



UNITED STATES NAVY

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Dear folks:

Gradually I'm becoming more accustomed to the ways of the navy, but I can't say that I like them as yet. They keep us "on the run" around here all the time. Just as soon as you plan to have a period for study or to write a letter, a call comes for a muster for some darn thing or another. Today should be my easiest day, but actually I haven't accomplished much. We did have about two hours this morning for study. Then there came an assembly of the whole ~~camp~~ Battalion on the second deck. After dinner we had two classes and were supposed to have the rest of the day off. But no, I had just started doing a lettering assignment when we had to form and march out to the stadium where we were issued raincoats. Actually these coats are combination rain and overcoats and we won't be able to wear them as just overcoats until we become midshipmen.

Since getting back from the stadium I have managed to get a hair cut and take a pair of trousers over to be lengthened. I really got a short hair cut but not a "boat" clip. My hair was too darn long to wear watch caps (sticking cap to you).

My drawing class is still my hard spot. I'm improving but very slowly. I only hope that I get by satisfactorily so they won't take my weekend away from me. You probably know that Mary is planning on coming to Chicago. I hope her having to leave Georgia here with you won't make too much trouble. It will be great to get away from here for awhile, and even greater to be with Mary.

Mary sent some pictures of H.D. which I think are tops. I hope you get to see them. I've looked at them over and over again, they really make me feel so happy.

Your letter, Odd, was great. I was sorry to hear that Donald was in the infirmary. How did he get an infection in his foot? Certainly hope he's recovered by now. You must have a lot more snow. We have had some snow and then rain today. It has turned considerably colder this afternoon.

There's lots that I could write about but I just can't find the time to write. Maybe I'll get a better schedule worked out soon.

Hope everyone is well.

Love, George