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Dear folks -

I was pleasantly surprised to find Mary in Broadhead yesterday. I am so glad she has the car and get down like that. I could hear S.S. so clearly. Who was playing with her? She let out such a shriek, does she do that much? I really felt so happy to hear her - oh if I could only see her and play with her just for a short weekend.

I haven't been trying too hard to find a place for Mary and Georgia Sue. It doesn't pay to try and trace down the rooms and apartments advertised in the paper. If I call about them they are taken, and if I would go to look at them I wouldn't want them at all. I feel that the only way we will get anything is through the Y.W.C.A. or U.S.O. or possibly Mrs. Burns or the wife of some other midshipman. The "B" group leaves here next week so I might learn of something then. I met the wife of another midshipman who came out here from Iowa with their month old baby baby. They were extremely

fortunate in getting two rooms in a private home, kitchen privileges plus board for her for only \$10 a week. Isn't that something? This girl is anxious to have Mary find a place and so she is looking ^{around} for us, really.

I had a different weekend this time. I went bowling with four other fellows Sat. afternoon. Bowled 5 lines (148-139-147-179-159) not bad for me even though I haven't bowled for months. I did much better than any of the other fellows. We had dinner downtown and the only thing good about it was the change from eating out here. After that we went to a show "Life Begins" at 8:30 or some such thing. Yesterday I just didn't accomplish anything. Read the papers (Chicago & S.B.), wrote two letters, slept two hours in the afternoon and studied a little.

Merrill, my roommate, went into Chicago with two other fellows and really had a heck of a time. I ^{wouldn't} want to have any part of such a weekend. But they thought it was wonderful so I guess that is all that counts.

I don't have to tell you that my best weekends are the ones Mary is here.

Last week I got caught with a 24 hour watch without any advance notice. The watch bill was posted on Wednesday morning and



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I had to muster that night. I was on duty from 7:30 to 10 that night and from 6:00^{AM} to 7:30 PM, on Thursday. That meant that I missed all of Thursday's classes and on top of that was a whole lesson behind on everything for Friday's and Saturday's exams. I really worked in order to cover the material just once, and went into the exams quite unprepared. As a result I might be on the tree in one subject but I'm crossing my fingers hoping that I'll keep off.

The weather here is nice and bright but quite cold. This afternoon we had to march on the drill field for two hours and my hands got damn cold. They haven't warmed up yet.

Jerry wrote me this past week. Guess he has bought his uniforms by now. I'm going to order mine pretty soon. We get \$250 towards them eventually and just ordering them isn't going to cost anything. I'm going to get them at a clothing store here in S.B.

Did you hear about Mr. Stauffer's big

sale and how it turned out? Eight cases for
\$6000 is really something and then to have two of
them read on the range test. Wonder how
it did come out?

Well, I'm going to take a shower
before show so I had better stop now.

Love,
George

P.D. Did Mary ask you about a laundry case?
I would like one to send my clothes home in.
I'll need the suitcase and more too when I finally
leave.