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CHAPEL HILL

Taez

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
"Fast 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 Pierce 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 any more.

Many thanks again, Nancy.

It was sure wonderful to hear
lets make sure about this back
rub, now - as always,
Mark Pop

Dear Mum and Dad,

(Fri. 30th Sept)

Your numerous letters mean so much to me. It is a great feeling to come back to the room and find a letter. 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 minute rest, a letter, a compliment to our platoon. All these little things amount to so much in your mind and it's free. Spirits go way up and way down, but when they're up you feel so wonderful.

The football calisthenics are unkeenerably 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 Helldivers in soccer and lost 3-1. I am on the 1st team but am not too sharp - my mind 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 Hankster. 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
Dad - we can't leave the station at
all any time except when we have town liberty,
and then we can walk ~~to~~ ⁹⁰⁰ yards 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 out!!

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 match test.
It was very elementary and P.M. sure it
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 sip 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 discipline and hard work - Much love,
Pop.

We have our 2nd and worst cam shot 500n. I just feel well and then they slug you again - Ok!

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 a 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 Wooler
Bryn. I didn't have to start till Sat.
~~at~~ 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 rained Saturday. Saturday aft. we had
to march to the game. It rained 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 her coat here at
home. We just stayed out there all
afternoon - Not thrilling but such fun
just seeing her. We laughed at everything.

I had formation at six so we went
back to the MR. She took a bus for
Raleigh where she is staying over night.
with a gift from school. She was so
swell to come way over here.
I sure am glad you said "grand 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 but the managers of the
third get 10 days leave. Maybe we
will. We have no idea what will happen.

When your plan to come down here
naturally would be swell 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
now. I hope this doesn't sound like



I don't want you because I see 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, ^{but} ~~to~~ and if ~~to~~ you
do come I will be pleased - very pleased!

Please do what you think best either way
is O.K.

Must "let the papers" write
again soon -
Make love to all,
[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 wish we had a shot

at Yale -

~~the~~ The last few days they've
ruthly clamped down on us as far as
discipline goes. The tension is increasing.
We ~~are~~ are just eagerly awaiting
any news. Latest and best smuttkutt.
(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.

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

Let us know if you're coming
down -

Much love, pop

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

Dear Mum,
Well today may effect quite a change
on 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



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(1 week late) and
all the rest 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 are 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 time 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
leaving get 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 Yale 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 heaven know where. We just
can't plan on a thing. When I write

for my bag please send one right
away - also don't forget Gruff'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 darned thrilled over
these fellows leaving - 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 reported until you read
it in the papers.

Today we had a good long
~~session~~ 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 heavy) - Bush says
Pott.

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Wed. 16. 07

Dear Mom,
Wednesday $\frac{1}{2}$ afternoon liberty is on
so I'll take this chance to write. This liberty
is not "town liberty" but what they call "yard liberty"
just around the Navy grounds. It is very
welcome, however, so this morning we had our first
hike. We marched in the rain in our regular
uniforms thru the woods at better than 120
for 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 officer who leads is
known as "the camel". On the way back we
were allowed to "route march" - talk and break
step. This is much easier. When we stopped
our legs were in knots. At various points during
the day we 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 you dream 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 if 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
contact work. Fin 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 but not 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(jr) 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 - I'll write Sunday. Let me
know your address in the Adirondacks. Tell M.B. I'll
write soon. Much much love, Pat

Dear Mum,

Well tonight I feel more full of aches Two.

and pains than ever before. Monday playing touch football Deane a full force collision. He landed on his tail, but I slammed



down into the 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 re-injured 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 rash on my right side which has affected the glands in my groin. All this from getting spilled 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 twisted foot and consequently look awful. I'll probably be axed from the

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 RCAF team
when they went to England as National
Champions. He plays inside forward. We
have two real good castets 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 ever 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 castles 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, Mum, 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 Wilcox. When will Ed be called up?

Jimmy 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 none thorough and versatile.

Which one did Pressey 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 ~~solo~~ ^{solo} islands. Incidents are frightful and very numerous.

I'm afraid I am due for one more sat. watch and then our "bat" is through with 24-hr. watch. We start "security watches" next week. These are the ones where we have to get up at 11.30, 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 blanket badly at night and freeze at 5.30.

There's a cadet dance 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, Mum, and with much love,
C. J. [Signature]

Dear Mom,

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



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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 Capt Barrows.
He asked me for one. He has a roquet's
gallery of several of his friends at P.A.

About your 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 scrimped
eat, and I didn't do to bowl so I
might not 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 Pres. 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, peace 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 "raskery" 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.B. watch scheduled for Sat. but being sick I got out of ~~it~~ both. Our "batt" is almost through 24 w. 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 w. 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, 4" x 6" if possible. Don't get them unless you think they're pretty good! Let me know what happens.

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

If you come down don't forget to bring
Gruett's Cut-throats.

If Garry wants to know what I want
for Xmas ever - 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 (Fwd 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 -
~~write~~ write love,

Today the lights went out in the ~~gym~~ ^{Ref} so we had
the afternoon off. (in our rooms) I guess they're settling
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 - As 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 PB24. I'd so much rather be in a big ship. It's not that I'm scared of the fighters or TB 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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Two

Dear Mom,
Well the war strikes home, as it were, doesn't it - e.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 funny 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 heroics 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. One 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 snaps follow shortly. Will you please send me my "Goult" cutlinks. 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 "fiend" 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 "whites" men in our platoon
are aiming for Dallas, Memphis, or New
Orleans if they can. Flying weather is so
important. ~~At the~~ I think I!

to, might try one of these 3 if I can.
As much as I'd love to be in Phila.
or Boston ~~gets~~ ^{everybody} advises "south".

The base at Boston is terrible,
beside all the neat balls 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,

~~3~~ for 3 months, I think (maybe it is 6
but the "word" seems to be 3.) That
means I would be commissioned
in May. After this I will have
3 months in my specialty at an "operational"
base, ~~to~~ It is ~~the~~ here that I am
assigned to a squadron and proceed
to the fleet. All the latest "scuttlebutts"
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.


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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 622
have "washed out" already. ~~to~~ There
really should be no stigma attached
to "washing out" but my worstification
would be terrible. I hate to even
think of it. I suppose your
anxious mind 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 Paol to
ship 'em in with my bonds. 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. These games
are excellent fun.

If Dad come 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 first ~~exam~~ 2 weeks.

Not much else for now, Mum -
Mick and boys


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



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Dear Mum and Dad,

Today I had the most delightful luncheon. A Lt. Patterson from Dayton who trained at Ansonet 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 we 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 Nomenclature & 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.

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so crude.

Not much else to say -

Thank you,

PS I've seen football starts Mon. what
a team we'll have - mostly others.

Mon.

Dear Mum,

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 walk this things much better - this noon I got a letter from Barbara. To 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 fool around in the aft. I cannot eat lunches with her unfortunately. She is staying over at Raleigh. I do hope she gets here. It'll be swell 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 ~~get~~ then order one please order me 3 of ~~the~~ the small 8"x6" about - I have to give one to Don, Count Berrows, and Baker. 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. Comdr. Kessing 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!!

2 big new Eastern buses Philly 2000 num, and one in Maryland - maybe I'll get there - that it probably near Knud day at home - that it be something.

They say will be getting out heavy winter uniforms soon.

Today was registration for A.N.C and there were thousands on hand. They love 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 semaphore now, and I am terrible at it. Have soccer and Basketball this week.

Nothing else for now, Mary

Mark Pop

P.S. The fellow in church was Bill Stadel. He's a good guy. I see quite a bit of him as he plays wildcat soccer too.

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Dear Nance,

It sure is fun getting your letters 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 sopping 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 us 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 platoon
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 if ~~at~~ at all times I
can keep ~~on~~ my objective in view I am
hopeful of a successful conclusion to this
one year cover. 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. I am proud to be here, Nancy,
and as I said before wouldn't change for
the world.

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

Back and listening to Fred Waring - per
usual. We have a fine glee club and choir
here. They seem to have gotten along pretty
well so far without us, so I believe I will
let them keep on.

I got a letter from Elly today.
He really thought Rogie 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 best to all the "Jans" I miss
them so terribly much - all our weekends this
spring 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 Simonds 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 -

Push 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 ~~as~~ 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 ~~time~~^{time} 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. ~~Maybe~~ 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. ~~xxxx~~

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,

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



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Fri;

Dear Mum,

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 - - - ->

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This was quite a sensation and goal fun. Tumbling was good fun but quite tiring - especially to the upper part of the body - shoulder neck etc. In track we ran our heads off 50 at soccer we were shot. The sun

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.

So out of 280 of the 3rd bat is leaving on time. The rest will have to wait. Runners 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 60 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.
Freddy 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
down send me a letter so 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
as 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 love to see you, and Paul
of course, but this is an awful long
trip and not too pleasant a one, so
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 be 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 PB4 bomber
not on patrol but on actual bombing
missions. For some reason this type
flying appeals to me more than
fighter 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.
Covain pit sent me Schmitt cookies
and chocolates. Wasn't that swell of her.
Plus, I really had nothing to tell
you about Barkers, I just wanted to
see if you'd like. You did - honestly that
was all. But you do tell - I tell you
things ^{in the strictest confidence} and you
tell everyone - Aunt Margie, Mary, Gary,
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, Mum. I miss you all.

Much love, Pop.
A 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 so Dad - hope you can
to "write script" at school - I was ~~to~~ never taught

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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 Kport.

Enclosed is a picture of my 3 roommates
and me. L-R they are Blaine Hall from N.T.
(Maplewood) - Bill Robinson (Cleve-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 I - 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
Iron Paratrooper P.T. 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 liked 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, Anmerst '42 is another neat guy, also Tim Henry, Charlie Hanklen 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 ~~off~~ 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 Willets and at the end of the 2nd round they had to stop the fight. He was next against a fellow who had had a ~~little~~ lot 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 spots. Luckily I stayed in soccer. The league starts over on Monday next.

This week we have tumbling and track. We have fun 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 drinks (= to 1 1/2 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 it 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 CMO's and one

J.C.D.D. (To. Cashier 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 - count marbles & curse.
Gosh I was glad to be relieved.
I will have another watch soon. I
hope it is a "security" and if it is

CMOR or TCOD I hope its not Sat. Sun.
Ken Benthel is here and also
Dick Sisson. I may seldom see them.
We mostly just see the fellows in our
platoon or in sports period the ones in our
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Friday

Dear Mum,

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 J.C.O.D. at Stacy starting Sat at 7 till Sun 7. Same as last time only J.C.O.D. instead of C.M.O.P. I told Mr Boyle I couldn't come to dinner ^{Sat} & was really depressed. We are only supposed to have one weekend watch anyway. Also about 95% of our bat^s 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
I was free. 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
so we are tied for the top with 2 and 0 points.
The new league started just this week.

Today we beat the Buttabos again -
practices game. We have 2 league games &
2 practices a week. ~~Labon was~~

Labon wasn't bad at all.
We worked on the rifle ranges and
dug ditches etc. The ten to twelve noon
day heat was the only bad part.

Today ~~some~~ ^{some} of (80) the 3rd
battalion left. All of the ~~labors~~
of the 2nd went to. 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 has
flown by -



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Barbara wrote me and said she is going
 to N.Y. sat. with Nam and several
 of "the boys" from Okla. I wish

I was going, but even though I'm not, Mom,
 I'm so glad she is. I wish she could see

much more of our group than those
 little neathalls - 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 my ~~treasure~~. Have you
 met Mrs. Piers yet, Mom. She is
 really wonderful, too.

~~Enclosed~~ my watch from Wekko
 arrived. Now if I can ~~fix~~ get that
 radio back, all will be under
 control. If Leo 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.L.K.
 Tim Henry, your lovely son, George, and
 Tina White. The latter graduated from Okla.
 this year. Swell girl.

These pictures are taken at our $\frac{1}{2}$ way
march 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 ~~companies~~ ^{companies} 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 Jim Reagan.

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

J. White ~~is~~ The ~~other~~ last fellow in
the front rank (comes out) is Blaine

Hall, one of my roommates, very nice
gent too. You can barely see us here
3rd rank - far left. I am the 6th
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 - right guide. I am hidden

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 Karin (behind him) then
me etc. The fellow in the 4th rank
far right is the shortest. - Get it?

For today we can take of two caps,
roll sleeves 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.) Wilcox 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 blinken is a different story. I am
doing 0.15 but no 100%. Still so
word as F.N.S. and W.K. is going along
about average. Physics "??".

Jack Kenney was here. He gave us
a talk - pretty good fun - mostly
about honey. ~~He~~ will letter

I got a very nice letter
from Dr. Pears, also advance, Fuchs,
and Sidis. A fellow here gets the
Boston Herald so I will be able to
follow Andover for a while. Jack
Kraher, a good friend of mine, is
playing first string center at Harvard.
Not bad for sophomore!

Not much else, Mom.
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 ~~be~~ ^{be} done.

Much love
Monday, July





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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 five and seven ribs. Irony! because last night at dinner something got into the food. The whole regiment was struck with the most awful 'mums', almost to the man. I wasn't hit till 5 this morning but during class I was in agony. 1/2 the class had to leave at one time or another and it was the same with all. You'd 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 shoes and whistles 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.

Ben Buntch got here today. He and

I am going to Lt. (T-3) Bernie Boyles for
dinner Sat. 12:00 here arrived today,
in Dick Sisson - Messer'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 - flew that day, and
in one week had 2000. 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 shouldn't tell you this
news 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 sure 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 obstacle course again.
We do it every week. My time was
3.32 compared to 3.38 last time.

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



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SONDERS

The other day Mr. Sonders, 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 was won the hearts of
our platoon. He can be tough but he
admits his mistakes quickly something
not many of these "30 day wonders" will
do.

Have been having fun every
night. The fellow across the Hall, Paul
Perry loves here. 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

because of his tennis. Here he is
learning to drill, to take commands, and
to master "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 Anshurst 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 "pack Dallas". There
is swell flying weather there -

Not much else for now, Mum. Every
night my head at times during the day
my mind wanders comfortably back to you
all. I am right there with you,
playing tennis, pickin' up, churking 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,

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

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



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

Such love
Pops

Poor Dad - the fishing sounds "sobby."

I'll never forget how psyched up we
all 'd get every day, but noone ever
came in with anything.

Pressey wrote and said to report
was wonderful —

I have wanted to tell you some
day Mum, — are you curious, foxy eyes?

I hope so.

No it's not that! It is about her but it's
not that!