a uniform.
I am going to have to get another set of
blues and probably some khakis. These are
not required, but most of the fellows are
going to get them sometime. We can get
blues for pretty reasonably, so I might
buy myself a pair or I might get them
in New York. I'll wait and see.

The 10th batt arrived yesterday.
The 4th (Frd Rock etc) were supposed to
leave Sat., but as expected they have to
stay over. They only have to stay 10 days
and then they get an 8 day leave. Wouldn't
this be wonderful, Mum. I'd get home
around Nov. 10 if they did this to us.

I wouldn't mind the extra 10 days here
if I knew we were to get leave.

Cadet dance tomorrow night - I
might go - I don't know.

Not much else for now -
~~much~~ much love,

Today the lights went out in the ~~gym~~ so we had
the afternoon off. (in our rooms) I guess they're setting
up on us.

P.S. Oh yes - almost forgot.

The other day they asked for volunteers from the 5th and 4th batts. They needed 6 men to go immediately to Miami to train as Navigators. In 12 weeks they'd be commissioned ensigns as navigators. They'd get full flight pay - so soon as commissioned they would be put in the big B-24's (the Navy uses some as well as the Army) and sent all over the world. They'd do surveying work and navigate on bombing missions. If they offer this to us I'd be pretty tempted to try it. I'd never get chosen though (way too young and you need to be good in Math) later on these fellows all get chances to become pilots too.

My main desire is to learn to fly a big B-24 or PB2Y. I'd so much rather be in a big ship. It's not that I'm scared of the fighters or ~~the~~ torpedoes, but I just somehow want to fly a big ship. I don't suppose I'll get a shot at them though - Those B-24's and PB's are really something.



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Dear Mom,

Well the war strikes home, as it were, doesn't it - i.e. with the very sad news of George Meade. I didn't know him very well, but from all sides all you could hear was praise. He died the way all of us would like to die when our time comes - Mom, it's a very long thing.

I have no fear of death now. Maybe ^{it's} because I am here safely on the ground that I say this. I do not think I will change. All harries aside, I feel, and every fellow here I'm sure feels, that the ~~no~~ only part of the whole thing of any worry would be the sorrow it might cause to our families.

I cannot express myself as clearly as I see it in my own mind. Once in the air the death may strike at any time, but I shall not fear it. Perhaps with the fleet it will be different - God grant it won't!

I am so glad you like the picture. A couple of more snakes follow shortly. Will you please send me my "Graft" cut links. I won't need them for a while, but I'd like to have them. I think they're in my ^{present} box. The watch did not come. I have

a serviceable cloth strap for my good one now. In about 4 weeks I will have to send home for a suitcase.

Before that time, I may ship my whites home, because we won't need them. If I do, will you please have them washed and pressed. The buttons just slip out like studs.

Don't let the "friend" shrink them, especially around the neck.

I also think I might sink \$14 into a khaki service uniform. They are very nice and very useful. If I go South, I will definitely get one.

Most of the "white" men in our platoon are aiming for Dallas, Memphis, or New Orleans if they can. Flying weather is so important. ~~But~~ I think I'll try one of those 3 if I can. As much as I'd love to be in Phila. or Boston ~~just~~ ^{everyone's} advisers "South!"

The base at Boston is terrible, besides all the neatballs in our platoon and its all the rest of our "batt" seem to want to go there. You see

I will be at this base, if we get out on time, for Nov, Dec, and Jan. Then, at either Pensacola, Jacksonville or Corpus Christi,

~~For~~ For 3 months, I think (maybe it is 6
but the "word" seems  to be 3.) That
means I would Cadet George W. Bush, U.S.N.R. be commissioned
in May. After 317 Lewis Hall this I will have
3 months in my specialty at an "operational"
base, ~~and~~ It is ~~the~~ here that I am
assigned to a squadron and proceed
to the fleet. All the latest "scuttlebutt"
has been encouraging, but we can't
be sure. ~~to~~ There is a chance we may be
out on time. We cling to any hope.

All letters from fellows who have
left here say that conditions can't
touch conditions here as to rooms
and food. (Even at the newest bases)
Quite a few fellows from batto 102
have "washed out" already. ~~They~~ There
really should be no stigma attached
to "washing out" but my justification
would be tenuous. I hate to even
think of it. I suppose you've
avoided tired of hearing "rumors"
from me, but we talk and think
them here so you might as well hear 'em.

Enclosed are a couple of
insurance applications. Ask Dad to
ship 'em in with my books. They aren't
really important, but if anything should

happen they might be of use
in collecting the insurance.

We have Labor this week. It is
pretty easy. Yesterday we beat the
Kingfishers in soccer 2-1. Those games
are excellent fun.

If Dad comes down there are 3
whitts here who are very anxious
to sing with him.

We have finished Math. I
had a 3.8 average until the exam.
I did poorly on it today. I should
end up with at least 3.4 though
This = 85% but they mark pretty
easy. I have about a 3.4 in
N.O.R. and ENS is a "D". They haven't
told us our marks since the last time.

Not much else for now, Mom -
Much much love,


D.K. Walker is Lt. Walker U.S.N.R. not bad eh?
lost a point last week. I hope it was just
that bad spell.



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Dear Mom and Dad,

Today I had the most delightful luncheon. A Lt. Patterson from Dayton who trained at Anson's with Timmy and who is a good friend of Johnny's had me for lunch. I went out to his house with Tim Woodhull, Yale, Whitt, Dayton a roommate of Woody Seymour. In fact he came up here to my room and visited me. They have a lovely house and are both as nice as they can be. It was a small meal and afterwards we sat and talked. They know all the Meads etc.

He is a teacher in Worcester & Recognition here and a very able fellow I hear. It was so much fun going over there. Tim Woodhull says with you at Yale several times, Dad.

Our hike was tough.

Today it poured rain. It is the damndest weather here. Rains when the sky is bright. We got soaked walking home.

The only thing wrong with this place is, they don't realize the average intelligence. They hand out so much crude propaganda here. It is really

sinking - Many of the men here
realize it - also the intelligent officers,
stuff like "kill the Japs - hate - murder" and
a lot of stuff like "you are the incarnation of
American youth?" ~~to~~ Some fellows swallow
it all. These are the fellows among
whom are below average intelligence ^{20%} of my
roommates, for example. got a big kick
out of hearing it. Maybe it is good.
All the well educated fellows know what
they are fighting for - why they are here
and don't need to be "hurried" into anything
Patterson at lunch said something about
it. The football coaching officers
and the men not in the academic but
the athletic end are the ones who give
it out. It is obvious that these men
do not fully realize whom they are
dealing with - it does affect some
men, maybe more than to know, but it is
so crude.

Not much else to say -

Much love,

PS I see football starts Mon. What
a team we'll have next year.

Mon.

Dear Mom,
My radio is back and Fred is now on. Today has been wonderful. Last night it was really cooled off and this morning it was quite brisk - it was really nice and cool for athletics and drill. No sweat etc. Boy it makes a difference. It is even fun to march when the weather is like this. Then to make this thing much better - this noon I got a letter from Barbara. I think she is going to be over here Sunday. You know all about it I know. Isn't that swell of her though coming all the way over here. I sure hope she can make it. I will meet her at the inn at noon, and we can have lunch there then cool around in the aft. I cannot eat dinner with her unfortunately. She is staying over at Raleigh. I do hope she gets here. It'll be such fun to see her.

Sunday we had pictures in white taken by the Navy for their files. The company that took the pictures are sending the proofs to the parents' home.

If you see any good and you do ~~not~~ order one please order me 3 of the small 8"x6" about - I have to give one to Don, Count Bernou, and Barbara. Don't get them unless they are good because I can have one taken any time and really get a good one.

Our C.O. Connors. Kensing has been in
Wash D.C. working on "leaves" etc. We all
are anxiously awaiting any news from
him. I hope it is good. Flash will

2 big new Eastern Savers Philly 2000 new,
and one in Maryland - maybe I'll get
them - ^{to one of them} that. It probably mean Knas
stay at home, that it be something.

They say we'll be getting our
heavy winter uniforms soon.

Today was registration for A.N.C and
there were thousands on hand. They
have to stand around and gaze at
the Navy training. Tomorrow we
play the Catalinas in soccer. They are
~~our~~ ^{our} jinx, and I sure hope we beat 'em.
Had a 3.88 in N.O.R. last week -
made me feel pretty good. We're having
semaphores now, and I am twinkle at
it. Have soccer and Basketball this week.

Nothing else for now, Mary

Mark for
Pop

P.S. The fellow in church was Bill Stahl.
He's a good guy. I see quite a bit
of him as he plays without soccer too.



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Dear Nance,

It sure is fun getting your letter with all the news of the group.

Today was about the hottest since we've been here and we have been forced back to the "sweaty shirt at all times" and liquids at all times. Today I took 4 showers and still am sogging wet. You just can't do a thing against this sun. Standing in formation waiting to move is awful. We left at 7:10 this morning and by 9 we had hiked 8 miles. We (6th) had to march right behind the (5th). The hikes aren't too bad now that we are getting used to 'em. We have a hike every Wed. in place of Military. After the hike we had classes and then after lunch in the blazing sun we had calisthenics - tumbling (on mats - up ropes etc), track and then the obstacle course. So you can see that today has been a full one. This heat makes no really miserable. We had a fine cool 2 wks. but now it looks like we're in for a long siege of heat. Today I did the obstacle course in ~~30~~ 3 min. 21 sec. - each time I have gotten a little

better. This was 2nd best w our potatoes
so I felt fairly good. I sure can
improve though.

There is not much "news" here. We live
by the day - a wholesome life, at times a
seemingly futile, but looking at it
philosophically I wouldn't change positions
with any fellow in civilian life. The Navy
stock is great, but what we are here for
is even greater, and it is at all times I
can keep ~~on~~ my objective in view I am
hoping of a successful conclusion to this
one year course. After having been here
just one month my desire to win my
wings and become an officer is tremendous
I'm afraid if I fail for any reason my
disappointment will be very ~~deep~~
deep. I am proud to be here, Nance,
and as I said before wouldn't change for
the world.

My ~~first~~ formation is in 10 minutes
and since I have no clothes on I better
quit for now -

Back and listening to Fred Waring - per
canal. We have a fine blue duck and shrike
here. They seem to have gotten along pretty
well so far without me, so I believe I will
let them keep on.

I got a letter from Elly today.
He really thought Rosie Lynch was won -

helpful. Tell me, how are Roger and Big
"Bollo" getting along.

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I also have gotten a letter
from Peggy Morgan. She is awfully
cute and has a refreshing sense of
humor.

Give my love to all the "Jans" I miss
them so terribly much - all our weekends the
going were so wonderful and the memories
of them give me much pleasure. I
am counting so on a 4 day leave and
will be disappointed if I don't get one.
The Simons was at Iowa Pre-Flight and
instead of getting leave he was shipped
to Washington (out on the coast) without
hardly any notice and of course no
choice, so you see this is the way
things are worked.

I have to right Bobbie now.
I miss her more than she knows. Name.
I ~~don't~~ don't know why but she
seems so perfect a girl - beautiful,
gentle, a wonderful sense of humor, so
much fun etc. I think of her all the
time and would love to see her -
Give her my love especially -
Much love to you and write if you get
another minute - So long,
Pop.



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Dear Mum ,

I got your letter today and was thrilled to hear that you are ~~are~~ coming. The latest rumor is that some of us will be leaving a week from this Wednesday. I don't know ~~what~~ whether there is any truth in it or not, but doesn't that want to make you change your mind. Mum it is an awful trip-really terrible. I just hate to think of your riding all the way down here for so short a ~~base~~^{trip} of me, especially if I might be coming home in three days. The news is indefinite though and we may still have 3 or 4 weeks, but there is that chance. Do what you want or feel is best. It really is a wicked trip especially with the rails so crowded. I'd love to see you Mum, you know that I'm sure, but I really would advise against your coming unless you have definitely made up your mind.

I had a miserable cold and cough and still do but it is almost well now. I didn't play soccer Fri. or Sat. on account of it. We have a game with Duke on Wednesday so I guess I will stay out. ~~Wednesday~~ I hope I will start, but I don't know.

I had dinner last night with Mr. Keuffel and Ken over at the inn.

I was to meet Mr. Smith from St. Louis at the inn this afternoon, but unfortunately I had to stay in. I sent him a note telling him I couldn't make it. I was also invited to Capt. and Mrs. Popham's house this afternoon. They are friends of Arky and Liza's and they wrote me a note asking me to come over. He is head of the ROTC here and outranks even our own skipper.

There is nothing at all to tell you so I'll quit.

You say you are definitely coming, but don't be afraid to tell me different. If I do not hear from you though, I will meet you at the inn for Saturday lunch. I will have soccer practice after lunch but you can watch if you want then we can go out to the UNC vs. Rice football game if you want to. ~~Look~~

Think it over Mum and let me know. If I hear anything about bases before you leave I will let you know. It is rumored that we draw Wed. In this case, if I were to discover that I were leaving a week from Wed, there wouldn't be any point in your coming down at all.

Goodnight Mum and much much love,

PHOTOCOPY
GB HANDWRITING

my handwriting gets worse. Don't know what to do.



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Fri;

Dear Mom,

Just about as worse week is almost over. The weather has been brutal - even worse than our first week or so. Besides this we have had tumbling and track at 1 P.M. then right into soccer. All afternoon sweating away in the boiling sun. All I have to show for it is a beautiful brown - my best ever I guess. All we wear are little gym shorts and sneakers. Tumbling was pretty good fun. As well as work on the mats we had rope climbing,

vaulting over "horses", beam walking, and work on the frankoline. We also had to get inside big metal frames circular in shape - wheels. And then we had to roll ourselves. Our feet were strapped in and we held on with our arms.



roll - - - ->

OOOOO O O O O O -

This was quite a sensation and goal. Tumbling was good fun but quite tiring - especially to the upper part of the body - shoulder muscles etc.

In track we ran our heads off 6-8 soccer we were shot. The rest

was just awful and yesterday I thought I was going to go under. Tomorrow I think we have classes all morning - no like so our physical work is mostly over now for the week.

The graduation of the 2nd bat left our Wildcat soccer team in very sad shape. So far they have organized no Varsity not that I'd make it anyway.

80 out of 280 of the 3rd bat is leaving on time. The rest will have to wait. Rumors are running rampant but they are all pleasing. One has it that after our 12 weeks we will be sent home to await orders with pay. This would mean ^{about} 2 wonderful weeks at home. No one knows anything definite though - It seems very probable, however, that I will get at least 6 ~~or~~ days between bases which would mean 4 at home. If we should get the 2 weeks I would love to go to Charleston for the first weekend. We'd get out of here on a Sat. I could take a train and go to S. Car. and then get the sleeper up Sun. night. That is provided Barbara could get some time off. Even thinking this far ahead is really no use. We may have to stay right here for 4 extra weeks, may proceed directly to our bases. It



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is fun to think of ^{the best possible}
don't you think.

Frankly Rock asked me to eat lunch
with his family Sunday, but since I do
not have an invitation I can't get off.
We have to hand in a form letter
and enclose the invite. If you come,
don't send me a letter so as I will
have it the Thursday before you arrive.

[Just say that -
I will be at the Hill ^{on} such and
such days and hope you ^{will} eat
so many meals with me as possible.]

I can eat sat noon, eve, and Sunday noon
with you. I would have to meet all
formations but could "fall out" right
away. I would have to see you, and back
of course, but ~~the~~ it is an awful long
trip and not too pleasant a one, so ~~it~~
please please don't feel you'd have to
come.

Today we had a lecture by ^a ~~was~~ ^{was} talking
Lt. Comdr. medical corps. He ~~said that~~
on pressure on the body and discussed
high altitude flying. He said that
the new best suited for high altitude
fighting and interception would and dive

bombing were the younger men and
the thinner men. We have learned a lot
about planes. The Navy sure has
some beauties - the best shipboard
fighters in the world. I would love,
however, to fly a big PBV bomber
not on patrol but on actual bombing
missions. For some reason this type
flying appeals to me more than
lighter work.

My kit arrived - also books.
The watch has not yet come - don't worry
about it though, it probably wasn't
worth fixing anyway.

Coraia pit sent me Schmidt cookies
and chocolates. Wasn't that swell of her.

Now, I really had nothing to tell
you about Barbours, I just wanted to
see if you'd like. You did - Honestly that
was all. But you do tell - I tell you
things ~~not then~~ in the strictest confidence and you
tell everyone - Aunt Margie, Mary, Garry,
Betty W. everyone. Please don't then.
I'd love to tell you everything always,
which I have and I guess will, but
I do wish you wouldn't tell anybody.

Just thinking of even a day at
home is so wonderful, then. I miss you all.

Much love
R⁵ couple of my new friends here call me Pop so
I guess soon all will. Can't shake it!!!

Please just stick the picture in my scrap book when you have all seen it!



read this - my whole trouble is I was ~~to~~ never taught to "write script" at school. Dad - hope you can

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Dear Mom and Dad,
This goes to Grove Lane because I'm afraid it would ^{have} missed you both if sent to Kipport.

Enclosed is a picture of my 3 roommates and me. L-R they are Blaine Hall from N.Y. (Hagdenwood) - Bill Robinson (Cleveland - Ohio) and Deane Phinney from Providence. We are wearing our whites without our shoulder boards. In the closet you can see the sleeve of our blue service uniforms.

We get along very well as roommates I think. Blaine has had trouble with his studies. In fact he was "on the tree" in all 3 subjects. That meant he had to report for extra work in the evening. ~~My photo was~~ I have a couple of other shots taken on a hike which I will get back this weekend. One is of 2 of my friends and 2 - the other 3 of our whole platoon. I think you will be interested in them.

We have pretty good platoon spirit. There is in our platoon a 10 man unit from Pawtucket R.I. Several of these men are fairly miserable characters,

and don't get along too well. You just have to have "community" spirit in a bunch like this. For example at the tables. We now eat Annapolis style at long tables 20 men per. approximately. The food starts at one end and is handed on down.

Most of the fellows leave a good helping for the last few men, but there are a couple who barge in and take up too much. These fellows are not what and their poor attitude shows up in other things too. Our Cadet Platoon leader is Carl Morgan. He is a good friend of mine and a swell guy. He was capt. of baseball at Manhattan a couple of years back.

Tom White, whenever '42 is another neat guy, also Tim Henry, Charlie Handlen and others.

Things have sort of divided into cliques as they do most everywhere. There are about 12 or 15 us who seem to go around more together. I don't see much of my roommates on weekends. They are nice fellows but usually have dates or something.

Poor Bill Robinson has boxing as a sport. Friday he had to fight for the Wildcats and at the end of the 3rd round they had to stop the fight. He was not against a fellow who had had a little bit of experience and the result was he

had to have his tooth pulled, had a swollen
lip and 2 black eyes.

The other day they had a change in
sports. Luckily I stayed in soccer. The
league starts over on Monday next.

This week we have tumbling and track.
We have 'em right before soccer so
in the evenings we are really tired.

For some reason today seemed awfully hot.
I poured down 4 "pops" and drank a lot
of water and 2 milkshakes (= to 1 1/4 qt.) + water
for supper. I am still thirsty.

Last weekend I was "Cadet
mate of the Deck" in Everett Hall.

Everyone here has to have a number of
watches before he leaves. There are
2 hr. security watches all night. Every night
certain fellows have to patrol certain
areas for 2 hrs. and challenge all
people. This watch is inconvenient if
you have the 1.30 - 3.30 shift, but
all you do is lose a little sleep.

Then there are the 24 hr. watches. In
every dorm there are 2 CMOBs and one

J.C.D.D. (Tr. cadet officer of the day) - They wake up all men - put lights out, deliver mail, etc and "patrol" on mostly just sit. I was all set to go to Lt. Boyle's for dinner, when I got the back word. I went on duty at 7 P.M. Sat. (Hence I missed my liberty - I went off 7 P.M.

Sunday. I got to bed at 12 was on duty at 5. This was my worst day here by far. We couldn't read or write. Most of the time I spent sitting in a chair outdoors at one end of Everett Hall. I practically went crazy with nothing to do. Sleeping on watch is bad stuff too - counts martial offense. Gosh I was glad to be relieved. I will have another watch soon. I hope it is a "security" and if it is

CMOD or TCOD I hope its not Sat. & Sun. Ken Kuntel is here and also Dick Sisow. I very seldom see them. We mostly just see the fellows in our platoon or in sports period the ones in our squadron. Much love to all,
Pop.



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Dear Mom and Dad,

Today I had the most delightful luncheon. A Lt. Patterson from Dayton who trained at Ansonia with Timmy and who is a good friend of Johnny's had me for lunch. I went out to his house with Tim Woodhull, Gale, Whitt, Dayton a roommate of Woody Sigman. In fact he came up here to my room and invited me. They have a lovely house and are both as nice as they can be. It was a small meal and afterwards we sat and talked. They know all the Meads etc.

He is a teacher in Non-Resistance & Recognition here and a very able fellow I hear. It was so much fun going over there. Tim Woodhull says with you at Yale several times, Dad.

Our hike was tough.

Today it poured rain. It is the darndest weather here. Rains when the sky is bright. We got soaked walking home.

The only thing wrong with this place is, they don't realize the average intelligence. They hand out so much crude propaganda here. It is really

sinking. Many of the men here
realize it - have the intelligent officers,
stuff like "kill the Japs - hate - murder" and
a lot of stuff like "you are the crown of
American youth?" ~~the~~ Some fellows swallow
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fighting with. It does affect some
men, maybe more than to know, but it is
so crude.

Not much else to say -

Much love,

^{10/13}
I've got football - starts Mon. what
a team we'll have - mostly others.



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Friday

Dear Mom,

Well I thought for a while today that another weekend was to be ruined. I came in at noon and found a note telling me to initial to watch lists. I did so and found out I was supposed to be TCOD at Stacy starting Sat at 7 till Sun 7. Same as last time only T.C.O.D. instead of MOP. I told Mr. Boyle I couldn't come to dinner^{Sat}. I was really depressed. We are only supposed to have one weekend watch anyway. Also about 95% of our "bat" have had no watches yet. Mostly just the 5th has had them recently. Beginning with "B", I was one of the first. I was advised to go over

to the Military Office. They were very nice about it, and the officer told me it was a mistake for me to be standing a 2nd watch now, and that it was over. I'm sure glad I went over. Soon our "bat" will be in the thick of the watches. For about 2 weeks soon we will have at least 2 or 3 a week.

Yesterday we beat the Buttabos 50 we are tied for the top with 2 and 0 shots. The new league started just this week.

Today we beat the Buttabos again - 2 practice games. We have 2 league games & 2 practice a week. ~~Labor was~~

Labor wasn't bad at all. We worked on the rifle ranges and dug ditches etc. The ~~the~~ hottest noon day heat was the only bad part.

Today ~~some~~ ^{many} of (80) the 3rd battalion left. All of the leftovers of the 2nd went too. Not counting those of the 3rd still here, we are now 3rd senior bat. (7, 8, & 9th behind us) The 4th bat. should leave in 2 weeks, we should have 6 more weeks from today - over $\frac{1}{2}$ there. The time here slows by -

These pictures were taken at our $\frac{1}{2}$ way
mark on a ^{sat.} hike.

No. 1 shows us getting ready to
come to attention - all taking our places.
We march in 4's but line up in
"fall in" with a platoon front. We then
do a right face and march off.

There are 2 ~~comrades~~ ^{comrades} to a Bat.

In the 6th Bat the Co's are K and L.

We are K 2 (2nd platoon) there are
3 platoons to a Co. All this means
that we are the 2nd platoon in
our bat on a hike or marching anywhere.

In No 1. the Big fellow in front is Tim Reagan.

He went to Boston College about 5 years
ago. very nice fellow. Next to him is

J. White ~~as~~ The ~~bottom~~ last fellow in
the front rank (arms out) is Blaine

Hall, one of my roommates, very nice
gent too. You can barely see us here
2nd rank - far left. I am the 1st
man in the 3rd rank.

No 2. shows our "platoon front."

The fellow out in front is Carl Morgan,
our platoon officer. (cadet) Reagan is
a cadet officer ^{to} - right guide. I am hidden

Barbara wrote me and said she is going
to N.Y. sat. with  name and several
of "the boys" Cadet George W. Bush, U.S.N.R.
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I was going, but even though I'm not, please,
I'm so glad she is. I wish she could see
much more of our group than those
little mouthballs - you know whom I mean.
Some are very nice, ~~but~~ and they're
older in years than she is, maybe, but
otherwise far younger.

She is so cute about "not
hurting my feelings" by telling me of what
she is doing. She is very tactful. Have you
met Mrs. Nixon yet, Abner. She is
really wonderful, too.

Enclosed my watch from Weeks
arrived. Now if I can ~~the~~ get that
radio back, all will be under
control. I have sat in the store
since it arrived. The man has done
nothing about. Tomorrow I shall
get the story on it.

Enclosed are a couple of
pictures. The 3 of us are L. & K.
Tim Henry, Josh ~~Henry~~ son, George, and
Tom White. The latter graduated from Rhinecliff
this year. Sure get.

in this picture, but I'm in my regular
place - 2 men behind white.



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It is all done by height.
Jim is tallest - then Kevin (behind him) then
me etc. The fellow in the 4th rank
far right is the shortest. - Get it?

For today we can take of ties, caps,
coll shirts and pants. i.e. after we
get out of Chapel Hill proper.
Tomorrow we have another hike.

They sent us a box of that
chocolate covered butter crunch;
very fine!

Today Mr. (Lt.) Wilson was here.
I just saw him for a second -
Salute - Hello, sir - goodbye - Salute
that was all. My salutes are
quite proficient now. I hope
we pass an officer when I come
home, and I will demonstrate.

We all have had some practice
drilling the platoon lately. It is
pretty good Jim, and when it gets
cooled off here drilling might be
quite pleasant.

I still have 100% in buzzer drill
but blinker is different story. I am
doing 0.5 but no 100%. Still no
word on F.N.S. and W.R. is going along
about average. Physics??

Tack Denney was here. He gave us
a talk - pretty good fun - mostly
about having. ~~the~~ will little

I got a very nice
from Dr. Fues, also advance, Echo,
and Sidis. A fellow here gets the
Boston Herald so I will be able to
follow Anderson for a while. Tack
Kisher, a good friend of mine, is
playing first string center at Harvard.
Not bad for sophomore!

Not much else, Alton.
Six weeks won't be long and then I'll
be back with you. I am looking forward to
the these few days. I like it here
and am glad I'm in, but returning
home is one thing ~~was~~ ^{or} anything
can ^{never} make less sure.

Thank you Mary Ann,





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Dear Mom,

Thanks so much for the food from Macy's. It was wonderful - Here's the funny part - I opened the package and saw figs and prunes first. Irony! because last night at dinner something got into the food. The whole regiment was struck with the most awful 'nausea', almost to the man. I wasn't hit till 5 this morning but during classes I was in agony. $\frac{1}{2}$ the class had to leave at one time or another and it was the same with all. Could see platoons march by with 12 men. Nobody cared today if you were late or didn't stay in class, or went tearing off the fields. It was really terrible and I hope it doesn't happen again - Losing sleep is like losing teeth - very painful.

Yesterday we got our khaki and white for which we were fitted 3 weeks ago.

I have a pretty good fit in both. I sure wish I could parade home in them. Just putting them on gives you such a wonderful feeling. We have already been taught to be proud of our uniform - If I ever get my stripes and gold wings I'll sure be glad, and I don't suppose I need to say proud.

Van Buntel got here today. He and

I am going to Lt. (T-5) Bernie Boyles for
dinner Sat. 12:00 we arrived today,
in Dick Sisson - Murray's friend. As the
new batts arrive we get a swell feeling
of seniority. We are now the 4th in line

(still called the 6th batt, however)

The fellows ^(from 1st Batt) that went to Texas without
leave arrived Monday - Saw that day, and
in one week had rotated. I just can't
wait for the day when I climb into a
plane - I've just got to be able to
fly. All the men from the 1st love it
at their Reserve base, reports have it.

I suppose I should tell you this
man but you probably saw it anyway -
One of them has been killed already.
He and his instructor crashed and
died. This was just an accident and
could have happened by subway, auto,
or anything!

Today we played a practice game in
soccer. I am out inside now. I got
5 goals today - (most of 'em lucky and over-shots)
but the coach was a little pleased so I
think I will stay there. Tomorrow is our
game. We have 2 a week.

Yesterday I did the stake race again.
We do it every week. My time was
3.32 compared to 5.38 last time.

because of his tennis. Here he is
learning to drill, to take commands, and
to master "the Navy Regs." - etiquette etc.

No R. is getting tough - we sure
know a lot about planes - I will
not be scared to challenge Bucky next
Nov. or Dec. when and if I get a
leave. Pray that we will get out on
time, Mum,

Tim White is another good friend of
mine here. He graduated from Shubert this
spring. He is the biggest guy in the
platoon - about 6'3½ or 4". He used to
live in Texas, so if we don't get a
chance for the East we might get
some of us to "jack Dallas". There
is swell flying weather there -

Not much else for now, Mum. Every
night ~~my~~ and at times clearing the sky
my mind wandering comfortably back to you
all. I am right there with you,
playing tennis, pickin' up, churning on
whatever it is. My fingers are crossed for
a couple of days at home. I'd love to be
there with you now. Give my love to all,

Mum, Dad, V.F. and Buck and especially
Dad. and this still plenty more for you Mum.

You say that you think of me in church,
well - on Sundays here we have a silence then
a prayer - often for mother's and father's and those
dear to us and it is here that our old man

My weight has not changed. In fact in
year I am 169 compared to
164 the day I



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SOUNDERS

The other day Mr. Sounders, Executive
athletic director was here looking around.
He was very nice and I had a long
chat with him. It is such fun seeing
someone like that to talk to.

Lt. Kirkland has won the hearts of
our platoon. He can be tough but he
admits his mistakes quickly something
not many of these "30 day wonderos" will
do.

Have been having Fred every
night. The fellow across the Hall, Paul
Perry loves him. He used to work
under Potter in Philadelphia in the Navy.
He was an ensign but gave up his
commission to come here. He says Potter
is a full Lt. and one of "the big guns"
at Philly.

Bruce in 30 days will be
assume his rank of Lt. j.g. and will
be ready for duty as a reserve
officer. He will either be sent
to a school like this - there to be an
officer in charge of men like us.
Perhaps he will get something special



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705-55-04 (me) is not just another service
man, but a guy who outshines the whole
damn regiment —

Push love,
GWB

Book Dad - the fishing sounds "slobbering."
I'll never forget how high up we
all'd get every day, but no one ever
came in with anything.

Presay note and said tipoff
was wonderful —

I have something to tell you some
day. When, — are you curious? Foxy eyes?

I hope so.
No it's not that! It is about her but it's
not that!

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