U. S. N. R. MIDSHIPMEN'S SCHOOL

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Dear folks;

I have been confined to the station this weekend by a Sunday watch. However, on Sundays the water and dirt. water on each deck are permitted to alternate therefore I'm on duty ~~half~~ the morning, and then again half of the afternoon. I was also on duty from 7:30 PM to 10:00 P.M. last night. I'm rather glad that my turn came this weekend as it makes quite certain a shore leave for next weekend, at which time I'm counting strongly on seeing Georgia Sue.

Yesterday afternoon I followed up on a lead that Mary was given by the Chamber of Commerce of Niles Michigan, which is about 10 miles north of here. Like all the others I've seen, this place wasn't desirable. It was about 1½ miles out of the city, and instead of being a house it was a converted restaurant building which formerly operated for railroad workers, as there is a big round house close by. It had partitions open at both top and bottom instead of solid walls separating the rooms — and no doors between rooms. I will say the place was clean inside even if it looked like the devil on the outside.

It is now three o'clock and I can have from now until five o'clock to study etc. I talked with Mary just before talking with you. She is going to bring Georgia here to Wichita next weekend. Am I ever looking forward to that! I rather expect that I might be able to get away shortly after noon this Sat. as there are no afternoon classes. My 1st term exams come this Thursday and Friday. They are two hour exams one each morning and afternoon. There are some sections that have exams on Sat. morning and for that reason I don't anticipate any regular classes.

I have been feeling a bit low today. This Sunday watch is so very dull. There is nothing to do but putt in time, and that makes the day so darn long. It is a good thing they permit splitting up the time between two, for the entire day would be too long.

I hope you didn't mind reversing the charger. I wouldn't have done it if I had thought. I feel so much better now that I have talked with Mary and you that I feel it was worth the cost, from my viewpoint any way.

I am sorry that you couldn't hear me too well, dad. I was talking very loud,

but may be too fast. I am glad you could hear Jerry so well. It wont be long before he is commissioned. I do hope you and mother make the trip for it would be so nice. I am expecting you down here on the 27th of May. Am I expecting too much?

The "S" groups that just graduated had four days in which to get to their destination. If I get that much I'll be able to be home for a very short time, at least. Of course I am hoping for all the time I can get.

We have had a few real warm days when we didn't wear any coats. However yesterday morning it snowed a little, and this morning we had a cold rain. The wind is so very cold.

I should get some studying done but I don't think I'll get at it until after I go off duty tonight. I have to write to Mary now.

Love,

George